

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 1st December 2024

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First Sunday of Advent

The Season of Advent reminds us that Christmas is coming.

First Reading: The Prophet assures the people that God will send the Messiah.

Second Reading: St. Paul prays that the Lord will deepen the love we have for each other.

Gospel: Luke describes the second coming of Christ in Old World language.

Weekend Masses:

Saturday 7th December: 7.00pm Mass in Tullogher

Sunday 8th December: 9.30am Mass in Mullinarrigle

11.00am Mass in Rosbercon

Weekday Masses:

Rosbercon:

Wednesday 4th December: 10am Mass

Friday 6th November: 10am Mass

Anniversaries:

Bob Saunders, Ballyknock

John Sinnott, Raheen

Kate Lee, Kilbraghan

Lucy Dillon, Rosbercon

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

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception falls on Sunday 8th December this year.

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.

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.

Christmas Reconciliation Services: Confessions for Christmas will be heard after the weekend Masses in Rosbercon and Mullinarrigle on Sunday for the remaining weekends of Advent and in Tullogher on Saturday 7th December.

There will be a **Special Mass with Anointing of the Sick** for the 'Over 55s' of the parish in Rosbercon Hall on Sunday 15th 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.

Rosbercon Parish Safeguarding Representatives are Brid Vereker and Anne O' Sullivan. Please note Safeguarding Statements are displayed in the porches of the Churches of the Parish.

December is the month of the Birth of Our Saviour; it is the month of mid-winter, the month of the shortest day of the year. It is the last month of the calendar and the month of gift giving. During the month of December, we pray to come close to Jesus in our lives and in our prayer.

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, or emailed to danieljcavanagh49@gmail.com

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 2024. Tickets will be distributed to the homes of the parish during the coming week 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 successful over the years and Fr Dan is confident that it will be successful this year also.

A Message from Fr Dan: Christmas is a special family time. The story of the Donner Party is a story of survival of family members where others perished.

In the middle of the nineteenth century, the Oregon Trail crossed North America from East to West. In 1846, a party of 81 people, mostly German in origin, crossed the continent with their wagons and their cattle on their way to California. They were known as the Donner party after their leaders, Jacob and George Donner. They made good progress until they reached the Sierra Nevada mountains. Against the advice of local Indians, they decided to cross the Sierra Nevada's.

It was early winter and on the East side of the mountains they became totally bogged down in the snow. They could move neither forward nor backward. There they remained from November until April of the following year when they were rescued. Of the 81 who set out, 45 survived.

Scholars have studied the question of who survived and why. They discovered that the first to perish were the lone fighters who tried to break through alone. Those who survived were all members of families. Some were elderly, some were children and some were even sick. Scholars have concluded that members of families survive when others groups such as friends or loners perish. "The family", they say, "is the survival network of the future. Families find ways to help each other and save each other more effectively than any other group". May Our Saviour be with you and your family wherever you find yourself this Christmas.

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Mass Intentions for Saturday/Sunday, 7th/8th December 2024:

Tullogher: Saturday 7th December at 7.00pm:

Fr Johnny Murphy, Brownsford

Mullinarrigle: Sunday 8th December at 9.30 am:

Nora Woods, Ballymartin

Margaret Ryan, Guilcough

Rosbercon: Sunday 8th December at 11.00 am:

David Wilson, Ardross

Nan & Eddie Wilson, Castlemoyle, New Ross

Pat O'Neill, Tinneranny

Collection of Parish Funds: 16th/17th & 23rd/24th November 2024:

Offertory Collection: € 838.60

Weekly Envelopes: €1396.90

Parish Debt on 27th November 2024: €16,353.60

Wisdom: "Time is a threefold present: the present as we experience it, the past as a present memory and the future as a present expectation"

Humour: If you want to know the kind of person you are, ask yourself whether people say 'Oh good!' when they see you coming or 'Oh God!'

Reflection:

Christ comes

In the beginning was the word...

He who comes, comes to us now.,

In the silence, in the darkness

In the confusion, in the loneliness

As Word and as Light

as Truth and as Love

Emmanuel, the name that means,

God-with-us...Now...

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.

Christmas Cards for Sale: The Oak Ward, Waterford University Hospital have chosen a painting of a robin by the late Nora Breen of Tinnakilly, Rosbercon, for their Christmas Cards. A pack of 12 cards cost €10 and all proceeds from the sale of the cards will be donated to Oak Ward of Waterford Hospital. The late Nora Breen spent the last months of her life in the Oak Ward and was lovingly cared for by the staff. If you would like to buy the cards, contact Nora's daughter Elaine at 086 3858558

Holy Faith 100 is a legacy project that coincides with the school's centenary. The school has witnessed 100 years of social change from 1924 to 2024. We are inviting former students, staff and their families to share their stories, memories, photographs, documents, journals, essays, letters etc. These will provide a powerful account of the school's history. If you, or someone you know is interested in telling a story or sharing mementoes, please contact us by email: centenary@olol.ie text/call: .087-6737569 (after 4.00pm)

Tullogher Rosbercon Development Draw 22/25 held 26/11/24

1st prize €250 Adam Mulligan, Glenballyvalley

2nd prize €100 Richard & Breda Aylward, Mullinakill

3rd prize €100 Purcell Family, Slievecorrig

4th-7th prize €50

Eamonn Bookle, Mullinakill / Katherine & Pat Lyng, Hoods Grove

Ed Hanrahan, Tullogher / Brid Vereker, Rosbercon

CAMPILE HALL CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

The annual Christmas Craft Fair will be held in Campile Hall on Sunday December 8th from 10am to 4 pm. With a great selection of crafters from all over Wexford, this is the perfect opportunity to get some unique and locally made Christmas presents. On the day of the craft fair we will also have tickets available for our upcoming Mike Denver concert with special guest Kathy Durkin, to be held in Campile hall on Sunday April 13th 2025.

New Ross Active Retirement will have their general meeting on Friday 6th December in the Youth Centre Nunnery Lane afterwards its party time!

Tullogher/Rosbercon Vintage Club will hold their Annual Christmas dinner dance on Saturday 7th December at New Ross Golf Club Music by Pat Cooney. Tickets from Bob call (086) 1060689

South Kilkenny Historical Society

A Night of Reminiscing with Seamus McGrath

Friday, 6th December Time: 7pm @ Rhu Glenn Hotel, Slieverue

Cost: €25 including food - Bacon and Cabbage or Chicken Supreme, dessert and tea or coffee.

Seamus McGrath, a native of Carrick-on-Suir, derives great pleasure from learning the lore of Carrick-on-Suir and its hinterland, listening to people, and recalling their exploits and stories. Seamus would suggest that he is just "an ordinary man", but behind an unassuming manner is a man of great knowledge and life experience, and his 'story' is worth hearing. Booking and further information from: Brigid Barron, Blossom Hill, Kilmacow (087)9507295, brigidbarron@hotmail.com); Katherine Grant, Curraghmore, Slieverue (086) 1954616, katherinegrant@gmail.com); or Mary Ryan, 'Gort Glas', Carrigeen (086) 3790655, maryearyan@gmail.com).

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Our Annual Christmas collection will take place throughout the coming month of December by means of the usual special blue envelopes which will be placed in each of our churches. This is to facilitate those who wish to contribute. All donations received will be greatly appreciated and will go exclusively to assist genuine needy parishioners. Since our Chapter's foundation back in 1962 our parish needy has been served to the best of our ability and will continue to do so in the future thanks to kind parishioners who contribute to our annual collection. All requests for assistance are carefully examined prior to our response. Donations enclosed in the blue envelopes can be returned in the Sunday Mass collection box or handed directly to any of our committee members.

Seamus Waters, Mary B Conway, Richard McElwee, Catherine Cottrell, Brid Vereker and Margaret Saunders.

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