

## ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 2nd April 2023

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### Passion Palm Sunday

This week all over the world Christians will be celebrating the great wonder of Christ's love for us. 'Greater love than this has no man than he who lays down his life for his friends'. This is the week Christ lived out the truth of these words. Jesus put into practise the message he preached all his life.

#### Theme of the Weekend Readings

This weekend focuses on the Passion of Our Lord.

#### First Reading

God's servant remains faithful in the face of opposition.

#### Second Reading:

Jesus humbled Himself but God raised Him high.

#### Gospel

Matthew's telling of the story of Jesus' passion begins with a betrayal and ends with the sealing of a tomb.

#### Holy Week Programme 2023

##### Rosbercon Church

**Wednesday of Holy Week**—Mass at 10:00 am

**Holy Thursday**—Mass of the Lord's Supper at 07:00 pm

**Good Friday**—Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 03:00 pm

**Holy Saturday**—Easter Vigil Mass at 08:00 pm

**Easter Sunday**—Mass at 11:00 am

##### Mullinarrigle Church

**Holy Thursday**—Mass of the Lord's Supper at 08:00 pm

**Easter Sunday**—Mass of the Resurrection at 09:30 am

##### Tullogher Church

**Good Friday**—Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 07:00 pm

**Holy Saturday**—Easter Vigil Mass at 06:00 pm

This weekend **Palms will be blessed** in the Churches of the parish before the weekend Masses.

**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.

All Masses from Rosbercon Church will be streamed live through our webcam on [www.rosberconparish.ie](http://www.rosberconparish.ie)

**Good Friday** is a day of Fast and Abstinence.

**The Lent and Easter Offering Envelopes**, are due to be returned on Easter Sunday.

Please note that the **Trocaire Boxes or Envelopes** should be returned to the Church on the week after Easter. We ask that you continue to be generous to the poor of the world.

**Lenten Reconciliation Services:** Fr. Dan will continue to hear Confessions for Lent after the weekend Masses this weekend Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> April.

**Wisdom**—Two roads diverged in a wood, and I – I took the one less travelled by, and that has made all the difference.

*Robert Frost*

#### Anniversaries

Kate Murphy, Ballyfoyle

Tom and Michael Murphy, Treenaree

Paddy Treacy, Tullogher

Margaret Martin, New Ross

Loretta Dooley, Rosbercon

**A Message from Fr Dan: Holy Week 2023:** 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. Jesus enters Jerusalem as its king. He is greeted with shouts of acclamation. However, Jesus entering Jerusalem as king leads to confrontation between Jesus and Jerusalem's present rulers. The result is that Jesus will be arrested, humiliated, and crucified.

We remember that the people involved in the suffering and death of Jesus were people like us. The suffering of Jesus is mirrored across the world today where people are being persecuted, tortured, and killed most obviously in Ukraine at this time. Nearer home when we hurt others, ignore their needs, or discount their feelings, in our small way, we contribute to that suffering. There is suffering and pain in our lives too: sickness, loneliness, pain and feeling that we don't count.

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 limited in so many ways. We all have our failures, our shortcomings and what was called 'sin' in the old terminology. We damage our lives, make a mess of nature, and conduct our affairs 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 for us was. His death on the cross gives us new life. We pray to experience that life and to try to imitate Christ's love and his trust. 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.

#### The Presence of God

"Yet sometimes when the sun comes through a gap,

These men see God the Father in a tree.

The Holy Spirit is the rising sap,

And Christ will be the green leaves that will come

At Easter from the sealed and guarded tomb".

*Patrick Kavanagh, The Great Hunger*

**Humour:** It was Palm Sunday but because of not feeling well, 5 year old Johnny stayed home from Church with his mum. When the rest of the family returned home, they were carrying several palm branches. Johnny asked them what they were for. "People held them over Jesus' head as he walked by," his father told him. "Wouldn't you know it," Johnny cried, "the one Sunday I don't go and Jesus shows up."

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## Mass Intentions for the Saturday/Sunday

8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> April 2023

**Rosbercon**—Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April at 7:00 pm

Nickey Murphy, Millbanks Grove

**Rosbercon**—Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April at 11:00 am

Katty Vereker, Assumption Terrace

Kitty, Jack, Jimmy and Tommy Cashin, Rosbercon

Martin Nolan, Shanbogh

### Diocese of Ossory Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2023

Our Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes makes a welcome return. Package details are 5 nights, May 23<sup>rd</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:niamh@jwtravel.ie)

**The Apostolate of Eucharistic Adoration Pilgrimage to Knock** takes place on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2023. Coach leaves from Woodies carpark, Kilkenny at 7:00 am. Cost of the trip is € 25.00. Please bring a packed lunch.

For further details please contact—086-1666547.

### Reflection

The quality of mercy is not strain'd;  
It is dropped as the gentle rain from heaven  
upon the place beneath.  
It is twice blessed;  
It blesseth him that gives and him that takes.  
'Tis mightiest in the mighty;  
It becomes the throned monarch better than his crown.  
It is enshrined in the hearts of kings.  
It is an attitude of God himself.  
And earthly power doth then show likest God's  
when mercy seasons justice.  
Therefore, though justice be thy plea, consider this-  
that in the course of justice  
none of us shall see salvation.  
We do pray for mercy,  
and the same prayer doth teach us all  
to render the deeds of mercy.

*William Shakespeare*

### Reflection

#### Seeds of Consolation

What can I say to you, my friend  
In your hour of grief?  
Just a word from my heart.  
In the midst of your sorrow seeds are being sown-  
Seeds of consolation, hope, acceptance and even gratitude.  
The winter will pass,  
And spring will again visit the garden of your heart.  
You will see those seeds grow, blossom and bear fruit.  
Then your sorrow will turn to joy,  
A joy no one will be able to take from you.

**April** is here. Be with us Lord during the month of April, month of the swallows, month of the cuckoo, month of growth, month of green grass.

**To Make you smile:** "There is no place like home – after the other places close".

**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.

### ◆ SOUTH KILKENNY HISTORICAL SOCIETY LECTURE

Michael Collins: The Formative Years

Speaker: Patrick Mannix

Date: Thursday, April 13th

Time: 8pm

Venue: Mullinavat Parish Hall (opposite church)

All welcome.

### ◆ SENIOR CITIZENS ALERT SCHEME

Senior citizens alert scheme is available through our community alert group Bridgit Healy and Joe Conway are the administrators. We highly recommend this service and is subsidised by Pobal a government backed scheme. As always, the community alert number is 083-1999585, please ring or text any time for more information and always report anything suspicious.

### ◆ TULLOGHER ROSBERCON DEVELOPMENT DRAW

The Tullogher Rosbercon Development draw was held on the 28th March 2023. The winners are as follows:

- 1st—Donie Lyng, Shanbogh
- 2nd—Christina O'Brien, Shanbogh
- 3rd—Simon Kennedy, Castlefield
- 4th—Greta Doherty, Raheen
- 5th—Ollie Ryan, Ballyneale
- 6th—Jack and Kathleen Cotterell, Ballykenna
- 7th—Liam Barron, Brownsford

The next draw will take place on Tuesday 25th April at 08:30 pm.

### ◆ 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](mailto:rosberconparish@gmail.com). **Department of Social Protection, Community Employment Terms and Conditions Apply. See (<http://www.welfare.ie>)**

### ◆ FUN BASKETBALL FOR MOTHERS

Fun basketball for Mams in Glenmore Parish Hall on Thursdays. For more information please contact 087-6414867.

### ◆ NEW ROSS SINGERS

The New Ross Singers will perform The Gounod St. Cecilia Mass in Rosbercon Church on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

### APRIL—By Brittany Matthews

April is a special month,  
A month of new beginnings;  
Flowers bloom and green grass grows,  
Causing joyous feelings.  
Ladybugs and butterflies,  
Flying all around;  
Birds gathering for their nests,  
Dry grass from the ground.  
April is the time for rain,  
Helping flowers grow;  
April showers bring May flowers,  
A phrase that many know.

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