

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER, 28th March 2021

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Passion/ Palm Sunday and Holy Week

This week all over the world, Christians will be celebrating the great wonder of Christ's love for us. 'Greater love than this has no man than he who lays down his life for his friends'. This is the week Christ lived out the truth of these words. Jesus put into practise what he had preached.

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.

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 our new webcam. Please click on the link on our new website

www.rosberconparish.ie

This weekend **Palms will be blessed** before the weekend Masses.

Good Friday is a day of Fast and Abstinence.

Rosbercon Parish has now installed a **Web Camera System and Built a Brand-New Website** to live stream Masses from Rosbercon Church. The Web Cam will be of great benefit to our Parishioners who will now 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.

Recent Deaths:

Jim Brindley, Tramore and Rosbercon

Michael McCormack, Big Erin Loftus, New Ross

Anniversaries:

Ann Murphy, Darbystown, Months Mind

Bridie and Bobby Richardson, Assumption Terrace

Joe Lawlor, School House Road

John Barron, Brownsford

Tom Lawlor, Glenpipe and Dublin

Moses Murphy, Assumption Terrace

A Message from Fr Dan: Holy Week 2021: This has been a Lent like we would never have imagined. So many people have been unable to go to Mass and receive our Lord in Holy Communion. Our people, hoping to return to normal living, have been disappointed again and again.

On the first Holy Week, Jesus experienced all the horrors of life, culminating in his crucifixion and death. The waving palm branches, the joy and the Hosannas of Palm Sunday became the pain, the torture and the crucifixion of Good Friday.

The celebration of Holy Week, the most sacred time in the Church's year, begins on Palm Sunday with the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. We remember that the people involved in the first Holy Week were people like us. The suffering of Jesus is mirrored across the world today where people are degraded, persecuted or deprived of their freedom. Nearer home when we hurt others, or ride rough-shod over other people's feelings, in our small way, we contribute to the suffering of the world.

Holy Week is an opportunity for us to change our lives as we celebrate the death and resurrection of Christ. We, along with our fellow human beings, are guilty of failure, shortcomings and what was called 'sin' the old terminology. We have marred our own lives and made a mess of nature and of our world by conducting our affairs without any reference to God.

On the Cross Jesus took our sins upon himself. He absorbed all the suffering of the world and transformed it into the wonder and beauty of the Resurrection. In his way he showed how perfect his love for us was. His death on the cross gave us new life. We pray to experience that life and to try to imitate Christ's love and his trust. The saving mysteries that took place during Holy Week two thousand years ago, for us and for our salvation, convinces us of Jesus' love for us. We respond to that love by continuing to persevere in faith and hope.

To Make you smile: "The old think that the world will end when they die. The young think the world began when they were born".

'He thinks he's a wit. Well, he's half right!'

Trocaire Boxes: Parishioners are asked to return their Trocaire Boxes when you can. Your efforts on behalf of the poor are much appreciated.

Many thanks to those who have returned the **Lenten Station Contributions** for the support of the priest of your parish.

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The Risk of Love:

"To weep is to risk appearing sentimental.
To reach out to another is to risk involvement.
To expose your feelings is to risk exposing your true self.
To love is to risk not being loved in return.
To try is to risk failure!
But the greatest hazard in life is to risk nothing.
The person who risks nothing
Has nothing or does nothing.
He may avoid suffering and worry,
But he has forfeited his freedom.
Only the person who risks is truly free."

Brian D'Arcy - Adapted

Prayer

Pray for my soul.
More things are wrought by prayer,
Than this world dreams of.
Wherefore let thy force
Rise like a fountain for me night and day.
For what are men better than sheep or goats
That nourish a blind life within the brain,
If knowing God, they lift not their hands in prayer.
Both for themselves and those who call them friend?
For so the whole round earth is every way
Bound by gold chains about the feet of God.

Alfred Lord Tennyson

Reflection - The Presence of God

"Yet sometimes when the sun comes through a gap,
These men see God the Father in a tree.
The Holy Spirit is the rising sap,
And Christ will be the green leaves that will come
At Easter from the sealed and guarded tomb".

Patrick Kavanagh, The Great Hunger

Collection of Parish Funds 13th/14th March & 20th/21st March 2021:

Offertory Collection:	€ 70.00
Weekly Envelopes:	€ 1,260.00
Parish Debt on 24 th March 2021:	€51,354.97

Wisdom: As tools become rusty, so does the mind. A garden uncared for soon becomes smothered in weeds; a talent neglected withers and dies.

Wisdom: Mother's hold their children's hands for a while but their hearts forever.

Humour: In school, little Johnny was asked about saying prayers at home. The teacher asked, "do you say prayers before eating?". "No Miss", said Johnny, "I don't have to, my mum's a good cook!"

Humour: Money is made round to slip through your fingers!

Mass Intentions for the Saturday/Sunday, 3rd/4th April 2021

Rosbercon: Saturday 3rd April at 7.00 p.m.
Nick O'Brien, Rosbercon

Rosbercon: Sunday 4th April at 11.00 a.m.:
Martin Nolan, Shanbogh
Nicky Murphy, Millbanks
Jimmy, Kitty, Jack & Thomas Cashin, Rosbercon

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.

◆ Rosbercon Chapter St Vincent de Paul

The above chapter is readily available to assist parishioners in need in whatever form at this difficult time.

Contact no. 087 7140112

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