

**EASTER BLESSINGS TO ALL**  
**ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER, 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2021**  
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**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

There is no such thing as a solitary Christian. Every Christian is linked to Christ and to all women and men. This is clear from the words of Jesus: 'I am the vine; you are the branches.' We celebrate our union with Christ and with one another.

**Theme of the Weekend Readings:**

Like branches of a tree, we are held together by our faith.

**First Reading:**

The newly converted Paul preaches in Jerusalem.

**Second Reading:**

Christian living involves genuine love for each other.

**Gospel:** Christ is the vine. We are the branches

**Public Masses:** Following on from **Taoiseach Micheal Martin's** address on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2021, 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 25 people.

**Fr. Dan will celebrate Mass** on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm and again on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> May at 11am. Mass will also be celebrated on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May at 10:00 am and Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May at 10:00 am. All Masses will be streamed live through our webcam on [www.rosberconparish.ie](http://www.rosberconparish.ie)

**Anniversaries**

Breda Saunders, Rosbercon

Tony Barker, London and Córdoba, Spain

Sincere thanks to all who contributed so generously to the **Lenten and Easter Offerings**. Outstanding envelopes and boxes may be handed in to the Parochial House or placed in the locked box at the back of the Church.

**Prayer for the Churches of our Parish:** Lord, bless the churches of our parish; Rosbercon, Listerlin – Mullinarrigle and Tullogher. Grant that their doors may always be open. May they be places of care for the suffering and for the bereaved and places of mercy for the faltering step. May our churches mirror God's love for his people and the timeless compassion of Mary, God's mother, help of the half defeated. May our Churches be places that understand that: 'We must love and care for one another or perish'.

**Rest in Peace:** Those we love don't go away. They walk beside us every day. Unseen, unheard but always near; still loved, still missed and very dear.

**Trocaire Boxes and Envelopes:** We hope to send your Trocaire contributions to the Diocesan Office next week. So far, we have received €1,503.00 for which we thank you most sincerely. If you see a Trócaire box in your house, we respectfully suggest that you might be so kind as to bring it to the church or to the Parochial House. Your generosity to the poorest of the poor is very much appreciated

**A Message from Fr Dan: 'Love One Another':** How do we know if we are true followers of Jesus? The real test is, do we love and care for one another? Love is the mark of the follower of Jesus. Love reaches out to others in understanding and compassion, in care and affirmation, in listening and service. The love that is in my heart influences how I treat people every day.

Love is the atmosphere we live in as followers of Jesus. How we care for one another and for our community will decide the quality of our prayer and worship. Those who love God will want to pray and prayer in turn will help us to be loving. When we think of those close to us, we want all to be well for them and we want them to have peace in their hearts and lives. We want them to have the best possible life they can.

A way of growing in love is to be grateful for what we already have. There are so many people who give to us in so many ways every day. People we work with, people we meet socially, people we play games with and people who serve the community all give to us. A short prayer at night to thank God for them is a lovely idea.

The world that we live in is full of very good and very loving people. But there is coldness and evil in our world also. People are constantly being hurt, abused and used. Part of loving is to care for people who are hurting and bring them healing. This is best achieved in ordinary ways by a helping hand. Also love has the power to transform even the most self-centered and cold heart. Jesus spoke lovingly to many and changed their lives. We can do the same. As Pope Francis said in a talk in January 2014, 'The one who loves, gives to God and to others'

*From the Ennis Parish Newsletter – Adapted.*

**This Beautiful Place:** Summer is here and bright days are ahead. But our world is in danger not only from climate change but because of the loss of many species. We are learning to cherish and appreciate our world. We need to preserve our green spaces, control our use of chemicals and keep our hedgerows litter free. We welcome the summer and celebrate the sun shining down, bringing the seed to life in the clay, and the plants growing. Nature provides everything we need, food to eat, healthy air, and all the wonder of the great outdoors. Lord, help us to appreciate our own place.

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**Mass Intentions for the Saturday/Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> May 2021:**

**Rosbercon:** Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> May at 11:00 am  
Mick Purcell, Kilbrahan  
Michael Curran, Hoodsgrove

**Webcam Donations as of 28<sup>th</sup> April 2021:**

**GoFundMe:** €1,620.00  
**Cheques and Cash Received:** €1,925.00  
**Total:** €3,545.00

Many, many thanks for your generosity.

**Rosbercon Parish Webcam and Website Fundraiser:**

A Go Fund Me page has been set up to raise funds for the recently installed webcam in Rosbercon Church and the newly updated website. As this is the new normal for Mass, the webcam will give people an opportunity to be with their loved ones for Funerals, Weddings, Communion, Confirmations and Anniversaries, together but apart.

The total cost of the webcam and website is €9,000. Because of our existing commitments and expenses, and our recent work on the Churches, we need your support to meet this expense. We thank all those who have already contributed so generously. As of the 28<sup>th</sup> April 2021 we have received the following Donations: **GoFundMe:** €1,620.00; **Cheque and Cash Donations:** €1,925.00 giving us a total of: €3,545.00. Many, many thanks for your generosity. To donate please click on this link:

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/rosbercon-parish-webcam-and-website-fundraiser>

**The Vine and the Branches:** Lord, you said:

'I am the vine; you are the branches.  
Separated from me you can do nothing,  
But united with me you will bear much fruit.'  
Thank you, Lord, for the bond you formed with us.  
And thank you for the bond that exists among us  
Because of our union with you  
Thanks to this bond we have invisible riches  
to share with one another.  
Grant that we may never be separated from you.

**Reflection: I am the Great Sun:** from a Normandy Crucifix of 1652

I am the great sun, but you do not see me,  
I am your husband, but you turn away.  
I am the captive, but you do not free me,  
I am the captain but you will not obey.  
I am the truth, but you will not believe me,  
I am the city where you will not stay.  
I am your wife, your child, but you will leave me,  
I am that God to whom you will not pray.  
I am your counsel, but you will not hear me,  
I am your lover whom you will betray.  
I am the victor but you will not cheer me  
I am the holy dove whom you will slay.  
I am your life, but if you will not name me,  
Seal up your soul with tears, and never blame me.

*Charles Causley*

◆ **FAMILY CARERS IRELAND**

Family Carers Ireland in partnership with An Garda Síochána, the National Ambulance Service Community First Responder Schemes, The Irish Red Cross and The Order of Malta has developed an **Emergency Card Scheme** for family carers. When a family carer has an unplanned hospital admission there is a risk that the person who needs their care and support could be left at home alone and uncared for. The **Emergency Card Scheme** is intended to give peace of mind to family carers as well as ensuring that the person they care for remains safe in such emergencies. For more details on the scheme, visit our website on [www.familycarers.ie](http://www.familycarers.ie) or call our Freephone Careline 1800 24 07 24.

◆ **TULLOGHER ROSBERCON DEVELOPMENT GAA DRAW**

Tullagher Rosbercon Development Draw which took place online on the 27<sup>th</sup> April 2021.

1st— €250.00—Martin Kennedy, Ballykenna

2nd— €100.00—Jamie Doyle, Garranbhy

3rd— €100.00—Richard Murphy, Tinaree

4th— €50.00—John Hartley, Brabstown

5th— €50.00—Orlaith Todd, Shanbogh

6th— €50.00—Jim Power, Brownstown

7th— €50.00—Seamus Hartley, Brabstown

The next draw will take place on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 08:00pm.

◆ **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

Tullagher Rosbercon CE Scheme has an opening for a job opportunity in the New Houghton Hospital for an Activities Assistant. For more information, please contact 086-3642592 or via email: [rosberconparish@gmail.com](mailto:rosberconparish@gmail.com)

◆ **ROSBERCON PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES**

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.

◆ **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

The above Chapter is readily available to assist parishioners in need in whatever form at this difficult time. Please contact: 087-7140112

**HUMOUR**

God grant me the serenity to forget those I never liked anyway, the good fortune to remember those I did and the eyesight to tell the difference.

*Terry Wogan*

**WISDOM**

Grace is not sought nor bought nor wrought. It is a free gift of Almighty God to needy mankind.

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