

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 10th November 2024

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Thirty Second Sunday of the Year

The Bible tells us that God 'bends down' to hear his people. Let us take courage from this lovely image, as we begin this celebration of the Eucharist.

Theme of the Weekend Readings: The theme of today's readings is generosity of spirit.

First Reading: The widow in Sidon discovers that hospitality to a needy stranger is a blessing that brings blessings.

Second Reading: Christ has done what we are powerless to do: he has dealt with sin, giving us hope that we need not be defeated by our weaknesses.

Gospel: Today's Gospel tells us both how not to live a Christian life and how to live it.

Weekend Masses:

Saturday 16th November: No Mass

Sunday 17th November: 9.30am Mass in Mullinarrigle
11.00am Mass in Robercon

Weekday Masses:

Rosbercon:

Wednesday 13th November: No Mass

Friday 15th November: 10am Mass

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

Months Mind:

Seamus Mullally, Listerlin

Anniversaries:

Betty Walsh, Assumption Terrace

Dolly Hennessy, Hoodsgrrove

Nuala Kehoe & Marie Sheridan, School House Rd & Waterford

Luke Hennessy, Glensensaw

Maggie & Matt O'Connor, Tinnakilly

John Handrick, Assumption Terrace

Tom Bradley, New Ross

Carol Walsh, Garranbehy

Tom Murphy and his late wife Katie, Ballyfoyle

Remembering all deceased members of the Murphy and Doherty families

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 Tullagher 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: Hope: Desmond Tutu said, "Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness." You don't get out of bed in the morning without hope. We have hope in many things. Hope in God, hope in family, hope that our efforts will bear fruit, hope we'll overcome a sickness, hope that life holds beauty, hope our children will live well.... Hope is the reason we keep on, keeping on.

Through the many dark times that come in every person's life, light will always prevail as long as that person keeps hope alive in her heart. Life is hard and there will always be dark times, but in the end, the light always prevails.

We continue to face many challenges: the rise in the cost of living, the winter weather, the shortages caused by the war in Ukraine, the confusion and fear caused by illness. To come through, people need to have the light of hope.

We remember that through all the challenges of life, God is always with us. Jesus gives us great hope when he tells us, "I am the light of the World. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life". We pray that the light of Christ will dwell in our hearts and minds giving us the hope to go on. (From Ennis Parish Newsletter) Adapted.

Support for the Parish:

I wish to thank you so much for your support of the Parish. The offerings for the support of the priest are very generous. Also special thanks to those who return the weekly envelopes so faithfully and support the Offertory Collection at Mass.

Rosbercon Parish Draw. It is Parish Draw Time of the year again! To help meet our financial commitments and to continue to maintain the Buildings of the Parish we will be holding our usual Parish Draw on Sunday 15th December 2023. 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 are 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.

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.

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.

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Mass Intentions for the Saturday/Sunday, 16th/17th November 2024:

Mullinarrigle: Sunday 17th November at 9.30 am:

Tom Doherty, Listerlin

Stasia Lawlor, Glenpipe

Rosbercon: Sunday 17th November at 11.00 am:

John Walsh, Waterford Road

Paddy and Winnie Barron, Tinneranny

Noel Banville, Shanbogh

Kenneth Rogers Snr., Bridge Street

Months Mind:

John Cody, Ballyrue and Tús Nua, Kilmacow

Also remembering his parents Nora and Matt and brother Luke

Reflection:

We give but little when we give of our possessions.

It is when we give of ourselves that we truly give.

There are many who give so much, and do so continually,

And their giving often goes unrecognised,

And there are those who give but little but for them it is a great sacrifice.

Those who give are the believers in the abundance of life, and their resources do not run dry.

Through the hands of such as these God speaks,

And from behind their eyes he smiles on the earth.

Wisdom: "There are only two lasting bequests we can give our children – one is roots, the other wings".

Humour: When King Henry VIII was getting married for the last time the Duke of Northumberland was asked to propose the toast. The Duke declined. There was no point, he said, in wishing a long life to the bride for no one would take him seriously. And what could he say to Henry that had not been said 5 times already!

Safeguarding Sunday: On the weekend of Sunday 17th November, we celebrate Safeguarding Sunday. On this day we turn the spotlight on safeguarding and remind our communities and parish personnel that protecting vulnerable people is at the heart of the Christian message. Safeguarding Sunday is about creating an opportunity for parishes to find out all the positive work that has been happening in terms of safeguarding over the past year. Safeguarding in our parish could not happen without the commitment and work of those who take on extra responsibilities around safeguarding.

We remember those who have experienced abuse in our Diocese and remind people of the Towards Healing confidential and free counselling service, Ph. 1800 303 416. They provide face to face counselling, structured phone counselling, family counselling and a counselling helpline. The Safeguarding Committee has produced a newsletter to mark this day, and this is available to view on www.ossory.ie.

Rosbercon Parish Safeguarding Representatives are Brid Vereker and Anne O' Sullivan. 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 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

St Mary's Cathedral, Kilkenny Restoration Fund 2023/2024:

The October draw for St Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund took place last Wednesday, 30th October in the Chapter Room at St Mary's Cathedral. Congratulations to Maurice Aylward who won 5th prize of €300. Please check the Church Noticeboards for the full results of the draw.

The Ossory Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from 19th to 25th May 2025.

Bus transport from Loughboy Shopping Centre and Castlecomer GAA pitch to Cork Airport.

Direct flights to Lourdes. Full religious programme. Choice of 3* and 4* hotels €949 and €995 respectively. Bookings @ JWT 01- 2410800 or email info@joewalstours.ie. Assisted pilgrims contact Fr. Anthony O'Connor 087-2517766.

St. Canice's Primary School is holding an "Open Night" in the school on Monday, November 18th @ 7 pm and we would like to invite all current and future parents/guardians to attend. On the night, we will be showcasing all of the amazing activities that we get up to in St. Canice's, including project work, Chromebooks and information about the various initiatives that go on in our school. We will also be converting our school building into an art gallery for the evening displaying artwork from our amazingly talented pupils in the hallways of our school.

Fianna Fail Meeting

A meeting of the Tullogher/Listerlin Fianna Fail Cumann will be held next Tuesday night 12th November in Paddy Ryan's Bar at 8.30pm.

All are welcome to attend.

Line Dancing

Line Dancing classes are being held every Tuesday and Thursday evenings in Rosbercon Hall and Sports Centre Y34TK33 at 7:00pm. Day time line dancing classes are also being held on Tuesday mornings from 11:00am until 12:00 noon. Beginners always welcome. Teenage dance classes will be held Tuesdays 6:00pm to 7:00pm.

For more information please contact Sarah on 087-9792483 or April on 087-7999166.

New Ross Musical Society are holding a Christmas Market on Sunday 15th December 2024 in The Horse & Hound Hotel, Ballinaboola, Co Wexford. We are currently seeking vendors. If you are interested, please contact 087-6755909.

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