

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER, 21st March 2021

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Fifth Sunday of Lent

A grain of wheat dies in order to bear fruit. We too gradually grow into mature people. Becoming like Christ is a life time's work and happens in very ordinary ways.

Theme of the Weekend Readings: We are just eight days from Holy Week. We think seriously today about our celebration of the life, death and resurrection of Christ.

First Reading: God promises a new covenant, a "new deal", between Himself and his people.

Second Reading: Christ learned to obey through what he suffered.

Gospel: Jesus does God's will always, even in death.

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 27th March at 7pm and again on Sunday 28th March at 11am. Mass will also be celebrated on Wednesday 24th March at 10.00am and on Friday 26th March, also at 10.00am.

Recent Death:
Jo Ryan, Glentiroe

Anniversaries:

Joe Molloy, Assumption, Terrace
Paddy Murphy, Brownsford
Jack Mernagh, Windmill Lane
Mickey Curran, Hoodsgrove
Paddy Curran, Hoodsgrove
Mikie O Sullivan, Raheen
George Peters, Slievecarragh
Elizabeth Hennessy, Tinneranny

We welcome into our Parish Community **Martin Joseph Cotterell**, son of Stephen and Mary nee Aylward, Ballykenna, who was baptised in Mullinarrigh Church on Saturday 13th March 2021.

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.

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.

Holy Week Programme 2021: Rosbercon Church:

Passion/Palm Sunday: Vigil Mass: 7.00 p.m. Sunday Mass: 11.00 a.m.

Wednesday of Holy Week: Mass 10.00 a.m.

Holy Thursday: 7.00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper.

Good Friday: 3.00 p.m. Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday: 8.00 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass.

Easter Sunday: 11.00 a.m.

All Ceremonies will be live on Facebook

The One Life

But once I pass this way, and then no more.
But once – and then the silent door swings on its hinges,
Opens.....closes, and no more I pass this way.
So, while I may, with all my might, I will essay
Sweet comfort and delight
To all I meet upon the pilgrim Way.
For no one travels twice the great Highway,
That climbs through darkness up to light
Through night and day.

John Oxenham

To Make you smile: The captain of a ship sees a bright light converging of him in the dark and sends out a message: 'You had better altar course; I am a destroyer'. He receives a message in return: 'You had better altar course; I am a lighthouse!'

The Secret of Progress: "The secret of progress is to be content with small steps. Many years ago, a wise teacher gave me the most valuable advice of all. He said, 'By the yard it's hard; by the inch it's a cinch'. I am content to take small steps on the journey of life without getting caught up in the desire to reach my goal. When I get tired, I learn to rest, not to quit".

Brian D'Arcy - Adapted

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A Message from Fr Dan: The Call of Jesus: As we approach Holy Week it is helpful to consider what political life was like in Palestine at the time of Jesus, and how this affected Jesus' ministry. Jesus lived in a country that was occupied by the Romans. The Romans were strong and powerful masters and ruled most of the known world of their time. Violence and killing were everywhere, crucifixions were common for people who did not comply. Huge taxes were also demanded by the Romans and their supporters.

The Jewish people, who were relatively few in numbers, had been in and out of exile for many years and many wished to be rid of the Roman domination. Different people, at different times, tried to rise up against the Romans, but they were not strong enough or powerful enough and all their efforts came to nothing.

Jesus now appeared on the scene; he was young and strong and able to speak out boldly against many of the wrongs in his society. He attracted many followers and many wondered if he could be the new leader that would liberate Israel. That was their idea of a Messiah.

But Jesus had no political ambitions. The motivation of his life came from his relationship with his Father in Heaven and his desire to spread God's Kingdom or God's way in the world. He took time and care to mould his followers to follow his way of love.

Many of the disciples were confused about where Jesus was leading them. Was he really the Messiah or just another teacher? Things became clearer for Peter, James and John when Jesus led them up a high mountain and he was transfigured there in their presence. There, they saw a different side of Jesus and experienced his closeness to the Father. They were over-awed and yet could not explain or understand what they had experienced.

In everything in life, the ordinary and the extraordinary sit side by side, the natural and the supernatural. In the ordinary Jesus, the disciples saw the extraordinary and supernatural Jesus. All of us are his followers, his disciples, his co-workers. We bring salvation and liberty to people's lives. In doing ordinary things in a Christ like way, we can change our world.

During Holy Week we become part of the extraordinary life, death and Resurrection of Christ. We pray that like Peter, James and John, we will be given an insight into the wonder of Christ and his relationship with the Father. We pray that through our participation in Holy Week and Easter we will be given the quiet faith to venture into the unknown future.

From the Ennis Parish Newsletter – Adapted.

Mass Intentions for the 27/28th March 2021

Ann Murphy, Darbystown (Months Mind) Sat 27th at 7.00pm

Tom Lawlor, Glenpipe and Dublin Sun 28th at 11.00 am

**Collection of Parish Funds: Details next week.
Parish Debt on 10th March 2021: €54,728.78**

Reflection

I arise today

Through the strength in the sky: Light of the sun
Moon's reflection, Dazzle of fire
Speed of lightning, Wild wind
Deep sea, Firm earth, Hard rock.

I arise today, With God's strength to pilot me
God's might to uphold me, God's wisdom to guide me
God's eye to look ahead for me, God's ear to hear me
God's word to speak to me, God's hand to defend me
God's way to lie before me, God's shield to protect me
God's hand to safeguard me

John O'Donohoe

Wisdom: A knowledge of the path cannot be substituted for putting one foot in front of the other.

Humour: Alcohol: A liquid for preserving almost everything but secrets.

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.

◆ 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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