

EASTER BLESSINGS TO ALL

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Third Sunday of Easter

In spite of the fact that he denied him, Jesus did not write off Peter, but confirmed him as chief shepherd of his flock. Jesus doesn't write us off when we fail. He gives us a chance to cancel out our failures by love.

Theme of the Weekend Readings

Two weeks into the Easter Season we joyfully continue to worship God who raised Jesus, Our Saviour from the dead.

First Reading

Peter and the Apostles are reprimanded for teaching about Jesus.

Second Reading

St. John describes his vision of Heaven.

Gospel

Jesus' third appearance to his followers is described.

Weekend Masses

Saturday 7 th May	7:00 pm Mass in Tullogher
Sunday 8 th May	9:30 am Mass in Mullinarrigle 11:00 am Mass in Rosbercon

Weekday Masses

Rosbercon

Wednesday 4 th May	10:00 am
Friday 6 th May	10:00 am

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

Recent Deaths

Bernard McMahon, Ratoath, Co. Meath
Mark D. Flood, Mount Elliot, New Ross

Anniversaries

Paddy and Breda Saunders, School House Road, Rosbercon

We wish every blessing to **Sarah Hennessy, Ballykenna** and to **Patrick Murtagh, Benburb, Co. Armagh**, who were married in St. Aidan's Church, Tullogher on Friday 22nd April 2022. We pray that Our Lord will bless their marriage and grant them happiness.

We also wish every blessing to **Mairead Barron, Curraghlane and Niall Butler, Co. Dublin**, who were married in St. David's Church, Listerlin on Saturday 23rd April 2022. May they enjoy a long and rewarding married life.

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

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

A Message from Fr. Dan: Wisdom: When God asked the young King Solomon, 'What would you like me to give you?' Solomon answered, 'give me a wise and understanding heart'. And God we're told, was pleased with Solomon's request and the fact that he hadn't asked for wealth or power and God promised him 'a heart wise and shrewd as none before you had and as none will have after you'.

The wisdom offered to Solomon is the pearl of great price and is the first gift of the Holy Spirit. Imagine God asking you the same question, what would you choose? How do you want your life to be measured? Many people long for possessions, money, property. Many dream of a good position in life, with power and influence. The question is what kind of person am I?

The world measures greatness by power, prestige and property. For God wisdom and understanding are the true measure of greatness. We all know the kind of person we would like to be friends with, one with an understanding heart. Love and laughter, kindness and consideration are worth everything and in the end are the only things of lasting value.

May: Today is the third Sunday after Easter. We have entered the wonderful marry month of May. Be with us, Lord, during this wonderful season of late Spring and early summer. Jesus is risen from the dead and we are filled with joy. Our Saviour is among us assuring us that our salvation has come. God's mercy and forgiveness are there for all. Let us come before God with confidence and pray that he will inspire us each day to live our lives to the full. We remember to pray at this time for the suffering people of the Ukraine that they may soon find peace.

One Day Soon

One day soon people will touch and talk, perhaps easily,
And loving will be natural as breathing, and warm as sunlight;
And people will untie themselves as string is unknotted,
Unfold and yawn and stretch and spread their fingers.
And work will be simple and swift as a seagull flying,
And play will be as casual and quiet as a seagull settling;
And the clocks will stop and no one will care or notice,
And people will smile without reason, even in winter.

A.S.J. Tessimond (Adapted)

To make you Smile: On one occasion a minister was preaching about sin. He shouted, 'For those who die in a state of sin, there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' A woman stood up and protested, 'But minister, I have no teeth'. To which the minister replied, 'Teeth will be provided!'.

A hen is an egg's way of making another egg!

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Mass Intentions for the Saturday/Sunday, 7th/8th May 2022

Tullagher: Saturday 7th May 2022 at 07:00 pm
Katie Murphy, Ballyfoyle—Months Mind
Michael Rigby, Ballyconnaught—Months Mind

Rosbercon: Sunday 8th May at 11:00 am
Mick Purcell, Kilbrahan
Dick Gaule, Silevecorragh

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.

Trocaire Boxes and Envelopes: We thank you for your generosity to Trócaire. The hardest part of the Trócaire appeal is to get the boxes or envelopes returned in time. If you see a Trócaire box in a 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.

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.

Reflection: Jesus: Life's Companion

All through life's day, you walk with us, Lord.
But often we don't recognise you,
for we are preoccupied by work and worry,
Anxiety, confusion and just being busy.
And so Jesus remains a stranger to us.
Before this day's end we will ask many questions,
Experience many joys and disappointments.
And then, suddenly, whether we are young, middle-aged or old,
We will find that night is approaching.
In that moment we pray,
that, like the disciples on the road to Emmaus,
Our eyes will be opened, and that we will recognise Jesus.
For Jesus makes the journey of life with us.
And Jesus will not vanish from our sight,
But stay with us to guide us to the end of the day.

Wisdom – Hold fast to dreams, for if dreams die,
Life is a broken-winged bird that cannot fly;
Hold fast to dreams, for when dreams go,
Life is a barren field, frozen with snow

Humour: When asked why she always bowed her head when Satan was mentioned, the old woman replied 'It costs nothing to be polite.'

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 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.

Easter Wishes: Fr. Dan thanks all parishioners for the many wonderful ways that we journey together throughout the year. He thanks those who have continued to be so generous to our parish and to him over so many years. May we continue to pray for each other and support each other at this very challenging time.

◆ 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. **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

◆ DARKNESS INTO LIGHT WALK

Inistioge will host a 'Darkness into Light' walk on Saturday May 7th 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

◆ CHILDMINDER AVAILABLE

Childminder available locally, garda vetted and full drivers licence. Please phone 087-3169966.

◆ TULLOGHER ROSBERCON DEVELOPMENT DRAW

Tullagher Rosbercon Development Draw was held on the 26th April 2022. The winners are:
1st—Maurice Aylward, Shanbogh
2nd—Richard Murphy, Tinaree
3rd—Seamus Murphy, Tinaree
4th—Gerry and Bernie Arthurs, Glenpipe
5th—Pat Meaney, Ballyreddy
6th—Jason Murphy, Slievecorrig
7th—Nicholas Dollard, Smithstown
The next draw will take place on Tuesday 31st May 2022 at 08:30 pm.

◆ KILKENNY AGE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY GATHERINGS

Kilkenny Age Friendly Older Peoples Council would like to hear from you. "It is important that we hear the voice of all older people throughout the county and to ensure that we are doing so we are holding a number of Age Friendly Community Gatherings where we invite older people to come along and let us know what they see as the issues that are relevant and important to them". These Community Gatherings will be run at the following locations and dates:

Urlingford FRC	6th May 2022
Ferrybank Community Centre:	20th May 2022
Castlecomer Community Hall:	15th June 2022
Mullinavat Community Centre:	30th June 2022
Graiguenamanagh Hub:	July 2022 tbc

Please come along and bring some friends. It will start with registration Tea/Coffee at 9:15 am and finishing at 12:30/1:00 pm. For more information please text 087-6210589 or email agefriendlycounty@gmail.com .

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