

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 6th October 2024

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Twenty Seventh Sunday of the Year

It's not easy to be a Christian in today's world. And it's almost impossible on one's own. But we are not alone. Christ has called us into a community. Let us reflect for a moment on the fact that we don't always speak and act in a way that builds up community.

Theme of the Weekend Readings: We pray today for married people and for families.

First Reading: The second creation story given in the bible.

Second Reading: Jesus is able to meet the needs of all of us.

Gospel: Jesus instructs his followers about family life.

Weekend Masses:

Saturday 12th October: 7.00pm Mass in Rosbercon

Sunday 13th October: 9.30am Mass in Mullinarrigle
11.00am Mass in Rosbercon

Weekday Masses:

Rosbercon:

Wednesday 9th October: 10am Mass

Friday 11th October: 10am Mass

Recent Deaths:

Rosemary Freaney (née Wingate), Rosbercon

Tom Cassin, Ballyhale

Months Mind:

Jim Ryan, Guilcough Beag Listerlin

Anniversaries:

Bridget Croke and deceased family members, Brownsford

James Power, Glenballyvalley

Seán Phelan, Curraghlane

Bernadette Phelan, Tullogher

Paddy Malone, Ballygriffin

Eileen Murphy (nee Fitzgerald), Ballyreddy

John and Margaret Hickey, Waterford

Kathleen Doran, Assumption Terrace

David "Daithi" Brindley and his son Jim, Ballybeg and School House Road

Margaret Barron, Brownsford

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.

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

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.

A Message from Fr Dan: Looking forward to Mission Sunday:

Two weeks from now on the 20th October we will be celebrating Mission Sunday. Mission Sunday reminds us each year of our missionaries working in the countries of Africa and Asia and across the world caring for the poor and the marginalised. They need our prayers and support. We think especially of those who work with the victims of war, poverty and hunger.

Pope Francis continually emphasises how mission is central to the role of the Church. The pope has constantly spoken of the major contribution that the various missionary societies of men, women and lay people are making to the ongoing task of bringing the good news of salvation to the world. We in Ireland can take special pride in what Irish Missionaries have achieved. In the Diocese of Ossory, in the parish of Rosbercon we rejoice in what our own priests, brothers, sisters and lay personnel have given. We think too of the prayers, support and finances that our people have offered over the past 100 years in missionary engagement.

Pope Francis is again reminding us this year that that the mission of Christ is ongoing, embracing all peoples of every creed and religious denomination. Since Vatican II the Church's mission to the world has become more inclusive. Pope John XXIII and the Popes who came after him, emphasise that mission is to the world. The Church in modern times sees itself as working to bring about the Kingdom of God especially in areas where there is widespread abuse of human rights and where the growth of capitalism and industrialization have marginalized the native peoples.

The mission of the Church cannot be separated from the problems of the world. There is an ever-increasing divide between the 'haves' and the 'have nots' and there is a massive refugee problem resulting from religious persecution and poverty. Global warming, even now, is posing such a threat to the wellbeing of Planet Earth. We cannot ignore the 33% of the world's population living below the poverty line. We celebrate the efforts of the missionaries, who are working to confront these enormous challenges. Those who support them are missionaries themselves. The weekend after next will remind us again of the depth of Ireland's missionary heritage. The success of our Missionaries will always rely on the prayers and generosity of the Irish people.

From the Ennis Parish Newsletter (Adapted)

Our Lady of Lourdes / Holy Faith, Rosbercon Centenary Celebrations:

We are delighted to invite you, in particular our past students, to a Gala Concert to celebrate 100 years of Excellence in Education. Please join us in Rosbercon Church Friday 11th October at 7.00pm for a wonderful night of entertainment. Light refreshments will be served in the school at 5.00pm.

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Mass Intentions for the Saturday/Sunday, 12th/13th October 2024:

Rosbercon: Saturday 12th October at 7.00pm:

Ellen Kennedy, Frishtown Heights, New Ross

John Dowling, Tinnakilly

Mullinarrigle: Sunday 13th October at 9.30am:

Ann Norris, Slieverue

Collection of Parish Funds: 21st/22nd & 28th/29th September 2024:

Offertory Collection: € 927.10

Weekly Envelopes: €1,123.90

Parish Debt on 2nd October 2024: €16,353.60

History of the Holy Faith Premises:

The original Convent premises has a very interesting history spread over past years and which has been added to considerably by the Holy Faith Nuns since their arrival in the parish in 1924. The original building was first erected in 1833 as a Fever Hospital with a separate Dispensary for the relief of the sick and poor of the Barony of IDA the land area of which is quite similar to the general land area of the parish today. It was financed from public funds and had accommodation for some 20 patients. The Dispensary, which was a small building, was situated beside the present Convent entrance to make available free medicine and medical assistance on an out patient basis. By 1833 such fever hospitals and dispensaries existed throughout the county of Kilkenny, Inistioge had such a hospital in 1828.

There are some interesting references to the Hospital in the surviving minutes of the New Ross Poor House records which was then responsible for the accommodation of our parish sick and poor both prior to and during the famine years and thereafter. An entry dated 16th October 1847 at the height of the famine period recorded a request to the Rosbercon Hospital to take in additional fever cases because of gross overcrowding at a cost of 5/- per week. A further entry dated 19th January 1848 states Dr Niraham's expenses of £17-0-10 for the treatment of fever patients at Rosbercon Fever Hospital has been paid. By 1847 fever hospitals in general were overcrowded with sick people and had to construct what was then called an outdoor fever shed. Rosbercon has such a shed within its grounds. Following the worst years of the Famine the Hospital closed in 1851 due primarily to cost cutting measures whilst the Dispensary continued to function on the hill. There is a later entry in the Poor House records dated October 1869 when a notice to quit the then vacant Rosbercon Hospital was served on them by the local Vicar of Rosbercon the Rev Mr Reeves who it appears had some sort of title to the property as he had being in receipt of the dreaded Tithe Applotment Tithes which were paid on behalf of the Hospital in previous years by the Poor House Guardians. He most likely succeeded as such influential people were then all powerful and got whatever they wanted at the expense of the poor man in the street. The property was converted to a private residence soon after where it remained until the Holy Faith Nuns arrival in 1924.

Please book all **Baptisms, Anniversary Masses and other Church related ceremonies** with Anne in the Parish Office, situated in the Parochial House. The phone number is 051-421515. The office hours are Monday to Thursday 10.30am to 2.30pm. The Community Employment Office will continue to be located at Raheen, Rosbercon. Phone 051-425093: Office Hours Monday to Thursday, 9.30am- 12.30pm.

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To make you Smile: 'Winning is everything. The only ones who remember you when you come second is your wife and your dog'. Damon Hill (born 1960)

St Josephs Athletic Club Split The Pot Winners

11th July - Catherine Hennessy €106

26th July - Denis Phelan €102

8th August - Lorraine Walsh €152

23rd August - Inga Levickyte €121

5th September - Andrea Lalor €165

19th September - Martin O' Sullivan €104

St. Mary's Cathedral Café is now open every Saturday and Sunday from 10am to 4pm, offering a welcoming space for the community and visitors alike. Whether you're in Kilkenny for a stroll or a visit, we invite you to stop by and enjoy a relaxing time at our café. All profits from the café support the vital work of Teac Tom, providing suicide prevention and mental health services. Your visit not only nourishes the soul but also helps make a difference in the lives of those in need.

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St. Luke's General Hospital for Carlow/ Kilkenny Annual Remembrance Mass will take place on Tuesday 22nd October at 7:30pm in St. Canice's Parish Church, Kilkenny for families and loved ones of patients who have died in our hospital. The Mass, organised by the End of Life Care Committee, particularly remembers the patients who have died between 1st September 2023 and 31st August, 2024. There will be an opportunity for families and friends to light a candle in remembrance of those who have died. The Mass can also be viewed via the following link: <https://www.stcanicesparish.ie/web-cam/>

World Mission Day, Sunday 20th October 2024: On this Sunday each year Pope Francis appeals for spiritual and financial support for our overseas missionaries. The Pandemic has made the work of our missionaries so much more difficult. In the poorer and more remote countries of Africa, Latin America and Asia, it is the missionaries who are on the front line. Our **support** of our Missionaries will provide them with essential aid to help them to relieve suffering and distress. Thank you for your generosity.

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