

Third Sunday of Easter

In the Gospel we find the Apostles gathered behind closed doors, wounded in heart and spirit. But Jesus appears to them, gives them his peace and breathes new life into them. He does the same for us.

Theme of the Weekend Readings: We gather to worship God and to celebrate again Jesus' resurrection from the dead.

First Reading: The death of Jesus was in accordance with God's plan.

Second Reading: Jesus is the one who overcomes sin and failure.

Gospel: Jesus appears to the Apostles and confirms their faith.

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 24th April at 7pm and again on Sunday 25th April at 11am. Mass will also be celebrated on Wednesday 21st April at 10.00am and Friday 23rd 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.

Anniversaries:

Jo Ryan, Glentiroe, Months Mind
Jim Brindley, formerly of Ballybeg, Months Mind
Larry Leacy, Ballyeden
Eileen Walsh, Ballyeden
Kerrin Repman, New Ross and Essex, England
Neddy and Jack Phelan, Shanbogh

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.

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

We welcome into our Parish Community **Ruán Enda Wickham**, son of Niall and Niamh nee Culleton, New Ross, who was baptised in Church of the Assumption, Rosbercon on Saturday 10th April 2021. We also welcome into our Parish Community **Seán Michael Cotterell**, son of John and Cathleen nee Cummins, Ballykenna, who was baptised in Mullinarrigle Church on Saturday 10th April 2021.

A Message from Fr Dan: Wisdom: When God asked the young King Solomon, 'What would you like me to give you?' Solomon answered, 'give me a wise and understanding heart'. And God, we're told, was pleased with Solomon's request and the fact that he hadn't asked for wealth or power and God promised him 'a heart wise and shrewd as none before you had and as none will have after you'.

The wisdom offered to Solomon is the pearl of great price and is the first gift of the Holy Spirit. Imagine God asking you the same question, what would you choose? How do you want your life to be measured? Many people long for possessions, money, property. Many have hopes for a good position in life, with power and influence. The question is what kind of person am I?

The world measures greatness by power, prestige and property. For God wisdom and understanding are the true measure of greatness. We all know the kind of person we would like to be friends with, one with an understanding heart. Love and laughter, kindness and consideration are worth everything and in the end are the only things of lasting value.

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.

April: Today is the third Sunday after Easter. Jesus is risen from the dead and we are filled with joy. Our Saviour is among us assuring us that our salvation has come. God's mercy and forgiveness are there for all. Let us come before God with confidence and pray that he will inspire us each day to live our lives to the full. We have passed the midpoint of this month of April. Be with us, Lord, during this wonderful season of Spring. We remember to pray for the wonderful people who are making the Covid vaccine available to us.

One Day Soon:

One day soon people will touch and talk, perhaps easily,
And loving will be natural as breathing, and warm as sunlight;
And people will untie themselves as string is unknotted,
Unfold and yawn and stretch and spread their fingers.
And work will be simple and swift as a seagull flying,
And play will be as casual and quiet as a seagull settling;
And the clocks will stop and no one will care or notice,
And people will smile without reason, even in winter.

A.S.J. Tessimond (Adapted)

To make you Smile: On one occasion a minister was preaching about sin. He shouted, 'For those who die in a state of sin, there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

A

woman stood up and protested, 'But minister, I have no teeth'. To which the minister replied, 'Teeth will be provided!'

A hen is an egg's way of making another egg!

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

The Wounds of Love

Those who care about others pick up a lot of wounds.
There may be no great wounds,
Only a multiplicity of little ones –
A host of scratches, wrinkles and welts.
But there can also be invisible wounds:
The furrows left on the mind and the heart
By hardship, worry and anxiety,
Disappointments, ingratitude and weariness.
These wounds are not things to be ashamed of.
They are badges of honour.
They are the proof of our love.
Jesus didn't hide his wounds.
Neither should we.
By his wounds we are healed

Mass Intentions for Weekend 24/25th April 2021

Rosbercon: Sat 24th April at 7.00 pm
Brendan Connick, Glenmore

Wisdom: "Though character may be shown in the big moments, it is in the small moments that it is made"

Humour: Always behave like a duck – keep calm and unruffled on the surface of the water, but paddle like the devil underneath.

◆ 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

◆ Tullogher Camogie Club

The Tullogher Camogie Club fundraising 24-hour runathon on Easter Saturday and Sunday was a fantastic success with an unprecedented €8250 raised through a GoFundMe page, sponsorship cards and great support from local businesses.

Beautiful weather throughout Easter Saturday and a calm dry night contributed to a great day which epitomised the great community spirit in the parish. The club would like to thank the fundraising committee for planning the event, everyone who played their part over the 24 hours, the generosity of everyone who contributed to the figure of over €8000 raised and all the local businesses who, even in this Covid period, supported the club yet again. Training will start at the end of April with hopefully a busy summer of matches to follow and new members are always welcome.

◆ Tullogher Rosbercon GAA

6 acres adjoining the existing facilities in Brownstown have been purchased and a new full sized playing pitch will be constructed. This is a significant development for the people of the parish and will provide top class facilities for all our girls and boys for years to come.

A Parish Collection is scheduled for May to help finance this exciting project. Further details will be circulated shortly.

This week's newsletter is sponsored by a loyal and kind parishioner.