

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 3rd April 2022

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Fifth Sunday of Lent

In today's Gospel we hear again the immortal words of Jesus in relation to the woman caught in adultery: 'Let the one who is without sin cast the first stone.' As we call to mind our failings, we might remember especially the harsh and unfair judgments we sometimes pass on others.

Theme of the Weekend Readings

This weekend we begin to think seriously about the upcoming Holy Week and Easter Ceremonies.

First Reading

We are called upon to let go of the past and to start life afresh.

Second Reading

Saint Paul urges us to persevere in our search for the prize of knowing Christ.

Gospel

Jesus becomes the protector of the woman taken in adultery.

Weekend Masses

Saturday 9 th April	7:00 pm Mass in Rosbercon
Palm Sunday 10 th April	9:30 am Mass in Mullinarrigle 11:00 am Mass in Rosbercon

Weekday Masses

Rosbercon

Wednesday 6 th April	10:00 am
Friday 8 th April	10:00 am

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

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

Next weekend we are celebrating **Passion/Palm Sunday**. Palm will be blessed in the Churches of the parish before the weekend Masses.

Anniversaries

John Barron, Browsford
Martin Nolan, Shanbogh
Moses Murphy, Assumption Terrace
Nora Dwyer

We are all looking forward to the **Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation in St. David's Church, Mullinarrigle this Saturday, 2nd April, 2022 at 11:00 am.**

Sincere thanks to all who took part in the **Confirmation Ceremony in Rosbercon** 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.

Lenten Reconciliation Services: Fr Dan will hear Confessions for Lent this weekend after weekend Masses.

Lenten Station and Easter Offering Envelopes together with Trocaire Boxes have been distributed to the homes of the Parish this week. Please return Lenten Station Envelopes at your convenience. The Trocaire Boxes should be returned to the Church on Holy Thursday.

A Message from Fr Dan: Holy Week 2022: This has been a Lent overshadowed by the Russian invasion of Ukraine and the nightly reports of new and more terrible atrocities and suffering. On the first Holy Week, Jesus experienced all the horrors of life, culminating in his crucifixion and death. The waving palm branches, the joy and the Hosannas of Palm Sunday became the pain, the torture and the crucifixion of Good Friday.

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. We remember that the people involved in the first Holy Week were people like us. The suffering of Jesus is mirrored across the world today when people are degraded, persecuted or deprived of their freedom. Nearer home when we hurt or disappoint others, when we fail to live up to our responsibilities, in our small way, we contribute to the suffering of the world.

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 guilty of failure, shortcomings and what was called 'sin' in the old terminology. As a race we are destroying the planet that sustains us and worldly affairs are conducted 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 was. His death on the cross gives us new life. We pray to experience that life and to imitate Christ's love and his trust in God our Father. 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.

Prayer for those Away from Home

Loving God, we pray for those whom we love,
But who are absent from us.

Keep them safe from all harm, stress and danger.

Bless them with peace, laughter, wisdom, love and joy.

Grant that we may be reunited in the fullness of love;

In Christ's name we pray.

Amen

A True Christian: 'In reality, there has been only one Christian, and he died on the cross'.

Frederick Nietzsche, German Philosopher (1844-1900)

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.

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Mass Intentions for the Saturday/Sunday, 9th/10th April 2022

Rosbercon: Sunday 10th April at 11:00 am

Katty Vereker, Assumption Terrace

Nickey Murphy, Millbanks Grove

Jimmy, Jack, Tommy and Kitty Cashin, Rosbercon

Prayer

Pray for my soul. More things are wrought by prayer,
Than this world dreams of.

Wherefore let thy force

Rise like a fountain for me night and day.

For what are men better than sheep or goats

That nourish a blind life within the brain,

If knowing God, they lift not their hands in prayer.

Both for themselves and those who call them friend?

For so the whole round earth is every way

Bound by gold chains about the feet of God.

Alfred Lord Tennyson

Communion Reflection

I Arise Today, through the strength in the sky:

Light of the sun, moon's reflection, dazzle of fire

Speed of lightning, wild wind, deep sea

Firm earth, hard rock.

I arise today, with God's strength to pilot me

God's might to uphold me, God's wisdom to guide me

God's eye to look ahead for me, God's ear to hear me

God's word to speak to me, God's hand to defend me

God's way to lie before me, God's shield to protect me

God's hand to safeguard me

John O'Donohoe

To Make you smile: A traveller asked a holy man if he could share his tent for the night. The holy man invited him in and asked the man to pray with him. The traveller refused, saying he was an atheist. The holy man showed him the door. That night the holy man asked God if he had done the right thing. God replied, 'No, you did not. I have put up with that atheist for 70 years and you could not put up with him for one night!'

Wisdom: Sometimes the smallest step in the right direction ends up being the biggest step of your life. Tip toe if you must but take that step.

Humour: There are only two days in the year that nothing can be done. One is called yesterday and the other is called tomorrow. So, today is the right day to live, love, believe, and do.

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.

◆ ROSBERCON CHAPTER—ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

We have been informed in recent days to expect a number of Ukrainian refugees to be accommodated in private and local apartments in the general area of New Ross and Rosbercon. To this affect we in our Rosbercon Chapter will be readily available to make those arriving and residing in our Parish both welcome and assisted to the best of our ability. The residents of our Parish have always been very kind in assisting those in times of need. Chapter Committee, Richard McElwee, Mary B Conway, Seamus Waters, Brid Vereker, Margaret Saunders and Catherine Cottrell—helpline 087-7140112.

◆ 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

◆ 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.

◆ TULLOGHER ROSBERCON GAA DEVELOPMENT DRAW

Tullagher Rosbercon development draw took place on Tuesday 29th March 2022.

1st—John Kennedy, Glenpipe

2nd—Eamonn Bookle, Mullinakill

3rd—Liz McGovern

4th—Bill Cassin, Listerlin

5th—Mary Mulligan, Glenballyvalley

6th—John and Georgina Murphy, Brownsford

7th—Michael Bookle, Mullinakill

The next draw will take place on Tuesday 26th April at 8:30 pm.

◆ 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

◆ CLIMB WITH CHARLIE

Calling all walkers to join Wexford Walking Trail on April 2nd and go that extra mile for a 'Climb With Charlie' walk along the scenic route from Killealy Village to the summit of Knockroe Hill in the Blackstairs Mountains. This challenging walk is open from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm and will start in Killealy Village. We will walk with Charlie Bird in spirit every step of the way, to the summit of Knockroe Hill to raise valuable funds in aid of two very deserving charities - the Irish Motor Neurone Disease Association and Pieta House. It will be a privilege for us to walk together with Charlie in our hearts, to highlight the challenges people must overcome in their daily lives because of serious illness. For tickets follow the link; <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/wexford-walking-trail-climb-with-charlie-tickets>.

Walk Details:

Start and Finish: Killealy Community Centre

Time: The walk is open from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Parking: Killealy Village

Registration: Please register online before the walk

Route: Via Cullentra Trail to Scullogue Gap, up to Shannon's Lane and onwards to the summit

Distance Option 1: 16.4km return walk;

Distance Option 2: 8km return walk; A bus will be available to bring participants from Killealy to Shannon's Lane and back to Killealy after the walk

Grade: Strenuous - a good level of fitness is required for this challenge

Please note: This walk is not suitable for buggies

Duration: 2.5 hours to the hilltop for average walkers. Estimated walk time 4/5 hours for Option 1 and 2 hours for Option 2

Ascent: 400m above Killealy Village

Ground Conditions: Rocky path, mountain track, forest road, bogland.

On the Day: Walk at your own pace and the distance to suit your fitness level. Take your time and admire the amazing views.

For more information on the "Climb with Charlie", please follow the link. **Enjoy the challenge!**

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