

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER, 14TH March 2021

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Fourth Sunday of Lent

Of all the images we have of Jesus, one of the loveliest is that of the Good Shepherd. It was Jesus himself who used it. How well do we trust and how closely do we follow the good Shepherd?

Theme of the Weekend Readings: We are now half way through Lent. The celebration of Christ's death and resurrection is drawing near.

First Reading: The Jewish people suffered misfortune because of their sins.

Second Reading: God is rich in mercy.

Gospel: Jesus tells Nicodemus that God saves us because he loves us.

Mother's Day: This Sunday is Mother's Day. We wish all our mothers and grandmothers a happy, joyful and peaceful day.

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 20th March at 7pm and again on Sunday 21st March at 11am. This week for **Saint Patrick's Day**, Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday 16th March at 7pm and on Wednesday 17th March at 11.00am. Mass will also be celebrated on Friday 19th 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 and we thank them.

Anniversaries:

Derek Lewis, Assumption, Terrace
Mary O Neill, Ballyknock
Helen Malone, Ballygriffin, Kilmacow
Josie & Tom Cashin, Tinnakilly

St Patricks Day Anniversaries:

Paddy Curran, Hoodsgrove
Mikie O Sullivan, Raheen
George Peters, Slievecarragh

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: Prayer: We are constantly being encouraged to pray. It is very interesting to consider how people pray. There are as many ways to pray as there are people who pray. Many pray through thoughts, words, actions or before a crucifix. Some pray silently. Many like to gently sit or kneel before the blessed sacrament, spending quiet time in the presence of the Lord. They will tell you that in the Church they feel the calming peace of Christ reviving their spirits.

We visit the Church regularly to light candles. The warmth heals us and the flame carries our prayer to the Lord. The glow of the candle symbolises our love for God, and our warm feelings about the people we pray for.

Many people find music very prayerful. Music opens us up to the mystery of God. Equally poetry, art, drama and the world of nature often takes us to new and better places. The sight of new-born lambs in the field in spring, daffodils, light shining through stained-glass windows and the rising or setting of the sun are lifegiving and calming. A kind word, a generous act, the laughter of children, the contentment of old age are all sacred moments.

Many of us get in touch with God by reciting the words of familiar prayers that we learned as children. There are times when we simply speak to God as we do to a friend. At other moments, the words of scripture bring us closer to the Lord as we place ourselves in the story of His love for His people.

We can pray alone, with loved ones or with our parish community at the weekend Masses; virtually at present! We pray to give thanks, to unload our burdens, to ask help, to seek comfort, or to find a way forward. All prayer nourishes our friendship with God. Beginning each day with a prayer and spending a little time before sleep remembering the moments, when God held us by hand during the day, calms our spirits. We need each day to experience the love of God and when we pray, we are aware of the presence of God's loving Spirit and we are grateful.

From the Ennis Parish Newsletter – Adapted.

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Mass Intentions for the Sunday 21st March 2021

Paddy Murphy, Brownsford

To Make you smile: Hospitality is making your guest feel at home, even though you wish they were!

March: Month of spring planting, month of the violets, the month of St. Patrick.

Be with us Lord during this month. Seachtain na Gaeilge is celebrated before St. Patrick's Day every year. Irish language events are launched all over Ireland, mostly virtual and online this year. We thank God for the wonderful heritage that has been bestowed on us in Ireland, our native language, our heritage of music, dance, and song the love for education. Lord, enlighten our minds to respect the noble heritage that came to us through our language and increase our desire to secure and strengthen it, through Christ our Lord. Amen

Remembering Mother on Mother's Day:

The following thoughts were penned by a middle-aged Sister to celebrate her Mother on Mother's Day:

When I enter a room and the loudness of the TV sends irritation surging through me, I remember those times, Mother, when, as a teenager you gracefully put up with my radio and stereo at full volume. When I see your eyes grow dim with age, I remember how those eyes would twinkle with delight at my smallest achievements. When you talk on and on about people who are long gone to their eternal reward, I remember your patience when I would ask you endless questions and you would gently respond to each. When you walk so slowly that I grow impatient, I remember all the walks you took with me when I was a child and how you adjusted your steps to my small feet. When my heart skips a beat when you stumble... I remember how often you walked by my side ready to catch me when I was learning to ride my bike. Now when you seem a million miles away lost in your own little world I remember how, long ago, I would snuggle up to you and you would place a reassuring arm around me.

Brian D'Arcy - Adapted

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.

Collection of Parish Funds 27th/28th February & 6th/7th March 2021:

Offertory Collection:	€ 5.00
Weekly Envelopes:	€1,323.00
Parish Debt on 10th March 2021:	€54,728.78

Reflection: For a Mother

Mother,
Your voice learned to soothe
Your new child
Your voice was the first sound
I heard before even I could see
Mother,
Your young eyes gazed on me
Your eyes were the first mirror
Where I glimpsed
My image in your face
Mother,
Your nearness filled the air,
You eased and calmed
The longing that stirred in my infant heart
Mother,
You nurtured and fostered me
With a love and care
That could come from nowhere else
Mother,
I was formed from the depths beneath your heart,
You know me inside out
No deeds or no seas, nothing
Could ever erase your love for me.

Wisdom: "To describe my mother, would be to write about a hurricane in its perfect power. Or the climbing, falling colours of a rainbow"

Maya Angelou

Humour: It's not easy been a mother. If it were easy, fathers would do it!

◆ Tullogher Camogie Fundraiser

Tullogher Camogie Club are holding a 24hr runathon fundraiser. It will start at 8am on Saturday April 3rd and finish at 8am on Sunday April 4th. It will be done as a relay style with each person doing a half hour run or walk from their own home over 24hrs. If interested contact Linda on 087 7938667 to book a time. Donations cards are available in Listerlin local shop or a donation can be made on the GoFundMe page on Tullogher Camogie Club Facebook page. Best of luck and stay safe.

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