

# ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 17th November 2024

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## Thirty Third Sunday of the Year

Gladness in the Lord is a sign of faith; it also strengthens our faith. Let us have the courage to be glad in God's presence.

**Theme of the Weekend Readings:** As we move towards the end of the year we are reminded of the end of time.

**First Reading:** The Word of God cautions us that the testing of humanity is part of God's plan. So too, is the vindication of those who have been faithful.

**Second Reading:** Christ offered not many sacrifices, but 'one single sacrifice for sin'. That saving sacrifice is made present and effective every time we celebrate the Eucharist.

**Gospel:** The word of the Lord is sombre; God's children will be tested. But hope prevails; God's promises are eternal.

## Weekend Masses:

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November: 7.00pm Mass in Rosbercon

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November: 9.30am Mass in Mullinarrigle  
11.00am Mass in Rosbercon

## Weekday Masses:

Rosbercon:

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November: 10am Mass

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November: 10am Mass

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November: 7.30pm Remembrance Mass for the Deceased

All Masses from Rosbercon Church will be streamed live through our webcam on [www.rosberconparish.ie](http://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.

**Cead Mile Failte:** We welcome into our Parish Community **Sadie Mona O'Gorman**, daughter of Paul and Brigid, Listerlin, who was baptised in Listerlin Church on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2024.

**We thank all who have contributed so generously to the October Stations and November Offerings.** Outstanding envelopes may be handed in at Mass or to the Parochial House.

## Months Mind:

John Cody, Ballyrue and Tús Nua, Kilmacow

Also remembering his parents Nora & Matt and brother Luke

## Anniversaries:

Tom Doherty, Listerlin

Stasia Lawlor, Glenpipe

Kenneth Rogers Snr., Bridge Street

John Walsh, Waterford Road

Paddy and Winnie Barron, Tinneranny

Noel Banville, Shanbogh

Michael and Jim Maher, Tinneranny

Kathleen Murphy, Brownsford

**A Message from Fr Dan: To stand apart from public opinion in the search for Truth, Goodness and Beauty:** "God warned the people about an earthquake that would so affect the water supply that those who drank it would go crazy. One monk who lived on the mountain by himself laid in a supply of good water to last his lifetime. When the earthquake did occur, the monk went down to find that the people were, as God had foretold, crazy and they rejected the monk as different. After some years in his mountain retreat, the monk got so lonely that he left it to join the people. He drank their water and like them became crazy!!".

**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](mailto:danieljcavanagh49@gmail.com)

**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 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 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.

There will be a **Special Mass with Anointing of the Sick** for the 'Over 55s' of the parish in Rosbercon Hall on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 3.00 p.m. followed by a reception and music. The Mass and Reception will be followed by the Parish Draw at 4.00p.m. All are welcome to attend

**The Ossory Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes** will take place from 19<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> 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@joewalshtours.ie](mailto:info@joewalshtours.ie). Assisted pilgrims contact Fr. Anthony O'Connor 087-2517766.

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**Mass Intentions for the Saturday/Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> November 2024:**

**Rosbercon:** Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at 7.00pm:

Thomas Murphy, Assumption Terrace/London  
O'Neill family, Ballyneale and all deceased family members  
John Dooley and his daughter Joan Hennessy  
Also praying for Johns wife Loretta, daughter Maria and son Anthony

**Mullinarrigle:** Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November at 9.30 am:

John and Mary Fripps, Mooncoin  
Jimmy Phelan, Smithstown

**Collection of Parish Funds: 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> November 2024:**

**Offertory Collection:** €1,171.00

**Weekly Envelopes:** €1,479.00

**Parish Debt on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2024:** €16,353.60

**'Love and Power':** "What is love but a face, instantly recognisable in a sea of faces?

A spotlight rather than a panning shot. This is very different to power, which is a matter of numbers, of crowd scenes.

I heard of an inscription on a stone set up in North Africa over two thousand years ago which reads: 'I, the captain of a legion of Rome, have learned and pondered the truth, that there are in life two things, love and power, and no man can have both.' Some twenty centuries later I add my own name to that inscription". Malcolm Muggeridge

**The End of Time:** When we hear of the end times, we naturally tend to be fearful. But because of our faith in the life, death and resurrection of Christ we are a spiritual people living in a sense beyond time. We are near the kingdom of God, Eternal Time. We live in a world of deadlines, schedules and time frames. Knowing Christ, our time is not the only time where we are at home. We are at home beyond time, in the eternity of God's kingdom which Christ has prepared.

**Reflection: The Dead**

They do not leave us; they are not gone.

They look upon us still.

They walk among the valleys now,

They stride upon the hill.

Their smile is in the summer sky

Their grace is in the breeze.

Their memories whisper in the grass

Their calm is in the trees.

Their light is in the winter snow

Their tears are in the rain.

Their merriment runs in the brook

Their laughter in the lane

Their gentleness is in the flowers

They sigh in autumn leaves.

They do not leave; they are not gone,

Tis only we who grieve

**Wisdom:** 'Who does not thank for little will not thank for much'.

**Humour:** 'Life is a jest, and all things show it.

I thought so once, but now I know it'.

**Inscription on a Tombstone**

**Safeguarding Sunday:** On the weekend of Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.ossory.ie).

**Shanbogh National School Enrolments:**

We are currently accepting enrolment applications for the school year 2025/2026. For an application form contact us on our website [shanboghns.ie](http://shanboghns.ie), on (051)880308 or at [shanboghns@gmail.com](mailto:shanboghns@gmail.com).

Closing date for completed applications is Friday, 26th December, 2024.

**South Kilkenny Historical Society lecture:**

Title: Freight the River Blackwater, Co. Kilkenny

Speaker: Andrew Doherty

Date: Friday, November 29th

Time: 8pm

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

**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.

**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 15<sup>th</sup> 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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