

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 20TH OCTOBER 2024

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Twenty Ninth Sunday of the Year

The Letter to the Hebrews (Second Reading) tells us that in Jesus we have a High Priest who was tempted in every way that we are, though he is without sin. He has been through the mill, so to speak. Therefore, he can understand our struggles and help us. Let us approach him with confidence.

Theme of the Weekend Readings: We are all invited to be bearers of the Good News of the love of Jesus Christ for each one of us.

First Reading: Isaiah speaks of God's suffering servant who takes people's faults on himself.

Second Reading: Jesus understands our human condition.

Gospel: Jesus asks his Apostles to put other people's needs before their own ambition.

Weekend Masses:

Saturday 26th October: 7.00pm Mass in Rosbercon

Sunday 27th October: 9.30am Mass in Mullinarrigle
11.00am Mass in Rosbercon

Weekday Masses:

Rosbercon:

Wednesday 23rd October: 10am Mass

Friday 25th October: 10am Mass

Months Mind:

Margaret Lalor, Tinneranny & Kasma House

Also remembering her parents James and Margaret and her brother James

Anniversaries:

Mary and John Knox, Brownstown

Mary Murphy, Millbanks

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

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.

A Message from Fr Dan: Praying for our Dead:

What happens when a person dies? We have many consoling images and beautiful stories that shield us from the reality of death. But what is that reality. Beliefs and views vary. Many modern-day humanists believe and proclaim that we cease to exist at the moment of death. Nothing remains but our memory of our dead and perhaps some inspiration drawn from their lives. Many Jewish groups believed this in Jesus' day. Many world religions believe that the spirit is set free from the body to live on in some way.

Our church teaches that our bodies are a vital part of what we are. The body and soul become separated at death to await resurrection where they will be reunited and raised up to live eternally in an altogether new creation. For each individual, how they lived in this life, their goodness and their prayer together with God's mercy will have an impact on the life to come. Of course, at this point we are talking mystery.

Many people ridicule the idea of resurrection. They think in terms of the resurrection being merely a resuscitation, a mere return to bodily life as we experienced it on earth. But that's not Catholic doctrine. As Jesus points out, our risen bodies, like his risen body, will be different than they are now. Our bodies now are mortal, vulnerable and fragile, liable to aging, illness, accidents and death. In the resurrection, we will be like the angels. Our bodies will no longer be mortal or vulnerable meaning that our own efforts at survival will no longer be necessary.

In eternal life, we believe that we will be an altogether new creation. Our lives and the lives of all people will be perfected beyond our wildest dreams in the communion of saints. God makes all things new as the Scriptures tell us. Suffering, sin, pain and death will be no more. God will be all in all. When we die, we do not cease to exist but we awake to the immortality of our souls and to the resurrection of the body and to eternal life in the world to come.

Where there is soul there is beauty; where there is soul there is love

Where there is soul there is life; where there is soul there is hope.

(From Ennis Parish Newsletter) Adapted.

To make you Smile: The months of the year:

January Snowy, February Flowy, March Blowy;

April Showery, May Flowery, June Bowery;

July Happy, August Croppy, September Droppy

October Breezy, November Sneezy, December Freezy.

George Ellis (1753-1815)

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Dates for your Diary:

Saturday 1st March 2025: Sacrament of Confirmation in Rosbercon Church

Saturday 10th May 2025: First Eucharist Rosbercon

Saturday 17th May 2025: First Eucharist Listerlin

Mass Intentions for the Saturday/Sunday, 26th/27th**October 2024:**

Mullinarrigle: Sunday 27th October at 9.30 am:

Nicky Woods, Ballymartin

Rosbercon: Sunday 27th October at 11.00 am:

Jack Barron, Tinnaranny

Jo and Ag Malone, Hoodsgrove

Mary Bridget Mullally, Ballyeden

Margaret Long, Hewitts Land New Ross

Collection of Parish Funds: 5th/6th & 12th/13th October 2024:

Offertory Collection: €1,386.00

Weekly Envelopes: €1,344.00

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

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.

Mission Sunday this year is this weekend 20th October, 2024.

The Annual Collection for the Propagation of the Faith will be taken up at the weekend Masses on Saturday/Sunday, 19th/20th October. Please note that there is an envelope for your contribution to the Missions in your box of weekly envelopes.

A Poem for October:

But once I pass this way, and then no more.

But once – and then the silent door swings on its hinges;

Opens.... closes, and no more I pass this way.

So, while I may, with all my might,

I will give sweet comfort and delight,

to all I meet upon the pilgrim Way.

For no one travels twice the great Highway,

That climbs through darkness up to light,

Through night and day.

John Oxenham

Wisdom: "Happiness is a butterfly, which, when pursued is always beyond our grasp, but which, if you will sit down quietly, may alight upon you."

Humour: Lord Help me: Dear Heavenly Father: So far, today, I've done all right. I haven't gossiped or lost my temper. I haven't been greedy, grumpy, nasty, or self-cantered. I'm really happy about that. But in a few minutes, I'm going to be getting out of bed and then I'm going to need a lot of help.

Thank you! Amen

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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An October Thought: One day.... One day, you will lose someone you can't live without, and your heart may be broken. You may never completely get over the loss of your beloved.

However, our beloved dead live on in our hearts as also in God's kingdom. Even though your heart may not seal up, you will come through. Your heart may never heal completely and may still hurt from time to time. But you can learn to dance again even though you dance with the limp!

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A Novena of Masses for the Holy Souls will be offered during the month of November. The November Offering Envelopes contain a sheet for the 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.

November Masses for the Holy Souls: 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".

The October Station and November Offering Envelopes will be delivered to the homes of the Parish next week. 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.

Escorted Tour to Westport: Sunday 03rd November 2024. €799.00 pps. Price includes bus/train, 5 nights' in 4* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Lunch on certain days. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock Shrine, Galway City, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick & Fr. Peyton Centre. Afternoon Tea in Ashford Castle. Music nightly. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact Patricia on 094 900 6426, 087 1890 236 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

South Kilkenny Historical Society lecture

Title: Francis MacManus: County Kilkenny's Greatest Novelist

Speaker: Willie Nolan

Date: Friday, October 25th

Time: 8pm

Venue: Mullinavat Parish Hall (opposite St. Beacon's Church)

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