

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 8th May 2022

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

In today's Gospel Jesus, the Good Shepherd says to us 'I know my sheep. They listen to my voice and follow me.' Let us reflect for a moment on our response to the love and care of Jesus, the Good Shepherd.

Theme of the Weekend Readings

At Mass we gather round Christ, the Good Shepherd, who cares for each one of us personally.

First Reading

Paul and Barnabas, on their first missionary journey, are accepted by the pagans but resisted by the Jews.

Second Reading

St. John's vision of people persecuted for their faith, being rewarded in Heaven.

Gospel

People listen to the voice of Jesus, the Good Shepherd.

Weekend Masses

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| Saturday 14 th May | 7:00 pm Mass in Rosbercon |
| Sunday 15 th May | 9:30 am Mass in Mullinarrigue |
| | 11:00 am Mass in Rosbercon |

Weekday Masses

Rosbercon

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| Wednesday 11 th May | 10:00 am |
| Friday 13 th May | 10:00 am |

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

Anniversaries

Michael Rigby, Ballyconnaught—Months Mind
Mick Purcell, Kilbrahan
Dick Gaule, Silevecorragh
Denis and Katty Power, Darbystown
Margaret Fleming, Shanbogh
James, Hanora and Margaret Rigby, Ballyconnaught
John Gaule, Listerlin, Tullogher

We welcome into our Christian Community **Philip John Davey**, son of John and Bridget, née Walsh, Cluain Fada, who was baptised in Rosbercon Church on Friday 29th April 2022.

We also welcome into our Christian Community **Ollie David Hartley**, son of David and Claire, née Forristal, Finchogue, who was baptised in Rosbercon Church on Saturday 30th April 2022.

The First Eucharist Ceremony takes place in Mullinarrigue 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.

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.

A Message from Fr. Dan: May, God bless it, is a wonderful month. May, traditionally the month of the cuckoo and the swallows, the month of flowers and wildlife. In the ancient Irish Calendar May or 'Bealtaine' is the first month of summer. May is the month of new beginnings, often celebrated in folklore and proverbs. The Celtic year was divided into two halves, darkness and light. November or 'Samhain' began the period of darkness. May or 'Bealtaine' was the beginning of the Season of Light.

We welcome the month of May, the month devoted to Our Lady. The home in Nazareth reminds us that the most important thing that people can do in a family is to mind each other. Love in the life of a family always tries to understand and when it can't, love makes allowances and when allowances aren't enough, love forgives.

Someone once remarked that we have to learn to be good fathers or good mothers or even good children. It is something that we have to work at daily. Having children doesn't make one a mother or father any more than having a piano makes one a musician!

Help us, Lord, in these times to do each day a little more than we think we can. Help us to love a little more than we think we can. Help us to forgive a little more than we think we can.

Lord be with us during this month of May. Rescue us from our anxiety about the future and from our regrets of the past. Help us to find joy in the life we have been given, even when that life is very challenging!

From the Ennis Parish Newsletter – Adapted.

Blessed Edmund Ignatius Rice: On Thursday last the 5th May 2022, we celebrated the feast of Blessed Edmund Rice. Edmund was born in Callan, Co Kilkenny on the 1st 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 Brothers 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.

Pilgrimage to Oberammergau: Fr. Liam Morgan, PP Naas, is leading a pilgrimage to see the Passion Play at Oberammergau. Dates of travel are Friday 5th August to Friday 12th August. Price € 1890.00 per person sharing. Please contact Tully's Travel for more information by calling 059-9136100.

To make you Smile: Having undergone a quadruple heart bypass, Eric Sykes, British Comedian commented, "It wasn't the bypass that was the problem. It was getting the planning permission!"

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Mass Intentions for the Saturday/Sunday

14th/15th May 2022

Rosbercon: Saturday 14th May 2022 at 07:00 pm
Stephen and Josephine O'Connor, Rosbercon Hill
Jerry Hennessy, Marshmeadows, Glensensaw
Michael Curran, Hoodsgrove
Katie Murphy, Ballyfoyle—Months Mind
Thomas and Teresa Hendrick, Flower Hill

Rosbercon: Sunday 15th May at 11:00 am
John and Stella Kielthy, Raheen, Rosbercon
Thomás, Frankie and Maise O'Neill, Charleton Hill
Loretta Dooley, Rosbercon—Months Mind

Collection of Parish Funds 23rd/24th April & 30th April/1st May 2022

Offertory Collection € 996.00

Weekly Envelopes € 1,174.00

Parish Debt on 4th May 2022 € 35,101.23

St Mary's Cathedral, Kilkenny Restoration Fund 2021/2022: The April draw for St Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund took place Wednesday 31st 27th April in the Chapter Room at St Mary's Cathedral. Please check the Church Noticeboards for the results of the draw.

The Sisters of Saint John of God, College Road, Kilkenny are hosting a conference: 'A Spirituality of our Times' in Ballyvaloo Retreat & Conference Centre, Blackwater, Co Wexford on Friday 13th May 2022, from 10:00 am – 4:30 pm. Contact Sara or Catherina on 056 7722870 (9:00 am – 5:00 pm) or e-mail sara.bulfin@ssjg.ie before May 6th.

Dates for your Diary: Cemetery Masses in Rosbercon Parish, 2022

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

All Masses at 8:00 pm

Sunday 25th August St Moling's Well

This Mass will be celebrated at 2:00 pm

Trees

I think that I shall never see a poem lovely as a tree—
A tree whose hungry mouth is pressed against the earth's sweet
flowing breast;
A tree that looks to God all day and lifts her leafy arms to pray
A tree that may in summer wear a nest of robins in her hair
Upon whose bosom snow is lain, who intimately lives with rain.
Poems are made by fools like me but only God can make a tree.

Joyce Kilmer

Live-Streaming Legacy', by Fr Bernard Cotter in the Irish Catholic, 29th April 2021 'I predict that live-streamed Masses will be part of parish life from now on. They will keep housebound people in touch with church life. Up to this, many would not have had the necessary equipment. But now, (almost) everyone has. I predict that many funerals will continue to be live-streamed in the future, as a means of including family members who are abroad and unable to travel home in time. This may well be one of the positive legacies of these strange times'.

Wisdom: Though we live in a world that dreams of ending that always seems about to give in something that will not acknowledge conclusion. Insists that we forever begin.

Brendan Kennelly

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.

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. 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>)

◆ 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

◆ NEW ROSS ACTIVE RETIREMENT

The New Ross Active Retirement will hold their general meeting on Friday 13th May at 10:30 am at the Youth Centre, Nunnery Lane, New Ross.

◆ NEW ROSS DRAMA WORKSHOP—SIVE

The New Ross Drama Workshop presents Sive by John B. Keane in St. Michael's Theatre, New Ross, from 12th—14th May 2022, admission 08:00 pm nightly. Admission € 12.00, tickets available on 051-421255 or the theatre website by kind permission of Drama league of Ireland CLG.

◆ 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, 28th 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 8am, returning at approximately 9pm. Please contact Brigid Barron (087 9507295, brigidbarron@hotmail.com) or Mary Ryan (086 3790655, 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 3rd 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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