

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 26th March 2023

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Fifth Sunday of Lent

In today's Gospel we see a familiar scene, namely, people weeping over the death of a loved one. Jesus is at the centre of that scene. He is the one who gives hope to those who are surrounded by the shadows of death.

Theme of the Weekend Readings

This weekend focuses on the Resurrection from death

First Reading—God raises his people from their graves.

Second Reading—The Spirit of God gives light.

Gospel—The raising of Lazarus.

Weekend Masses

Saturday 1st April 7:00 pm Mass in Tullogher
Sunday 2nd April 9:30 am Mass in Mullinarrigle
11:00 am Mass in Rosbercon

Weekday Masses

Rosbercon

Wednesday 29th March 10:00 am Mass
Friday 31st March 10:00 am Mass

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

Recent Deaths

Sean O'Neill, Glenballyvalley, Tullogher and Maidenhead, UK
Josie Treacy (née Doherty), Forristalstown

Anniversaries

Michael O'Neill, Tinneranny—Months Mind
Joe Lawlor, School House Road
Johnny Furlong, Brownsford, Tullogher
Cissie and Noel Furlong, Brownsford, Tullogher
Tom Lawlor, Glenpipe and Dublin
Margaret Long, Listerlin
Micéal Kavanagh, Mountgarrett, New Ross
Moses Murphy, Assumption Terrace, Rosbercon
Bridie and Bobby Richardson, Assumption Terrace, Rosbercon
Derek Lewis, Assumption Terrace, Rosbercon
Mary O'Neill, Ballyknock
Paddy Murphy, Brownsford

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel every Wednesday morning from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm. All are welcome to attend.

Lenten Reconciliation Services: Fr Dan will continue to hear Confessions for Lent after the weekend Masses this weekend Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th March.

We welcome into our Parish Community **Mai Ann Hartley**, daughter of Pat and Sarah, Brabstown, who were baptised in the Church of St. David, Mullinarrigle, on Saturday 18th March 2023.

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

What does Pope Francis intend by calling us to be a Synodal Church? We are hearing the words Synodal Church being used today. We know that Pope Francis has asked us to be a Synodal Church, but what does that mean? Please join Bishop Niall Coll on Monday, 27th March 2023, at 7:30 pm in St Kieran's College, as he leads us in a Reflection on what this means for each one of us as members of the Catholic Church today. Bishop Coll extends an invitation to all.

A Message from Fr Dan: Holy Week 2023: This Lent, one year on, the world continues to be 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.

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**Mass Intentions for the Saturday/Sunday
1st/2nd April 2023**

Tullogher: Saturday 1st April at 7:00 pm

Kate Murphy, Ballyfoyle

Mullinarrigle: Sunday 2nd April at 9:30 am

Margaret Martin, New Ross

Rosbercon: Sunday 2nd April at 11:00 am

John Dooley, Rosbercon

Loretta Dooley, Rosbercon

Marie Dooley, Rosbercon

Joan Hennessy, Rosbercon

Collection of Parish Funds 11th/12th and 18th/19th March 2023

Offertory Collection € 1,434.45

Weekly Envelopes € 1,335.55

Parish Debt on 22nd March 2023 € 25,353.61

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

St. Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund Draw—The March Cathedral Draw will take place in the **Innovation Centre, (Old Convent), Borris in Ossory, Co. Laois**, on Wednesday, 29th March 2023, at 8.00 pm. All are welcome.

Diocese of Ossory Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2023—Our Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes makes a welcome return. Package details are 5 nights, May 23rd to 28th inclusive, fares from € 879.00 pps. Anyone wishing to travel, bookings for our Pilgrimage, can be now made directly with Niamh in Joe Walsh Tours .

Tel: 01-6852244 Email: niamh@jwtravel.ie

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

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

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: "We must learn to live together as brothers and sisters or perish together as fools."

Humour: A man, who always had money troubles, was asked by a creditor to pay at least the interest on the money he owed. He replied: My dear fellow, it is not in my interest to pay the principal or in my principal to pay the interest.

Prayer of Blessing for the World

May your servants be shielded, O Lord by the protection of your loving kindness, That, doing what is good in this world, they may reach you, their highest good.

Through Christ Our Lord, Amen

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.

◆ **New Ross Singers**

The New Ross Singers will perform The Gounod St. Cecilia Mass in Rosbercon Church on Saturday 1st April at 7.30pm with Musical Ireland Orchestra and 3 soloists Jade Phoenix, Soprano, William Pearson, Tenor and Eoin Foran Bass. Connie Tantrum Conductor. Tickets € 20.00 available from choir members and at the door.

◆ **FLOWERS FOR MAGDALENES**

The Flowers for Magdalene's commemoration takes place this Sunday 26th March at 12 noon in St. Stephen's Cemetery, New Ross. All are welcome to attend.

◆ **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

Rosbercon Community Employment Scheme has the following vacancies

1. 1 x Office Administrator in New Ross Parish Office
2. 2 x Environmental Worker in Rosbercon Parish
3. 1 x Van Driver/Warehouse Person in St. Vincent De Paul
4. 2 x Environmental Workers in New Ross Golf Club
5. 1 x Project Worker in St. Michael's Theatre, New Ross

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>)**

◆ **ST. JOSEPH'S ATHLETIC CLUB - SPLIT THE POT**

The winner of the St. Joseph's Athletic Club Split the Pot draw which was held on Thursday 16th March is Johnny Carthy C/O of the Parish Pump. The next draw will take place on the 31st March.

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