

# ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 23rd April 2023

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## Third Sunday of Easter

One of the loveliest stories in the Gospel is the story of how the Risen Jesus joined two of his disciples on the road to Emmaus. He explained the Scriptures to them and revealed himself in the breaking of bread. The same thing happens for us when we celebrate the Eucharist. Jesus speaks to us in the Scriptures and nourished us in Communion.

### Theme of the Weekend Readings

We continue to celebrate with joy the Resurrection of Jesus.

**First Reading**—St. Peter's speech on the day of Pentecost.

**Second Reading**—Christ paid the price of our salvation.

### Gospel

Jesus appeared to two disciples on the Road to Emmaus

### Weekend Masses

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April

No Mass in Rosbercon

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April

9:30 am Mass in Mullinarrigle

11:00 am Mass in Rosbercon

### Weekday Masses

#### Rosbercon

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April

10:00 am Mass

Friday 28<sup>th</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 12:00pm. All are welcome to attend.

### Recent Deaths

Craig Breen, Slieverue

### Anniversaries

Johnny Aylward, Shanbogh Upper—Months Mind

Kathleen (Kitty) Power, Shanbogh, New Ross

Larry Leacy, Ballyeden

Ellen Walsh, Ballyeden

Ann Ryan, Listerlin

Edward Phelan, Pink Rock, Shanbogh

"Don't let anyone ever put you down, because only you know your true potential."

*Craig Breen*

**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.

We welcome into our Parish Community **Alfie Michael Lanigan**, son of Thomas and Serena, Darbystown, who was baptised in the Church of St. David, Mullinarrigle on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> April.

## 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, fame. 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.

## 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)*

## A Prayer for Inner Strength

Dear God,  
Please give me the strength  
to endure this situation,  
and to find the blessings  
and lessons that it contains.  
Please give me the endurance  
to continue ahead.  
Please guide my thoughts,  
words and actions,  
so that I walk your  
path of peace and love.  
*Amen*

**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.

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## Collection of Parish Funds 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> April 2023

Offertory Collection	€ 615.50
Weekly Envelopes	€ 424.50
Parish Debt on 19 <sup>th</sup> April 2023	€ 25,353.61

Sincere thanks to all who contributed so generously to the **Lenten and Easter Offering**. Outstanding envelopes may be handed in at the weekend Masses or to the Parish Office.

### 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 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. Contact Sara or Catherina on 056-7722870 9:00 am – 5:00 pm or e-mail [regionaloffice@ssjg.ie](mailto:regionaloffice@ssjg.ie) before 5<sup>th</sup> May.

### 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)

**Reflection: A prayer in the Easter Season:** We pray every day for our parishioners that our faith will be alive in our hearts and that the message of Jesus will influence our daily lives. In these days we take time to think about our faith and we make time to pray.

What helps us is the support of our relationship with God and with those nearest and dearest to us. Every day we make the effort to relate to God and to our loved ones. We relate to God in many ways, through prayer, praising God, being grateful to him for everything and asking him for his help and protection.

The generations that have gone before us lived in simpler times. They were very devoted to God and to their faith. They lived constantly in God's presence. Their devotion is summed up in prayers like Saint Patrick's Breastplate as follows: 'Christ with me. Christ before me. Christ behind me. Christ within me. Christ below me. Christ above me. Christ on my right hand. Christ on my left hand. Christ in my sleeping. Amen'.

**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.

**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.

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

### ◆ SOUTH KILKENNY HISTORICAL SOCIETY LECTURE

Liam Lynch: Life of an Irish Revolutionary, 1892-1923

Speaker: Gerard Shannon, author of the recently published 'Liam Lynch: To Declare A Republic

Date: Friday, April 28th

Time: 8pm

Venue: Mullinavat Parish Hall.

### THE ROSBERCON THREE

On the 5<sup>th</sup> of June 1798, the day of the battle of Ross, both Rosbercon and Tullogher areas were a hive of rebel activity. The local rebels of Rosbercon village were about 40 in number whilst the Tullogher contingent under the local rebel leader James Hanrahan were said to be in the region of 100 men. They were armed with a few guns, pikes and turf slanes. The rebels were assembled at the Mile Bush to prevent any redcoat reinforcements marching from Kilkenny to the relief of Ross. A local royalist, Robert Taylor and his son Matthew who were toll keepers on the Ross bridge, ended up on the Rosbercon side of the bridge and were quickly spotted by the local rebels.

The Taylors entered the fields to the rear of the present boat club with the rebels close on their heels heading as fast as they could to a safe house in Tinneranny. Having reached the safe house of Everitt's in Garranbehy they were quickly admitted and the door, according to Mrs. Everitt, was heavily bolted behind them. The rebels began stoning the house and then set fire to the thatched roof. The occupants fled out the back door and headed for another safe house in Tinneranny. Mr. Taylor fired his gun at the pursuing rebels who eventually caught up and killed him and his son.

Three men, Joyce from Inistioge, Ryan from Ballyfoile and Lee from Ross were arrested and charged with their murder in August 1799 at Waterford County Court. Although pleading not guilty the main prosecution witness was a man named Thomas Kearney a recognised notorious rogue and now turned informant gave his concocted evidence of having personally witnessed the murders pointing the finger of guilt at Joyce and Ryan. They were then found guilty and sentenced to death but Lee was acquitted.

Strong appeals against the sentences were lodged by the Inistioge Community in Joyce's defence. As a result of the Act of Amnesty the evidence of the informant was dismissed and both men received clemency from the court. It is not known what became of them afterwards, most likely with them having been active rebels during the rebellion they were forced into the army to fight elsewhere, which was normal practice at the time.

### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"The goal isn't to live forever; the goal is to create something that will"

Chuck Palahniuk

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