

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER, 11th April 2021

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Second Sunday of Easter

Faith is a most precious thing. But it is exposed to the harsh winds of doubt which blow through the modern world. Here, at the weekend Mass, we experience a strengthening of our faith.

Theme of the Weekend Readings: The Good News of the resurrection of Jesus.

First Reading: The first Christians share what they have with all.

Second Reading: The followers of Christ have God's power in them.

Gospel: Jesus appears to His followers and helps those who doubt.

Public Masses: Following on from Taoiseach Micheal Martin's address on 30th 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 10 people. As and from the 26th April, attendance at funerals will be raised to 25 people.

Fr. Dan will celebrate Mass on Saturday 17th April at 7pm and again on Sunday 18th April at 11am. Mass will also be celebrated on Wednesday 14th April at 10.00am and Friday 16th April at 10.00am. All Masses will be streamed live through our webcam on 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.

Many thanks to all who have returned the **Lenten Station and the Easter envelopes** for the support of Fr Dan. Your loyalty and generosity are very much appreciated.

Anniversaries:

Kathy Vereker, Assumption Terrace, Rosbercon
Eileen Nolan, Tinnakilly
Paddy Treacy, Tullogher

Trocaire Boxes and Envelopes: We thank you for your generosity to Trócaire. The hardest part of the Trócaire appeal is to get the boxes or envelopes returned in time. If you see a Trócaire box in a 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 for April, Divine Mercy Sunday: This Sunday is Divine Mercy Sunday. This day was instituted by Pope John Paul II in May 2000. The Divine Mercy is based on the writings of Saint Faustina, a Polish nun who died in 1938, aged 33 years.

The message of God's divine mercy is very important. So many stories from the life of Jesus, like the Prodigal Son, emphasise God's love for the weak and for those who fail. Jesus taught us again and again that the love and power of God are greater than any disaster that can befall us. We come to God each day with confidence in his mercy for each one of us. God will see us through.

This spring and this Easter are so different as Ireland and the whole world continue try to come to grips with the Covid 19 virus. Our social interaction is limited. We must stay at home and away from people. Yet we must not become downhearted. We are not alone. We are united to Christ in our prayer. We are united to our loved ones through the bonds of family and friendship. Through our prayer and our love, we make a difference to our homes, our families and our community.

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

To Make you smile: A traveller asked a holy man if he could share his tent for the night. The holy man invited him in and asked the man to pray with him. The traveller refused, saying he was an atheist. The holy man showed him the door. That night the holy man asked God if he had done the right thing. God replied, 'No, you did not. I have put up with that atheist for 70 years and you could not put up with him for one night!'

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The Lord is Risen: The Resurrection of Jesus Christ is the greatest feast of the Church's Year. Jesus arose from the dead on Easter Sunday. Christ lives in glory now. In the Resurrection Jesus overcame the power of death and the power of evil. How are we to understand the Resurrection and the difference it makes to our faith. Now, while we continue to celebrate the suffering and death of Jesus, even more we celebrate Jesus' victory over weakness, failing and death. Our faith as well as being a faith of concern for others, becomes a faith of delight for us.

Our ancestors understood this when they believed that the sun danced and that nature celebrated on Easter Sunday because Jesus had risen from the dead. We too are glad and rejoice because Jesus has taken on our worries and our fears and transformed them into peace and joy. So, we are glad and rejoice. We accept the love and the friendship of the risen Jesus. Praised be Jesus always, Alleluia! Happy Easter to all.

Prayer for Calm:

Let nothing ever disturb you, nothing affright you;
All things are passing, God never changes.
Patient endurance attains to all things;
Who God possesses in nothing is wanting;
Alone God suffices.

St Teresa of Avila.

Prayer in time of Anxiety:

"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 his people."

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.

Reflection: Hope

Hope looks for the good in people instead of harping on the bad.
Hope opens doors where despair will close them.
Hope discovers what can be done
Instead of grumbling about what cannot be done.
Hope lights a candle instead of cursing the darkness.
Hope regards problems small or large as opportunities.
Hope pushes ahead when it would be easy to quit.
Hope puts up with modest gains,
Realising that the longest journey begins with one step.

Hope draws its power from a deep trust in God
And the basic goodness of people.
Hope is a good loser
Because it had the divine assurance of final victory.

Collection of Parish Funds 27th/28th March & 3rd/4th April

2021:

Offertory Collection:	€ 159.00
Weekly Envelopes:	€ 1,556.00
Parish Debt on 6th April 2021:	€51,354.97

Mass Intentions for Weekend 17/18th April 2021

Rosbercon: Sat 17th April at 7.00 p.m.
Jo Ryan, Glentiroe, Months Mind

Rosbercon: Sun 18th April at 11.00 am
Jim Brindley, formerly of Ballybeg, Months Mind
Larry Leacy, Ballyeden
Eileen Walsh, Ballyeden

Wisdom: "Never undertake anything for which you wouldn't have the courage to ask the blessing of Heaven."

Humour: A lie will go around the world while the truth is putting its boots on!

Easter Wishes: Fr Dan thanks all parishioners for the many wonderful ways that we journey together throughout the year. He thanks those who have continued to be so generous to our parish and to him over so many years. May we continue to pray for each other and support each other at this very challenging time.

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.

♦ **Rosbercon Chapter St Vincent de Paul**

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

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