

## ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 15th May 2022

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### Fifth Sunday of Easter

'Love one another as I have loved you.' Of all the commandments Christ gave us, this is the most wonderful. It includes all the others. The only failure in the life of a Christian is the failure to love. Let us think about the people whom we find difficult to take into our hearts and ask the Lord to help us to be more loving towards them.

#### Theme of the Weekend Readings

We continue to reflect on the resurrection of Jesus.

#### First Reading

Paul and Barnabas, complete their missionary journey, encouraging their converts to persevere.

#### Second Reading

St. John's vision of the New Jerusalem, where there will be no more sadness or mourning.

#### Gospel

Jesus instructs his followers to love one another.

#### Weekend Masses

Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	No Mass
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	9:30 am Mass in Mullinarrigle 11:00 am Mass in Rosbercon

#### Weekday Masses

##### Rosbercon:

Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	10:00 am
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	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

Sister Mary Deasy, Holy Faith, Rosbercon and Dublin

#### Anniversaries

Niall Coughlan, Mullinavat and Shanbogh—**Months Mind**

Loretta Dooley, Rosbercon—**Months Mind**

Katie Murphy, Ballyfoyle—**Months Mind**

Thomas and Teresa Hendrick, Flower Hill

Jerry Hennessy, Marshmeadows, Glensensaw

Stephen and Josephine O'Connor, Rosbercon Hill

Katie Murphy, Ballyfoyle—**Months Mind**

Michael Curran, Hoods Grove

Nick O'Brien, School House Road

John and Stella Keilthy, Raheen, Rosbercon

Thomas, Frankie and Maise O'Neill, Charleton Hill

Patrick and Anna Roche, Ballyknock and New Ross

Eily Rockett, Slieverue

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will resume** next Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May. Please join us in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel from 10:00 am to 12 pm. All are welcome to attend.

**To make you Smile:** 'Today I finished that Chapel I've been painting. The pope is quite pleased'. Michelangelo (1475-1564)

Many thanks to all who took part in the in **the Holy Communion Ceremonies** in Rosbercon last weekend; Special thanks to the Teachers, Choir, Readers and to those who decorated the Church. We wish all the children happiness in their lives.

**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; Priests:** Last weekend we celebrated Vocation Sunday. The gospel reminded that Jesus saw himself at the 'Good Shepherd'. The Good Shepherd is a very powerful image of the personal love and care that Jesus has for each person. Faith is central to the friendship between Jesus the Good Shepherd, and the members of his flock. Last weekend we prayed for vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life. It was Jesus who said, "The harvest is great but the laborers are few. Pray that the Lord of the harvest will send laborers into his harvest".

There are certain men whom God has chosen and who have chosen God and they are priests. We need the love and service of our priests. We need priests to teach us the good news of our salvation; We need priests to remind us to be grateful for our salvation. We need them to teach us God's message. We need priests in our families, in our work and to help us to find meaning in our lives. We need priests to call us to pray and to guide us to worship our Father. We need priests to celebrate Mass and to give us the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We need priests to help us to value the Mass and to be in communion with God and with each other. We need priests to lead us not only by what they say and do, but also by the example of their lives.

Priests bear witness to what is unique in the world, the love of God and Jesus Christ for each one of us. The faith of priests, their concern and care give us an inkling of God's love and care. Lord, help us to have an intelligent appreciation and a sincere respect for all priests, especially the priests whose job it is to care for the people of our diocese. Help us always to appreciate them and to pray for them.

**Blessed Edmund Ignatius Rice:** On Thursday last the 5<sup>th</sup> May 2022, we celebrated the feast of Blessed Edmund Rice. Edmund was born in Callan, Co Kilkenny on the 1<sup>st</sup> June, 1762. His people were farmers and he had seven brothers and two step sisters. As a young man, Edmund was apprenticed to his uncle who had a business in Waterford. Edmund was shocked by the poverty he saw in the city and did what he could to help those who were suffering. After the death of his wife at a young age, Edmund sold his business and devoted the rest of his life to helping the poor through education. He opened his first school in Waterford in 1802 and went on to found both the Christian Brother and the Presentation Brothers. The contribution of these brothers to education in Ireland and across the world is immense and continues today. We give thanks for the presence of the brothers, who through their prayer, care of the poor and promotion of education give such wonderful witness to the power of the Risen Christ.

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**Mass Intentions for the Saturday/Sunday  
21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> May 2022**

**Rosbercon:** Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 11:00 am  
Matt and Nan Flynn, School House Road  
Con Ryan, School House Road  
Philip Wall, Rosbercon

**Dates for your Diary**

**Cemetery Masses in Rosbercon Parish, 2022**

Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Ballyneale Cemetery
Tuesday, 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Shanbogh Cemetery
Friday, 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Rosbercon New Cemetery
Tuesday, 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Listerlin Old Cemetery
Friday, 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Mullinarrigle Cemetery
Tuesday, 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Rosbercon Old Cemetery

**All Masses at 8:00 pm**

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> August St. Moling's Well

**This Mass will be celebrated at 2:00 pm.**

Sincere thanks to all who contributed so generously to the **Easter Offerings**. Outstanding envelopes and boxes may be handed in at the weekend Masses.

**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.

**Uniting for Ukraine:** Sincere thanks to all who contributed so generously to the recent Special Collection for Ukraine. Nationally, this collection has raised to date over € 3.25 million. The war in Ukraine and the terrible suffering that has resulted, have seen a tremendous outpouring of compassion and generosity from our Parish communities. Your contributions will bring much-needed relief to those in the region whose lives and livelihoods have been devastated. The funds raised will be used by the international Catholic Church Agency, Caritas Internationalis, which is currently operating on the ground in Ukraine and its surrounding areas. We continue to keep the people of Ukraine in our thoughts, praying for peace and an end to this appalling humanitarian crisis.

**To make you Smile:** Father: 'Son, you hate me.' Son: 'Father, I love you.' Mother: 'Don't contradict your father.'

**Wisdom:** "Though character may be shown in the big moments, it is in the small moments that it is made"

**Humour:** The priest was visiting the school and asked the class 'With what weapon did David slay the Philistines.' Up came one small hand 'Please, Father, 'twas the axe of the Apostles.'

**Reflection**

**Going Home**

Going to Heaven! I don't know when,

Pray do not ask me how.

Going to Heaven! How dim it sounds!

And yet it will be done, as sure as the flocks go home at night

Unto the shepherd's arm.

If you should get there first, save just a little place for me

Close to the two I lost.

The smallest 'robe' will fit me, And just a bit of a 'crown';

For you know we do not mind our dress

When we are going home.

*Emily Dickenson*

**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.

**The Diocesan Designated Liaison Person** is Ms. Kathleen Sherry 085-8021633 [dlp@ossory.ie](mailto:dlp@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.

The April issue of the **Ossory Times Magazine** is available this week. Please feel free to take a copy from the back of the Churches.

◆ **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

Rosbercon Community Employment Scheme has the following vacancy

1. Office Administrator in the New Ross Parish Office
2. Environmental Worker in the Rosbercon Parish

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>)

◆ **SOUTH KILKENNY HISTORICAL SOCIETY COACH TRIP**

The South Historical Society has organised a coach trip to visit Soloheadbeg, Kilfeacle and Dan Breen's homestead on Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> May. The cost of the trip for members is € 60.00 (€65.00 for non-members) which includes coach hire, guides and evening meal in Cahir House Hotel. The coach will depart from Mullinavat at 8:00 am, returning at approximately 9:00 pm. Please contact Brigid Barron (087-9507295, [brigidbarron@hotmail.com](mailto:brigidbarron@hotmail.com)) or Mary Ryan (086-3790655, [maryearyan@gmail.com](mailto:maryearyan@gmail.com)) for more details and bookings.

◆ **KNOCK SHRINE TRIP**

There will be a one day coach trip to Knock Shrine on Sunday July 3<sup>rd</sup> for the Ferns Diocesan Day Pick-up Points Wellingtonbridge, Ramsgrange, Campile, and New Ross. Fare € 65.00 including two meals contact details Nicholas Bowe phone mobile 087 - 9418661.

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