

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER, 9th May 2021

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

The Gospel of today's Mass reminds us of the commandment Christ left his disciples: 'Love one another as I have loved you.' It is God who first loves us. As we call to mind God's love for us, let us remember that our response to that love is to love one another

Theme of the Weekend Readings:

We are challenged to love and care for one another after the example of Christ.

First Reading:

Saint Peter comes to realise that all people can be baptised.

Second Reading: To love one another is to know God.

Gospel: Jesus laid down his life for us out of love.

Weekend Masses:

Saturday 16th May: 7:00 pm Mass in Rosbercon
Sunday 17th May: 9:30 am Mass in Mullinarrigle
11:00 am Mass in Rosbercon

Weekday Masses:

Rosbercon:
Wednesday & Friday: 10:00 am

All Masses will be streamed live through our webcam on www.rosberconparish.ie

Anniversaries:

John Gaule, Mullinarrigle
Mick Purcell, Kilbrahan
Michael Curran, Hoodsgrrove
Dick Gaule, Slievecorrig
Margaret Fleming, Shanbough
Thomas and Teresa Hendrick, Flower Hill, Rosbercon

The Weekly Programme of Masses for the month of May will be:

Rosbercon Church: Wednesday & Friday at 10:00 am, Saturday at 7:00 pm except the 1st Saturday of the month (from June). Sunday at 11:00 am. Listerlin Church: Sunday at 9:30 am: Tullogher Church: First Saturday of the month at 7:00 pm (beginning in June)

Following on from **Taoiseach Micheál Martin's** address on 30th April 2021, **Public Masses** will resume in Rosbercon Church on Wednesday 12th May and will continue on Friday, 14th May. Public Masses will continue in Rosbercon Church on Saturday 15th May at 7 pm and in Listerlin/Mullinarrigle on Sunday 16th May. It is very good news that next weekend we will be able to pray together and celebrate Mass and the Sacrament of Baptism. Because of a Government Directive we are not in a position to decide the dates of Confirmation or First Holy Communion.

Funerals were restricted to ten people could attend. This number is now increased to twenty-five

What preparations are needed for the resumption of Mass?

Because of the two-meter social distancing regulation, the calculated capacity of the Churches is as follows: Rosbercon: 72, (using the side aisles as separate pods) Listerlin: 72 (two galleries) Tullogher: 50.

Entering the Church: Enter the Church through the main door only. Leave the Church by the side doors and main door. Be aware of the need to keep social distancing outside the Church after Mass.

Holy Communion: People come to Communion in single file maintaining the two-metre distance. Communion will be dropped in the hand of those receiving, without hands touching. Communion will be taken in the hand only.

Church Collections: Collection Boxes will be left at the doors of the Church for your offerings.

Please Note: The challenge we face is to accommodate the people who wish to come to Mass. The numbers allowed into the Church are relatively small. We have to respect the regulations. Our first obligation is not to facilitate in any way the spread of Covid. The Sunday obligation has been lifted so Fr. Dan asks that as many as can would attend Mass on Wednesday and Friday leaving the Saturday and Sunday Masses for those who can only come on weekends.

Many thanks: Fr. Dan wishes to thank those who supported us through their prayers and special thanks to those who visited the Churches faithfully and lit candles. Thanks to those who have sent generous donations over the last months. These donations have been very important because parish and priest's income have decreased for obvious reasons. We thank God for bringing us safely through this very uncertain time.

Trocaire Boxes: We will send your Trocaire contributions to the Diocesan Office next week. We have received €1,843.00 for which we thank you most sincerely. Your generosity to the poorest of the poor is very much appreciated

Céad Míle Fáilte: We welcome into our Parish Community **Jack Patrick Rossiter**, son of Alan and Clodagh, née O'Leary, New Ross, who was baptised in Rosbercon Church on Saturday 1st May 2021. Also baptised in Rosbercon Church on Saturday 17th April, was **Ryleigh Alice Murphy**, daughter of Seán and Hayley née Flynn, Hoodsgrrove. We pray God's blessing on all the children of the Parish.

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Mass Intentions for the Saturday/Sunday 15th/16th May 2021:

Rosbercon: Saturday 15th May at 7:00 pm
Gerry Hennessy, Marshmeadows/Glensensaw

Collection of Parish Funds 24th/25th April & 1st/2nd May 2021:

Offertory Collection: € 545.00
Weekly Envelopes: €1,145.00
Parish Debt on 5th May 2021: €51,354.97

Webcam Donations as of 5th May 2021:

GoFundMe: €2,450.00
Cheques and Cash Received: €2,650.00
Total: €5,100.00

Many, many thanks for your generosity.

Rosbercon Parish Webcam and Website Fundraiser:

We thank so many who have donated so generously to the above Fundraiser. As of the 5th May 2021 we have received the following Donations: **GoFundMe:** €2,450.00; **Cheque and Cash Donations:** €2,650.00 giving us a total of: €5,100.00. Many, many thanks for your gifts. To donate please click on this link:

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

A Message from Fr Dan: May, God bless it, is a wonderful month. May, traditionally the month of the cuckoo and the swallows, the month of flowers and wildlife.

In the ancient Irish Calendar May or 'Bealtaine' is the first month of summer. May is the month of new beginnings, often celebrated in folklore and proverbs. The Celtic year was divided into two halves, darkness and light. November or 'Samhain' began the period of darkness. May or 'Bealtaine' was the beginning of the Season of Light.

We welcome the month of May, the month devoted to Our Lady. The home in Nazareth reminds us that the most important thing that people can do in a family is to mind each other. Love in the life of a family always tries to understand and when it can't, love makes allowances and when allowances aren't enough, love forgives.

Someone once remarked that we have to learn to be good fathers or good mothers or even good children. It is something that we have to work at daily. Having children doesn't make one a mother or father any more than having a piano makes one a musician!

Help us, Lord, in these times to do each day a little more than we think we can. Help us to love a little more than we think we can. Help us to forgive a little more than we think we can.

Lord be with us during this month of May. Rescue us from our anxiety about the future and from our regrets of the past. Help us to find joy in the life we have been given, even when that life is very challenging!

From the Ennis Parish Newsletter – Adapted.

Wisdom: "You can easily judge the character of a man by how he treats those who can do nothing for him."

'A Positive Live-Streaming Legacy', by Fr Bernard Cotter in the Irish Catholic, 29th April 2021:

'I predict that live-streamed Masses will be part of parish life from now on. They will keep housebound people in touch with church life. Up to this, many would not have had the necessary equipment. But now, (almost) everyone has. I predict that many funerals will continue to be live-streamed in the future, as a means of including family members who are abroad and unable to travel home in time. This may well be one of the positive legacies of these strange times.'

Reflection

Most of what I really needed to know about life I learned in Play School.

These are the things I learned:

Share everything. Play fair. Don't hit people.

Put things back where you found them.

Clean up your own mess.

Don't take things that aren't yours.

Say you're sorry when you hurt somebody.

Wash your hands before you eat.

Flush the toilet.

Warm biscuits and cold milk are good for you.

Live a balanced life...learn to think, draw, paint, sing and dance a little every day.

Also work and play a little.

Take a nap every afternoon.

When you go out into the world, watch out for traffic, hold hands and stick together.

Robert Fulghum

Humour: Husbands are the best people to share secrets with. They'll never tell anyone because they aren't listening!

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.

◆ EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Tullaghan 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

◆ 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 or call our Freephone Careline 1800 24 07 24.

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