

EASTER BLESSINGS TO ALL
ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 10th April 2022

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Passion/Palm Sunday and Holy Week

This week all over the world Christians will be celebrating the great wonder of Christ's love for us. 'Greater love than this has no man than he who lays down his life for his friends'. This is the week Christ lived out the truth of these words

Good Friday is a day of Fast and Abstinence.

Holy Week Programme 2022

Rosbercon Church

Wednesday of Holy Week—Mass 10:00 am

Holy Thursday—Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 pm

Good Friday—Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3:00 pm

Holy Saturday—Easter Vigil Mass 8:00 pm

Easter Sunday—11:00 am

Mullinarrigle Church

Holy Thursday—Mass of the Lord's Supper 8:00 pm

Easter Sunday—Mass of the Resurrection 09:30 am

Tullogher Church

Good Friday—Celebration of the Lord's Passion 8:00 pm

Holy Saturday—Easter Vigil Mass 6:00 pm

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

This weekend **Palms will be blessed** in the Churches of the parish before the weekend Masses.

Lenten Reconciliation Services: In preparation for Holy Week and Easter, Fr. Dan will hear Confessions after the weekend Masses on Saturday/Sunday this weekend.

Recent Deaths

Katie Murphy (née Doherty), Ballyfoyle, Tullogher
Loretta Dooley (née Phelan), Rosbercon Hill

Anniversaries

Mary and Jim Conway, Tinneranny
Mary Fripps, Mooncoin
Kitty Vereker, Assumption Terrace, Rosbercon
Nickey Murphy, Millbanks Grove
Jimmy, Jack, Tommy and Kitty Cashin, Rosbercon

Sincere thanks to all who took part in the **Confirmation Ceremony in Listerlin** last weekend. It was a wonderful day and a wonderful celebration. Special thanks to the Choir, readers and to those who decorated the Church. The teachers did a wonderful job in preparing the children and rehearsing the Ceremony with them. We wish the young people every happiness in their lives.

A Message from Fr Dan: Holy Week 2022: The celebration of Holy Week, the most sacred time in the Church's year, begins on Palm Sunday with the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. Jesus enters Jerusalem as its king. He is greeted with shouts of acclamation. However, Jesus entering Jerusalem as king leads to confrontation between Jesus and Jerusalem's present rulers. The result is that Jesus will be arrested, humiliated and crucified.

We remember that the people involved in the suffering and death of Jesus were people like us. The suffering of Jesus is mirrored across the world today where people are being persecuted, tortured and killed most obviously in Ukraine at this time. Nearer home when we hurt others, ignore their needs or discount their feelings, in our small way, we contribute to that suffering. There is suffering and pain in our lives too: sickness, loneliness, pain and feeling that we don't count.

Holy Week is an opportunity for us to change our lives as we celebrate the death and resurrection of Christ. We, along with our fellow human beings, are limited in so many ways. We all have our failures, our shortcomings and what was called 'sin' the old terminology. We damage our lives, make a mess of nature and conduct our affairs without any reference to God.

On the Cross Jesus took the sins of the world upon himself. He absorbed all the suffering of the world and transformed it into the wonder and beauty of the Resurrection. In this way he showed how perfect his love for us was. His death on the cross gives us new life. We pray to experience that life and to try to imitate Christ's love and his trust. The saving mysteries that took place during Holy Week two thousand years ago, 'for us and for our salvation', convince us of Jesus' love for us. We respond to that love by continuing to persevere in faith and hope.

The Presence of God

"Yet sometimes when the sun comes through a gap,
These men see God the Father in a tree.
The Holy Spirit is the rising sap,
And Christ will be the green leaves that will come
At Easter from the sealed and guarded tomb".

Patrick Kavanagh, The Great Hunger

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Mass Intentions for the Saturday/Sunday, 16th/17th April 2022

Rosbercon: Sunday 17th April at 11:00 am

Neddy and Jack Phelan, Shanbogh

Collection of Parish Funds 26th/27th March & 3rd/4th April 2022

Offertory Collection: € 772.00

Weekly Envelopes: € 1,144.00

Parish Debt on 6th April 2022: € 35,101.23

St Mary's Cathedral, Kilkenny Restoration Fund 2021/2022:

The Diocesan Draw for March took place last Wednesday 30th March 2022. Please check the Church Noticeboards for the results of the draw.

The Lent and Easter Offering Envelopes, are due to be returned on Easter Sunday.

Please note that the **Trocaire Boxes or Envelopes** should be returned to the Church on the week after Easter. We ask that you continue to be generous to the poor of the world.

Church Collection for Ukraine: A Nationwide Church Collection for the people of Ukraine was taken up over the weekend of Sunday 27th March 2022. A total of € 1,350.00 was collected in our parish. This collection will be used to provide food, transport and shelter for all those fleeing from the war in the Ukraine. We thank all who donated so generously.

Reflection

The quality of mercy is not strain'd;
It is dropped as the gentle rain from heaven upon the place beneath.

It is twice blessed;

It blesseth him that gives and him that takes.

'Tis mightiest in the mighty;

It becomes the throned monarch better than his crown.

It is enshrined in the hearts of kings.

It is an attitude of God himself.

And earthly power doth then show likest God's
when mercy seasons justice.

Therefore, though justice be thy plea, consider this-

that in the course of justice

none of us shall see salvation.

We do pray for mercy,

and the same prayer doth teach us all

to render the seeds of mercy

(William Shakespeare)

Wisdom: The ultimate tragedy is not the brutality of bad people but the silence of good people

Humour: A woman is like a tea bag: only in hot water do you realise how strong she is!

The Diocesan Designated Liaison Person is Ms Kathleen Sherry 085-8021633 dlp@ossory.ie and the **Assistant Designated Liaison Person** is Mr. Cathal Cullen 087-1000232 ddlp@ossory.ie or Ms. Rose Brophy 087-3314330 ddlp@ossory.ie Should you be concerned that a child / young person may be at risk of abuse within a Church-run organisation or group, you are encouraged to report your concern to Kathleen, Cathal or Rose.

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**

Tullagher Rosbercon CE Scheme has an opening for a job opportunity in the New Houghton Hospital for a Caretaker/ Groundskeeper. For more information please contact 086-3642592 or via email: rosberconparish@gmail.com.

Department of Social Protection, Community Employment Terms and Conditions Apply. See (<http://www.welfare.ie>)

◆ **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

Rosbercon Community Employment Scheme has the following vacancy for a Environmental Worker in the Rosbercon Parish. For further information please contact: 051-425093 or 086-3642592. Email: rosberconparish@gmail.com. **Department of Social Protection, Community Employment Terms and Conditions Apply.** See (<http://www.welfare.ie>)

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Rosbercon Community Employment Scheme has the following vacancy for a Shop Assistant in St. Vincent De Paul. For further information please contact: 051-425093 or 086-3642592. Email: rosberconparish@gmail.com. **Department of Social Protection, Community Employment Terms and Conditions Apply.** See (<http://www.welfare.ie>)

◆ **NUTTY SCIENTIST'S POP-UP DAY**

We are in New Ross with the first of our Saturday Science Clubs on Saturday April the 23rd. Running from 10-12 noon, we are in Tullagher Rosbercon Parish Hall and Sports Centre, Rosbercon, New Ross. The children will have an amazing time as we have exciting experiments to run and fun to be had. Admission is € 20.00 and suitable for 5-12 year olds and children of all abilities.

◆ **LA LECHE LEAGUE KILKENNY**

For breast-feeding information or support contact a local Leader Monica 086—8555159

Linda 087—6474132

Kay 087—2747876

Joy 086—1073609

Find us on Facebook—www.lalecheleagueireland.com

◆ **SHEEP DOG PUPS FOR SALE**

Sheep dog pups for sale, perfect for a family pet or a working dog. For more information please contact 087-6699275.

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