

**ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER, 4<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

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**Easter Sunday**

This is a day for celebration. This is the day that Christ, our brother, broke the chains of death and rose in triumph from the grave. He did this, not just for himself, but for all of us. He wants us to share in his great victory over sin and death. Let us pause to reflect on this.

**Theme of the Weekend Readings:** On Easter morning we celebrate the core of our faith: Jesus who died is now raised.

**First Reading:** Peter explains the meaning of the Resurrection

**Second Reading:** Paul tells us that we too share the glory of Christ.

**Gospel:** John describes the Resurrection.

**Public Masses: Taoiseach Micheal Martin** gave us the news that from Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> 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** on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm and again on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> April at 11am. Mass will also be celebrated on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> April at 10.00am and Friday 9<sup>th</sup> April at 10.00am. All Masses will be streamed live through our webcam on [www.rosberconparish.ie](http://www.rosberconparish.ie)

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:**

**Johnny Furlong, Brownstown**

**Margaret Long, Listerlin**

**Mary Hearn, Kilmacthomas**

**Anniversaries:**

**Nick O'Brien, Rosbercon**

**Nickey Murphy, Millbanks**

**Jimmy, Kitty, Jack & Thomas Cashin, Rosbercon**

**Martin Nolan, Shanbogh**

**Theresa Cissie Nolan, Rosbercon**

**The Easter Offering Envelopes**, for the support of Fr Dan are due to be returned on Easter Sunday. Many thanks to our parishioners who contribute so generously to our many collections.

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

**A Message from Fr Dan: Easter 2021: The Virus:** I am a strong believer that everything that happens, however we experience it, can be turned to good. This is true especially in the Easter Season.

The Covid 19 virus reminds us that we need to act together in solidarity for the good of one another. Disease treats all of us equally, regardless of our culture, religion, occupation, or financial situation.

We are reminded every day that we are all connected and that what has an effect on one person, has an effect on another. We are reminded too of how precious our health is. Covid 19 has forced us to return to our homes. Lord, help us to enjoy our homes and strengthen us as families. Help us to be patient and to live together in peace.

There is no need to panic. After every dark night there is the dawn. 'This too will pass'. In the darkest hours the brightest stars shine. Above all, we remember at Easter that we are in God's loving care and that He will carry us through this.

And then one day: The fog of fear will lift and the night of anxiety will pass. Quietly the pain of sickness and worry will ease.

May we hold one another in our hearts and prayers during this difficult time. May you and your loved ones be blessed as you celebrate Easter. May we move from the pain of Good Friday to the joy of Easter Sunday and the promise of new life.

**To Make you smile:** Some modern thoughts on the parable of the Good Samaritan; The Levite could not stop because he was on his way to a Conference on Caring.

The priest was worrying about the man who had committed the assault: 'He needs to be understood and welcomed back into the community'.

The Samaritan was in breach of Health and Safety Regulations by lifting the man, unaided, on to his donkey!

Saint Teresa of Avila who suffered a lot of sickness once said, 'I never realised how well I was until I gave up thinking how ill I was'.

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## The Resurrection of Jesus

The Resurrection of Jesus Christ is the greatest feast in the Church's Year.

We rejoice as we celebrate the Resurrection of Our Saviour. Christ lives in glory now. In the Resurrection Jesus overcame death and the power of evil.

The tomb was empty and Jesus' friends were surprised when he appeared to them. They recognised him. He had risen from the dead and they were filled with joy.

In Ireland there is much folklore surrounding the Resurrection of Jesus. Our ancestors believed that the sun danced, and that nature celebrated on Easter Sunday because Jesus had risen from the dead.

We continue to pray in the Easter Season that we may be safe from the Coronavirus and that it may soon be overcome. "Go forth in peace. Be still within yourself, May the winds be gentle upon your face; And your direction be straight and true as the flight of a bird. Walk in beauty and harmony with God and all people."

**The Effects of the Resurrection on the First Followers of Jesus:** The men and women that went to the tomb and found the Risen Christ in the garden were amazed and reinvigorated. The two Disciples who returned from Emmaus could hardly contain their excitement. Peter and John, when they came back from the garden, like the others, began to spread this amazement. Our community is built on the hope that comes from the Risen Lord. Transcending all the messy sin, all the scandals, all the weak leadership and poor discipleship we need to discover and recognise the Risen Jesus and be amazed by him and like Peter spread this amazement.

## Reflection

### A description of an Easter ceremony in Russia under Communism:

'Someone at the back of the church lit a candle  
But one single point of light was unable to pierce the darkness.  
Then there was another and another.  
Swiftly the flame was passed from one to another.  
In less than a minute the Church was ablaze with light.  
Each candle lit up the face behind it,  
A face marked with suffering.  
But now that suffering turned to joy,  
Because of the certain knowledge that the Lord had risen.  
These people do not debate the resurrection.  
They have experienced it in their lives  
They have not just preserved the faith in hostile surroundings;  
Their faith has preserved them.'

**Trocaire Boxes:** Now that Lent has concluded the challenge of collecting Trócaire Boxes and your contributions to the poor begins. Please bring your Trócaire box, to the Church when you can, so that the poorest of the poor are not forgotten.

**Wisdom:** Discovery consists of seeing what everybody has seen and thinking what nobody has thought.

**Humour:** Money talks, but you can't hold on to it long enough to have a conversation!

**Easter Wishes:** Fr Dan thanks all parishioners for the many wonderful ways that we journey together throughout the year and prays that we may continue to pray for each other and support each other at this very difficult and challenging time.

## Mass Intentions for the Sunday, 11th April 2021

**Rosbercon:** Sunday 11th April at 11.00 am  
Kathy Vereker, Assumption Terrace, 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 Rosbercon GAA Development Draw March 2021 Winners (held online 30/03/21)

€250 John Kent, Ballyreddy  
€100 Tony O' Connor, Millbanks  
€100 Ollie Ryan, Ballyneale  
€50 Seamus Forristel, Shanbogh  
Donagh Minihan, Mount Elliot  
Padraig & Liam Walsh  
Martin Bookle, Listerlin

**Next Draw will be held Tuesday 27th April at 8.00 pm**

## ◆ 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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