

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER, 7TH March 2021

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Third Sunday of Lent

We gather every weekend in the house of God, which is a house of prayer and worship. We can make of our church a true house of prayer. Let us reflect for a moment on the devotion we bring to our worship.

Theme of the Weekend Readings: We continue our Lenten journey under the direction of Christ's message.

First Reading: God gives his law to the Jewish people.

Second Reading: Saint Paul preaches a Christ who was crucified.

Gospel: Jesus drives the traders from the Temple.

Public Masses: Taoiseach Micheal Martin gave us the news that from Saturday 26th December 2020, places of Worship would remain closed except for private prayer, weddings and funerals. Attendance at weddings will be limited to 6 people and funerals will be limited to 10 people.

Fr. Dan will celebrate Mass live on Facebook on Saturday 13th March at 7pm and again on Sunday 14th March at 11am. Mass will also be celebrated on Wednesday 10th March at 10.00am and Friday 12th March at 10.00am.

Lenten Station and Easter Offering Envelopes together with Trocaire Boxes will be distributed to the homes of the Parish during the coming week. The usual distributors are asked to oblige.

Recent Deaths:

**Denis North, Shanbogh and New Ross
Ann Murphy, Darbystown**

Months Mind:

**Maggie Dooley, Waterford Road
Alice Sinnott, Priory Court, New Ross**

Anniversaries:

**Biddy Maher, School House Road
Maura Young, Cooleen and Rosbercon
Christy Ward, Ballymartin
Phil Walsh, Glenballyvalley**

We wish every blessing to **Orla Power, Loughrea, Co. Galway and Joseph McCarthy, Ballybeg**, who were married in St. David's Church, Listerlin on Friday 26th February 2021. May they enjoy a long and rewarding married life.

Rosbercon Parish is installing a **Web Camera System and Building a Brand-New Website** to live stream Masses from Rosbercon Church. The Web Cam will be of great benefit to our Parishioners who will be able to watch Mass live at home. Our new Web Cam is the best available. Fr Dan, on behalf of the Parish, is asking for donations/sponsorships to help pay for the Camera/Website. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

A Message from Fr Dan: Pope Francis offers hope to the World: "Tonight before falling asleep think about when we will return to the street. When we will hug again, when all of us shopping together will seem like a party. Let's think about when the coffees will return to the bars, the small talk, the photos close to each other."

We think about when lockdown will be a memory but normality will seem an unexpected and beautiful gift. We will love everything that has so far seemed futile to us. Every second will be precious: Swims at the sea, the sun shining until late, sunsets, toasts, laughter. We will go back to laughing together. Strength and courage. See you soon!"

Pope Francis

Life

I'm here for a short visit only
And I'd rather be loved than hated.
Eternity may be lonely.
When my body is disintegrated

And that which is loosely termed my soul
Goes whizzing off through the infinite
By means of some vague remote control,
I'd like to think I was missed a bit.

Noel Coward

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A Teacher in China reflects on Lockdown:

1. Accept that you have no control over the situation. Let go of any thoughts of trying to plan too much for the next month or two. Anxiety goes down when you make the best of the situation - whatever that might be for you.

2. Try not to listen to/read/watch too much media. It WILL drive you crazy. There is a thing called too much!

3. The sense of community I have felt during this time is incredible. I could choose who I wanted to spend time with - who I wanted to call and connect with and found the quality of my relationships has improved.

4. Appreciate this enforced downtime. When will we have time like this again? I will miss this time when we go back to the fast-paced speed of the 'real world'.

5. Time goes fast. I still haven't picked up the ukulele I planned to learn, and there are box sets of TV shows that I haven't watched yet.

6. As a teacher, the relationships I have built with my students have continued to grow. I have loved seeing how independent they are; filming themselves to respond to tasks while also learning essential life skills such as balance, risk-taking and problem-solving.

7. You learn to appreciate the little things; sunshine through the window, flowers blossoming and being able to enjoy a coffee outside a cafe. You will get through this journey. Listen to what you are told, follow the rules and look out for each other. There is light now at the end of the tunnel.

Trócaire works for a just and peaceful world where:

- People's dignity is ensured and rights are respected
- Where basic needs are met and resources are shared equitably.
- Where people have control over their own lives.
- Where those in power act for the common good.
- Trócaire supports people regardless of culture, gender or religion.

Trócaire boxes will be delivered to the homes of the parish in the next two weeks. Once again, we ask you to be generous to the needs of the poorest of the poor. Your support is very much appreciated.

St Mary's Cathedral, Kilkenny Restoration Fund 2020/2021: With the continuation of Level 5 Covid Restrictions, the Diocesan Office has decided that the January and February draws due to take place this week, will now be postponed for the moment. If Covid-19 restrictions allow, the January and February Draws will take place, along with the March Draw, on Wednesday, 31st March 2021.

Mass Intentions for the Sunday, 14th March 2021:

Rosbercon: Sunday 14th March at 11.00 a.m.
Derek Lewis, Assumption Terrace
Mary O'Neill, Ballyknock

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.

Reflection

Lead, kindly Light, amid the encircling gloom,
Lead thou me on;
The night is dark, and I am far from home,
Lead thou me on.
Keep thou my feet; I do not ask to see
The distant scene; one step enough for me.

So long thy power hath blest me, sure it still
Will lead me on
O'er moor and fen, o'er crag and torrent, till
The night is gone.
And with the morn those Angel faces smile,
Which I have loved long since, and lost awhile.

Wisdom: Every day is a new beginning. Take a deep breath, smile and start again!

Humour: While creating husbands God promised women that good and ideal husbands would be found in all corners of the world. Then he made the earth round!!

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