

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER, 25th April 2021

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

Of all the images we have of Jesus, one of the loveliest is that of the Good Shepherd. It was Jesus himself who used it. How well do we trust and how closely do we follow the Good Shepherd?

Theme of the Weekend Readings: Jesus cares for his people and looks after them.

First Reading: Peter tells us of the power of Jesus.

Second Reading: We are the children of God the Father.

Gospel: Christ describes himself as the Good Shepherd.

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 1st May at 7pm and again on Sunday 2nd May at 11am. Mass will also be celebrated on Wednesday 28th April at 10.00am and Friday 30th April at 10.00am. All Masses will be streamed live through our webcam on www.rosberconparish.ie

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 you for your generosity and we hope and pray that the livestreaming of Masses will enable us to share words of encouragement with our parishioners. To donate please click on this link:

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

Anniversaries:

John Furlong, Brownstown, Months Mind

Margaret Long, Listerlin, Months Mind

Brendan Connick, Glenmore

Tom and Michael Murphy, Trinaree

James and John Rice, Irishtown, New Ross

A Message from Fr Dan: Time with the Risen Jesus: In the Easter Season most of the Readings at the weekend Masses focus on the Mission of the followers of Jesus. At first, they had failed to grasp the full meaning of Jesus' life, death and resurrection. Once the truth dawned on them, they felt duty bound to share their faith with others. When they find their courage, the Apostles proclaimed fearlessly that the Risen Jesus is Lord of the World.

For some their message was very welcome. For the Jewish authorities, however, their message was going too far, to such an extent that the Apostles needed to be silenced. The Apostles were punished, imprisoned, and warned not to speak 'in the name of Jesus'. Despite this, they preached with enthusiasm, urgency and daily, we are told, people are added to their number.

Where did they get this courage? The answer, it seems, comes from the many occasions Jesus appeared to them after his resurrection. His greeting was always, 'Peace be with you' and, on most occasions he shared food with them. Often, they came to recognise him in the very sharing of food, 'the breaking of bread'.

Like the Apostles, we need to find the courage to be people of faith and hope? Where are we to find the courage? We need to spend time with the Risen Jesus and allow him to reveal himself to us. In these Easter days – we allow some time and space each day for Jesus to reveal himself to us and to encourage us.

From the Ennis Parish Newsletter – Adapted.

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 hope to send your Trocaire contributions to the Diocesan Office at the end of April. 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

We wish every blessing to **Ellen Berry, Raheen and James Berry, Wexford**, who were married in the Church of the Assumption, Rosbercon on Thursday 15th April 2021. May they enjoy a long and rewarding married life.

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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'.

To make you Smile: Someone asked God whether he would see his loved ones in heaven. God replied, 'You'd better be prepared – not only your loved ones'.

No one gives you a black eye: You have to fight for it!

Greek Elegy written for Heraclitus on his death:
They told me, Heraclitus, they told me you were dead,
They brought me bitter news to hear and bitter tears to shed,
I wept as I remembered how often you and I
Had tired the sun with talking and sent him down the sky.
And now that you are lying, my dear old Carian guest,
A handful of grey ashes, long, long ago at rest,
Still are your pleasant voices, your nightingales awake;
For Death, he taketh all away but them he cannot take.

William Cory

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.

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.

Trees:

I think that I shall never see a poem lovely as a tree-
A tree whose hungry mouth is pressed against the earth's
sweet flowing breast;
A tree that looks to God all day and lifts her leafy arms to
pray
A tree that may in summer wear a nest of robins in her hair
Upon whose bosom snow is lain, who intimately lives with
rain.
Poems are made by fools like me but only God can make a
tree.

Joyce Kilmer

Collection of Parish Funds 10th/11th March & 17th/18th April 2021:

Offertory Collection: € 134.00

Weekly Envelopes: €1,615.00

Parish Debt on 20th April 2021: €51,354.97

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.

Reflection

The Vocation of Love:

The deepest wound of all is that which affects the heart: the feeling that one has not been loved, that one is not precious to anyone.

Many people today are wounded at the heart. Each of us can do something to heal their wounds.

We have hands that can make things, and minds that can understand things.

But above all we have hearts that can give love.

We can give life to people who are inwardly broken.

We can show them that they are important, and so bring life to them.

Today, Good Shepherd Sunday, is also Vocations Sunday.

But all vocations are vocations of love.

Wisdom: "A child is not likely to find a father in God unless he finds something of God in his father."

Humour: To be happy with a man you must understand him a lot and love him a little. To be happy with a woman you must love her a lot and not try to understand her at all!

Mass Intentions for Weekend 1st / 2nd May 2021

**Sunday 2nd May Rosbercon at 11.00 a.m.
Breda Saunders, Rosbercon**

◆ **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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