

## EASTER BLESSINGS TO ALL

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 24th April 2022

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### Second Sunday of Easter

Like the apostle Thomas, from time to time we all doubt. We should not hide our questions. We must do what Thomas did – bring those doubts to the Lord. And our risen Lord will say to us what he said to Thomas: 'Cease doubting and believe.'

#### Theme of the Weekend Readings

To day we give thanks for the presence of the living Lord amongst us.

#### First Reading

The Acts of the Apostles tells of the courage of the first disciples and of their healing ministry.

#### Second Reading

John is told to write a message, one that has meaning for the Church until the end of time.

#### Gospel

Jesus appears to his disciples on the evening of his Resurrection.

#### Weekend Masses

Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	No Mass
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	9:30 am Mass in Mullinarrigle 11:00 am Mass in Rosbercon

#### Weekday Masses

##### Rosbercon

Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	10:00 am
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	10:00 am

All Masses from Rosbercon Church will be streamed live through our webcam on [www.rosberconparish.ie](http://www.rosberconparish.ie)

#### Recent Deaths

Niall Coughlan, Shanbough, Rosbercon  
Kathleen (Kitty) Power, Shanbough

#### Anniversaries

Anne Ryan, Listerlin  
Micéal Kavanagh, New Ross and Inistioige—Months Mind  
Brendan Connick, Glenmore

We welcome into our Christian Community **Alice Johanna Walsh**, daughter of Richard and Eilish, née Ahearne, Glenballyvalley, who was baptised in Tullogher Church on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

**The First Eucharist Ceremony** takes place in Rosbercon Church on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May at 11:00 am. There will be a Mass of Preparation for children and parents on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May at 7:30 pm.

**The First Eucharist Ceremony** takes place in Mullinarrigle Church on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May at 11:00 am. There will be a Mass of Preparation for children and parents on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May at 7:30 pm.

**A Message from Fr Dan: 'Love One Another':** How do we know if we are true followers of Jesus? The real test is, do we love and care for one another? Love is the mark of the follower of Jesus. Love reaches out to others in understanding and compassion, in care and affirmation, in listening and service. The love that is in my heart influences how I treat people every day.

Love is the atmosphere we live in as followers of Jesus. How we care for one another and for our community will decide the quality of our prayer and worship. Those who love God will want to pray and prayer in turn will help us to be loving. When we think of those close to us, we want all to be well for them and we want them to have peace in their hearts and lives. We want them to have the best possible life they can.

A way of growing in love is to be grateful for what we already have. There are so many people who give to us in so many ways every day. People we work with, people we meet socially, people we play games with and people who serve the community all give to us. A short prayer at night to thank God for them is a lovely idea.

The world that we live in is full of very good and very loving people. But there is coldness and evil in our world also. People are constantly being hurt, abused and used. Part of loving is to care for people who are hurting and bring them healing. This is best achieved in ordinary ways by a helping hand. Also love has the power to transform even the most self-centred and cold heart. Jesus spoke lovingly to many and changed their lives. We can do the same. As Pope Francis said in a talk in January 2014, 'The one who loves, gives to God and to others'

*From the Ennis Parish Newsletter*

**This Beautiful Place:** Summer is near and bright days are ahead. But our world is in danger not only from violence and climate change but because of the loss of many species. We are learning to cherish and appreciate our world. We need to preserve our green spaces, control our use of chemicals and keep our hedgerows litter free. We welcome the summer and celebrate the sun shining down, bringing the seed to life in the clay, and the plants growing. Nature provides everything we need, food to eat, healthy air, and all the wonder of the great outdoors. Lord, help us to appreciate our own place.

#### Prayer for the Churches of our Parish

Lord, bless the churches of our parish, Rosbercon, Tullogher and Listerlin—Mullinarrigle. 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'.

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**ALL IRELAND VINTAGE SHOW OFFICIAL OPENING BY ANNA MAY MC HUGH  
SUNDAY 24th APRIL**

## Collection of Parish Funds 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> April 2022

Offertory Collection	€ 2,046.00
Weekly Envelopes	€ 1,399.00
Parish Debt on 20 <sup>th</sup> April 2022	€ 35,101.23

**Trocaire Boxes and Envelopes:** We hope to send your Trocaire contributions to the Diocesan Office in early May. If you have 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.

Sincere thanks to all who contributed so generously to the **Easter Offering and to Trocaire**. Outstanding envelopes and boxes may be handed in at the weekend Masses or to the Parish Office.

### Reflection: I am the Great Sun

From a Normandy Crucifix of 1652

I am the great sun, but you do not see me,  
I am your husband, but you turn away.  
I am the captive, but you do not free me,  
I am the captain but you will not obey.  
I am the truth, but you will not believe me,  
I am the city where you will not stay.  
I am your wife, your child, but you will leave me,  
I am that God to whom you will not pray.  
I am your counsel, but you will not hear me,  
I am your lover whom you will betray.  
I am the victor but you will not cheer me  
I am the holy dove whom you will slay.  
I am your life, but if you will not name me,  
Seal up your soul with tears, and never blame me.

*Charles Causley*

**Wisdom:** "Anger is a brick. We have a choice of throwing it at the other person or setting it down between us as the first cornerstone of a good relationship."

**Humour:** The elderly priest was surprised when he arrived in heaven to discover that a New York cab driver had been awarded a higher place than he. 'I don't understand' he complained to God. 'I devoted my entire life to the Church.' 'Our policy here is to reward results' God explained. 'Now did your parishioners listen attentively when you preached a homily?' 'Well,' the priest had to admit, 'some people did fall asleep from time to time.' 'Exactly' said God. 'And when people rode in this man's taxi, they not only stayed awake, they prayed as if their lives depended on it.'

**To make you Smile:** God grant me the serenity to forget those I never liked anyway, the good fortune to remember those I did and the eyesight to tell the difference.

*Terry Wogan*

### Easter Joy

Jesus came on earth to show us how to live,  
How to put others first, how to love and how to give  
So we live our lives for Jesus, think of him in all we do,  
Thank you, Risen Saviour, thank you. Help us to love like you!

**Remembrance Ceremony for Bereaved Families:** St. Luke's Hospital will be holding its annual remembrance ceremony for families who have been bereaved by the death of their child through miscarriage, still-birth, in early infancy or childhood years. This ceremony will take place on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April, in St Fiacre's Church, Loughboy, Kilkenny at 7:30 pm. While we issue a special invitation to families who have been bereaved during the past year, this ceremony is for all families who have been bereaved, regardless of how long ago. Refreshments will be available for everyone afterwards in the parish centre adjacent to St. Fiacre's Church.

**The Diocesan Designated Liaison Person** is Ms. Kathleen Sherry 085-8021633 [dip@ossory.ie](mailto:dip@ossory.ie) and the **Assistant Designated Liaison Person** is Mr. Cathal Cullen 087-1000232 [ddlp@ossory.ie](mailto:ddlp@ossory.ie) or Ms. Rose Brophy 087-3314330 [ddlp@ossory.ie](mailto: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.

### ◆ ALL IRELAND VINTAGE AND CLASSIC SHOW

Tullagher Rosbercon Vintage Classic Club will hold the All Ireland Vintage Show on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at 12 noon at Rosbercon Parish Centre, via New Ross Co. Kilkenny. **SPECIAL GUEST ON THE DAY ANNA MAY MC HUGH**. Welcoming all types of Vintage vehicles from bikes to lorries and everything in between. There is a large range of activities for a great family day out including; hurling skills, rugby skills, dog show, fun fair, children's races and many more. All welcome to a great day of family fun.

### ◆ EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Rosbercon Community Employment Scheme has the following vacancies:

1. Lake Attendant in Oakland Fishing Lake, New Ross
  2. Caretaker/Groundskeeper in the New Houghton Hospital
- For further information please contact: 051-425093 or 086-3642592. Email: [rosberconparish@gmail.com](mailto:rosberconparish@gmail.com). **Department of Social Protection, Community Employment Terms and Conditions Apply.** See (<http://www.welfare.ie>)

### ◆ 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](http://www.lalecheleagueireland.com)

### ◆ DARKNESS INTO LIGHT WALK

Inistioge will host a 'Darkness into Light' walk on Saturday May 7<sup>th</sup> 2022. Each year the walk provides an opportunity for people to connect with their local community and to bring hope to people who have been impacted by suicide. In 2022, we are delighted to be welcoming back our in-person walk to Inistioge. Please join us. Register at [darknessintolight.ie](http://darknessintolight.ie)

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