

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 3rd November 2024

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Thirty First Sunday of the Year

During the month of November, we remember our loved ones who have gone before us and we pray for them. They pray for us. Where they have gone, we hope to follow.

Theme of the Weekend Readings: Today's Gospel brings us to the heart of the Christian message namely that we are to love God and to love our neighbour.

First Reading: To love God means to keep his commandments, especially the great commandment of love.

Second Reading: This reading shows the superiority of Christ over the priests of the Old Testament.

Gospel: Jesus himself repeats the ancient commandment. May we listen to him.

Weekend Masses:

Saturday 9th November: 7.00pm Mass in Rosbercon

Sunday 10th November: 9.30am Mass in Mullinarrigle
11.00am Mass in Rosbercon

Weekday Masses:

Rosbercon:

Wednesday 6th November: 10am Mass

Friday 8th November: 10am Mass

All Masses from Rosbercon Church will be streamed live through our webcam on www.rosberconparish.ie

Months Mind:

Rosemary Freaney, Rosbercon Hill

Anniversaries:

Maura and Mikie Phelan, Tullogher

Tommy and Mikie Doolan, Curraghmore

John McDonald, Kilvinogue, Thomastown

Thomas and Mary Maher, Derrylackey

Bridie and William Walsh, Listerlin

Thomas Murphy, Tinneranny

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel every Wednesday morning from 10.30am to 12pm. All are welcome to attend.

As and from the first weekend of Advent this year, **there will no longer be a Saturday evening Mass in Rosbercon.** The last Saturday Evening Mass will be on Saturday 23rd November at 7.00pm. Mass in Tullogher will remain as the first Saturday of every month and Sunday Masses in Mullinarrigle and Rosbercon will also remain the same.

The October Station and November Offering Envelopes have been delivered to the homes of the Parish. Envelopes may be handed in at the weekend Masses or to the Parochial House. We thank our parishioners for the continued loyalty and generosity. We appreciate the work of the envelope distributors.

Cead Mile Failte: We welcome into our Parish Community Tadhg James Hartley, son of John and Noreen, Brabstown, who was baptised in St. David's Church, Listerlin on Sunday 27th October, 2024.

A Message from Fr Dan: The film Kramer V Kramer which I saw for the first time in 1980 made a deep impression on me. Made in 1979 the story of the film centers on a family with one child. The husband, Ted, is a very successful designer in a company where he is about to be made a partner. The price he has to pay for his success is that he must devote all his time, energy and resourcefulness to his work. Joanna, his wife and Billy, his son seldom see him. Even when he is at home Ted is preoccupied with his work. When Joanna complains, Ted offers her any money she wants to spend on herself and on their son.

One day Joanna can take it no longer and decides to leave Ted. She leaves their son with Ted until she can find a job and a place to stay. Ted cannot believe that Joanna really wants to go. Only after she has gone does the reality of what has happened really strike him. He tries to take care of Billy and at the same time devote as much time as he can to his work. Soon it becomes clear that both his work and Billy are being neglected. Billy, who is missing his mother, becomes troublesome and the company, Ted works for, start to give him a hard time as they notice that his work is deteriorating.

Ted is faced with a crisis. He must choose between his relationship with his son or his success in his job and the affluence it brings him. Ted chooses to make Billy his main concern and a charming relationship develops between father and son. Ted has to pay a great price for this relationship. He loses his job and then he has to carry a huge financial and emotional burden when Joanna seeks custody of their child in the courts.

We see a strange twist of fate when Ted, in the process of losing his claim to his child, re-establishes his relationship with Joanna. At the end of the film, we are left with the feeling that Ted's crisis has been an invitation to make his relationship with Joanna and Billy a priority and we hope he can continue on down the road he has chosen.

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Mass Intentions for the Saturday/Sunday, 9th/10th November 2024:

Rosbercon: Saturday 9th November at 7.00pm

Betty Walsh, Assumption Terrace

Maggie O Connor, Tinnakilly

Matt O Connor, Tinnakilly

John Handrick, Assumption Terrace

Tom Bradley, New Ross

Carol Walsh, Garranbehy

Tom and Kate Murphy, Ballyfoyle and deceased members of the Murphy and Doherty families

Rosbercon: Sunday 10th November at 11.00am

Dolly Hennessy, Hoodsgrrove

Rosbercon Parish Safeguarding Representatives are Brid Vereker, Millbanks Close and Anne O' Sullivan, Ballykenna. If you have a Safeguarding concern, contact Brid or Anne. Please note Safeguarding Statements are displayed in the porches of the Churches of the Parish.

Rosbercon Parish Draw

It is Parish Draw Time of the year again!

To help meet our financial commitments and to continue to repair and maintain the Buildings of the Parish we will be holding our usual Parish Draw on Sunday 15th December 2024. Tickets will be distributed to the homes of the parish during the coming weeks at a cost €2.00 each or a book of 6 for €10.00. Each household and wage earner is asked to buy three books or as many as you can!! This Draw has been very successful over the years and Fr Dan is confident that it will be this year also.

A Special Remembrance Mass will be offered for those who died in the last year (Nov 2023 – Nov 2024). The Mass will be offered in Rosbercon Church on Friday 22nd November at 7.30pm. The Mass is being organised by the Parish Pastoral Council who will be in touch with the families of the deceased. Please note that all parishioners are invited to this Mass.

A Novena of Masses for the Holy Souls will be offered during the month of November. The November Offering Envelopes contain a sheet for names of your deceased family and friends. The names of your dead will be placed in the Memorial Box in front of the altar for the month of November. It is good to remember that Jesus came to earth, but he did not stay. Rather "he went to prepare a place for us". November is the month when we remember our dead and pray that we will be ready to join them in peace when "God's bus finally makes that stop for us".

Rosbercon Parish Pastoral Council would like to send a Christmas Greeting Card for 2024 to parishioners who have emigrated from the parish down the years. Please let us have the names and addresses of any family members, friends or neighbours whom you wish to receive a card. The emigrants will also be remembered at our Parish Christmas Masses. Names may be handed in to the Parochial House or to the Parish Office. Names may be posted, texted or Emailed to Fr. Dan or Anne at danieljcavanagh49@gmail.com

Collection of Parish Funds: 19th/20th & 26th/27th October 2024:

Offertory Collection: €1,004.10

Weekly Envelopes: €1,111.00

Parish Debt on 30th October 2024: €16,353.60

Just a Thought: Celebrating our Dead: We are not powerless in the face of the loss of those we love. Our prayers and our acts of remembrance assist our loved ones on their journey back to God. November each year reminds us to remember our dead. The kindness and friendship of those who loved us, and who is now with God, had a great influence on our lives. We share that love with others and our love may yet be passed on to generations yet unborn.

But why:

But why – of all things he is Lord.

By heavenly hosts adored,

Seeks he for love from such as I?

Oh why?

Wisdom: "A friend is one to whom one may pour out all the contents of one's heart, chaff and grain together, knowing that the gentlest of hands will take and sift it, keep what is worth keeping and with a breath of kindness blow the rest away."

Humour: A Christian is a man who feels repentance on a Sunday for what he did on Saturday and is going to do again on Monday.

New Ross Active Retirement will have their general meeting on Friday November 8th in the Youth Centre Nunnery Lane at 11am. All welcome.

Tullagher/Rosbercon Vintage Club

The Annual Christmas Dinner Dance will be held on the Saturday night 7th December:

4 course meal €25 at New Ross Golf Club Music by Pat Cooney
The club will hold in meeting on Monday night 18th November in Rosbercon Parish Hall at 8pm.

Tullagher Rosbercon GAA Development October Draw

1st Prize of €250

Brendan Grace, Rosbercon

2nd Prize of €100

Joe Murphy, Ballyfoyle

3rd Prize of €100

Donal & Mairead Phelan, Shanbogh

4th – 7th Prize of €50

4 **John Murray**, Glyn, Tullagher

5 **John Hartley**, Brabstown

6 **John Joe Barron**, Darbystown

7 **Luke Grennan (Snr)**, Ballyreddy

Next Draw: November 2024

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