

## ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER, 23rd May 2021

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### Pentecost Sunday

Pentecost saw the birth of a new community, the Church. This is day the apostles left the upper room, where they had been hiding for fear of the Jews, and went out fearlessly to preach the Gospel to the world. They could not have done this had they not received 'power from on high', that is, the Holy Spirit. We pray today that the Holy Spirit will come into our lives.

**Theme of the Weekend Readings:** The coming of the Holy Spirit to the world.

**First Reading:** Pentecost is described. The Spirit brings unity to all people.

**Second Reading:** The effects of self-indulgence are compared to what the Spirit brings.

**Gospel:** Jesus promises the Spirit who will bring believers to complete truth.

#### Weekend Masses:

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> May: 7.00pm Mass in Rosbercon

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> May: 9.30am Mass in Mullinarrigle

11.00am Mass in Rosbercon

#### Weekday Masses:

##### Rosbercon:

Wednesday & Friday: 10.00 a.m.

All Masses will be streamed live through our webcam on

[www.rosberconparish.ie](http://www.rosberconparish.ie)

#### Anniversaries:

Matt and Nan Flynn, School House Road

Con Ryan, School House Road

Michael Wall, Philip Wall and baby Jack Kelly, Assumption Terrace

Denis and Katty Power, Darbystown and deceased members of the Tobin and Power families

Cead Mile Failte: We welcome into our Parish Community Emma Jane Grennan, daughter of Michael and Jane, née Dempsey, Ballyreddy, who was baptised in Rosbercon Church on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

Following on from Taoiseach Micheal Martin's address on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021, Public Masses have now resumed in Rosbercon Church. It is very good news that we are now 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.

**Public Masses** have resumed in Rosbercon and Listerlin Churches. For the month of May there will be Mass each Saturday evening in Rosbercon at 7.00pm and on Sundays Mass will be celebrated in Listerlin/Mullinarrigle at 9.30am and in Rosbercon at 11.00am. From the month of June onwards the Saturday evening programme will be as follows: On the first Saturday of each month Mass will be celebrated in Tullogher at 7.00pm. On the second and fourth Saturdays of the month Mass will be celebrated in Rosbercon at 7.00pm. On the third and fifth Saturdays of the month there will be **no** Saturday evening Mass. Every Sunday of the year Mass will be celebrated in Listerlin/Mullinarrigle at 9.30am and in Rosbercon at 11.00am. Daily Mass is celebrated in Rosbercon Church on Wednesday & Friday at 10am:

**What is the capacity of the Churches of the Parish?** 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.

**Rosbercon Parish Webcam and Website Fundraiser:** We thank so many who have donated so generously to the above Fundraiser. As of the 19<sup>th</sup> May 2021 we have received the following Donations: **GoFundMe:** €3,345.00; **Cheque and Cash Donations:** €3,680.00 giving us a total of: €7,025.00. Many, many thanks for your gifts. To donate please click on this link: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/rosbercon-parish-webcam-and-website-fundraiser>

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## Mass Intentions for the Saturday/Sunday

29th / 30th May 2021:

### Sunday 30th May Listerlin:

Jim Ryan, Guilcough  
John Ryan, Guilcough  
Martin and Anna Woods, Ballymartin

### Sunday 30th May Rosbercon:

Helena Rochford, Bullawn, New Ross  
James Murphy, Glensensaw

### A Message from Fr Dan: Pentecost: The Coming of the Spirit:

This weekend's celebration of Pentecost is a beautiful feast. Scripture tells us that over two thousand years ago the Holy Spirit descended on the Apostles, accompanied by miraculous signs of mighty winds and tongues of fire. The descent of the Spirit is the final act of our salvation which God had promised. From Old Testament times there was an expectation that God would send his Spirit to his people. So, the coming of the Holy Spirit reminds us that God fulfils his promises, even if it takes time!!

The sound of the wind and the flame that accompanies the Spirit represent the creative breath of God and fire was also associated with the purifying presence of God. The wind and the fire tell us that God is about to do something 'new' or even that God is creating something new. The experience of the Spirit this weekend changes what is old and stale within us to something new.

Why does God send the Holy Spirit to us? God sent the Holy Spirit to his followers because the early Church needed God's Spirit. The first disciples were in hiding after their experience of the crucifixion of Jesus. They were terrified that what had happened to Jesus would happen to them. Only the power of the Holy Spirit would get them over their fear.

In answer to their prayer, God sent the Holy Spirit, to embolden them to go out and preach the story of Jesus and to remind the people of the love of God. Pentecost reminds us that God will fulfil his promises, even if it takes time. His presence this weekend is powerful and re-creates the old into something new as he responds to our needs today. So, let us all pray, *Veni Sancte Spiritus*, Come Holy Spirit.

**Lourdes Pilgrimage 2021:** To mark the days when our diocese would be on pilgrimage in Lourdes from 22<sup>nd</sup> to the 27<sup>th</sup> May, Bishop Denis Nulty will celebrate a Lourdes themed Mass on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 6.00pm in St. Senan's Parish Church Kilmacow. The mass will be live streamed and can be accessed through the parish of Kilmacow website

[www.Kilmacowparish.com](http://www.Kilmacowparish.com) It is proper that we should turn to Our Lady of Lourdes for help in the present circumstances, as many have done in the past and hopefully will have the opportunity to do so in the future

### Collection of Parish Funds 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> May 2021 & 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> May:

Offertory Collection:	€ 373.00
Weekly Envelopes:	€1,496.00
Parish Debt on 18 <sup>th</sup> May 2021:	€51,354.97

Sincere thanks to all who contributed so generously to the Easter Offering and to Trocaire. Our parishioners have been very generous.

### St Mary's Cathedral, Kilkenny Restoration Fund 2018/2019:

The Diocesan Draw will take place on Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> May 2021. There will be five draws held on that night, i.e. the draw for January, February, March, April and May. The first draw will start at the earlier time of 7pm.

### Reflection: An Irish Blessing:

May the road rise to meet you,  
May the wind be always at your back.  
May the sun shine warm upon your face,  
The rains fall soft upon your fields.  
May the light of friendship guide your path  
May the laughter of children grace the halls of your home.  
May the joy of living trip a smile from your lips,  
A twinkle from your eye  
And when eternity beacons  
At the end of a life heaped high with love,  
May the good Lord embrace you  
With the arms that have nurtured you  
The whole length of your joy-filled days.  
May the gracious God hold you in the palm of his hand.  
And may the Spirit of Love  
Find a dwelling in your hearts.

**Wisdom:** "Our real blessings often appear to us in the shape of pains, losses and disappointments".

**Humour:** Teacher: 'So your name is Tommy Murphy, but your mother's name is Mary O'Brien? 'Yes Mam' said Tommy. You see, she married again and I didn't'!

### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

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

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