

# ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 16th April 2023

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## Second Sunday of Easter

In today's Gospel we meet Doubting Thomas. Each of us has something in common with Doubting Thomas, because at times we too are troubled by doubts. Our faith reassures us that Jesus lives in us as Lord of life. Each weekend we gather to pray in a spirit of thanksgiving.

### Theme of the Weekend Readings

Today's readings are filled with the good news of the Resurrection.

**First Reading**—We learn here how the early Christians lived.

**Second Reading**—Saint Peter sets out the reason for our hope.

**Gospel**—Thomas comes to believe in Jesus' resurrection

### Weekend Masses

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April

7:00 pm in Rosbercon

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April

9:30 am Mass in Mullinarrigle

11:00 am Mass in Rosbercon

### Weekday Masses

#### Rosbercon

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April

10:00 am Mass

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April

10:00 am Mass

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

**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.

### Recent Deaths

Betty Griffin, The Shop, Slieverue

Pauline O' Meara (née Flanagan), Lisselan, Tramore

### Anniversaries

Bridget O'Neill, Tinneranny—Months Mind

Bartley Conway, Ballyknock

Jim and Christina Fitzgerald, Coolnahav

Nick O'Brien, School House Road

Niall Coughlan, Mullinavat and Shanbogh

Edward Phelan, Pink Rock, Shanbogh

**Reflection: I am the Great Sun:** from a Normandy Crucifix of 1652

I am the great sun, but you do not see me,

I am your husband, but you turn away.

I am the captive, but you do not free me,

I am the captain but you will not obey.

I am the truth, but you will not believe me,

I am the city where you will not stay.

I am your wife, your child, but you will leave me,

I am that God to whom you will not pray.

I am your counsel, but you will not hear me,

I am your lover whom you will betray.

I am the victor but you will not cheer me

I am the holy dove whom you will slay.

I am your life, but if you will not name me,

Seal up your soul with tears, and never blame me.

*Charles Causley*

## A Message from Fr. Dan: Divine Mercy Sunday: 'Love One Another';

How do we know if we are true followers of Jesus? The real test is, do we love and care for one another? Love is the mark of the follower of Jesus. Love reaches out to others in understanding and compassion, in care and affirmation, in listening and service. The love that is in my heart influences how I treat people every day.

Love is the atmosphere we live in as followers of Jesus. How we care for one another and for our community will decide the quality of our prayer and worship. Those who love God will want to pray and prayer in turn will help us to be loving. When we think of those close to us, we want all to be well for them and we want them to have peace in their hearts and lives. We want them to have the best possible life they can.

A way of growing in love is to be grateful for what we already have. There are so many people who give to us in so many ways every day. People we work with, people we meet socially, people we play games with and people who serve the community, all give to us. A short prayer at night to thank God for them is a lovely idea.

The world that we live in is full of very good and very loving people. But there is coldness and evil in our world also. People are constantly being hurt, abused, and used. Part of loving is to care for people who are hurting and bring them healing. This is best achieved in ordinary ways by a helping hand. Also love has the power to transform even the most self-centered and cold heart. Jesus spoke lovingly to many and changed their lives. We can do the same. As Pope Francis said in a talk in January 2014, 'The one who loves, gives to God and to others.'

*From the Ennis Parish Newsletter – Adapted.*

**This Beautiful Place:** Summer is on the way and bright days are ahead. But our world is in danger not only from violence and climate change but because of the loss of many species. We are learning to cherish and appreciate our world. We need to preserve our green spaces, control our use of chemicals and keep our hedgerows litter free. We welcome the spring and celebrate the sun shining down, bringing the seed to life in the clay, and the plants growing. Nature provides everything we need, food to eat, healthy air, and all the wonder of the great outdoors. Lord, help us to appreciate our own place.

### Reflection: Cease doubting and believe

While Jesus was alive Thomas was as strong as an oak.

But when Jesus was put to death,

he became a reed shaking in the winds of doubt.

The truth was, though he didn't realise it at the time,

that it was the Master who was the oak.

When the oak fell he was defenceless.

All of us are shaken by the winds of doubt.

We need to look at the Lord's wounds,

and hear his gentle voice saying to us:

'Cease doubting and believe.'

Then with Thomas we shall make bold to say:

'My Lord and my God.'

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**Mass Intentions for the Saturday/Sunday,  
22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> April 2023**

**Rosbercon:** Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April at 7:00 pm

Johnny Aylward, Shanbogh Upper—Months Mind

Kathleen (Kitty) Power, Shanbogh, New Ross

**Mullinarrigle:** Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April at 9:30 am

Ann Ryan, Listerlin

**Collection of Parish Funds 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

**Offertory Collection** € 1,208.00

**Weekly Envelopes** € 822.00

**Parish Debt on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2023** € 25,353.61

**Trocaire Boxes and Envelopes**—If you see a Trócaire box in your 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

**The Lent and Easter Offering Envelopes** are due to be returned on Easter Sunday. We thank you for your continued support.

**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.

**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@jwtttravel.ie](mailto:niamh@jwtttravel.ie)

The Conference '**Conversations with Women in the Bible**' will be on the 12<sup>th</sup> May 2023 in Ballyvaloo Retreat & Conference Centre, Blackwater, Co. Wexford from 10:00 am – 4:30 pm. Speaker will be Thérèse Fitzgerald. The cost of € 30.00 (which includes lunch) can be paid on the door. Booking essential. For more information please contact Sara or Catherina on 056—7722870 from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm or e-mail [regionaloffice@ssjg.ie](mailto:regionaloffice@ssjg.ie) before 5<sup>th</sup> May.

In life, many hear God's call to priesthood. Is your heart open to the Lord? Have you ever considered taking the risk to follow in the footsteps of Jesus? If so, you are invited to the **National Seminary of Saint Patrick's College, Maynooth**, on 25<sup>th</sup> April, to attend a special conference on evangelisation and vocations in Ireland today. Archbishop Rino Fisichella, Pro Prefect of the Vatican's Dicastery for Evangelisation, will be the keynote speaker. Please register directly on [www.vocations.ie](http://www.vocations.ie), or contact the National Vocations director Father Willie Purcell at [willie.purcell@iecon.ie](mailto:willie.purcell@iecon.ie)

**Wisdom**—The comeback is always stronger than the setback.

**Humour**—Life is one fool thing after another, whereas love is two fool things after each other.

**To make you Smile**—God grant me the serenity to forget those I never liked anyway, the good fortune to remember those I did and the eyesight to tell the difference.

Terry Wogan

**Prayer for the Churches of our Parish**

Lord, bless the churches of our parish; Rosbercon, Listerlin – Mullinarrigle and Tullogher. Grant that their doors may always be open. May they be places of care for the suffering and for the bereaved and places of mercy for the faltering step. May our churches mirror God's love for his people and the timeless compassion of Mary, God's mother, help of the half defeated. May our Churches be places that understand that: 'We must love and care for one another or perish'.

**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.

◆ **TULLOGHER ROSBERCON VINTAGE CLASSIC CLUB**

Tullogher Rosbercon Vintage Classic Club will hold their Vintage Show and Field Day on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April at Rosbercon Parish Centre at 12:00 noon. All welcome for a great family day out.

◆ **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.

◆ **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>)**

◆ **PILGRIMAGE—KNOCK SHRINE**

Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2023. € 499.00 per person sharing. Price includes return train, 3 nights' in Knock House Hotel with Full Board. All entertainment and excursions included. Day trips to Westport, Ballintubber Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Fr. Peyton Centre.

Single supplement € 100.00. Contact Patricia on 087-1890236 or email: [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com)

◆ **CYCLE AGAINST SUICIDE COMMUNITY BUDDY TRAINING DATES IN APRIL 2023**

Cycle Against Suicide are delighted to inform you that their Community Buddy Training will be running again in April for anyone in clubs and/or associations in your local area that would like to become a trained Peer Support Buddy for their community, club or association. Training to become a Community Buddy is through the Cycle Against Suicide Peer-Support Wellbeing Programme. Training is delivered via Zoom and free of charge for anyone already volunteering in a club or association within their local community. Registration at: [www.cycleagainstsucide.com/register-to-become-community-buddy/](http://www.cycleagainstsucide.com/register-to-become-community-buddy/)

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