

# ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 30th April 2023

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## Fourth Sunday of Easter

This Sunday is known as Good Shepherd Sunday. Christ is our Good Shepherd. Let us pause and reflect on his unending love for us and how he wants us to love one another.

### Theme of the Weekend Readings

We receive care from Christ, the Good Shepherd.

### First Reading

St. Peter tells his followers to change and be baptised.

**Second Reading**—Christ is the guardian of our souls

**Gospel**—Jesus presents himself as the shepherd of God's people.

### Weekend Masses

Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	7:00 pm Mass in Tullogher
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	9:30 am Mass in Mullinarrigle
	11:00 am Mass in Rosbercon

### Weekday Masses

#### Rosbercon

Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	10:00 am Mass
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	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.

### Anniversaries

Brendan Connick, Ballyverneen, Glenmore  
Thomas Hendrick, Flower Hill, Rosbercon

We welcome into our Parish Community **Regan Nell Cody**, daughter of James and Christine, Ballycurran, who was baptised in the Church of the Assumption, Rosbercon on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2023.

### Reflection: An Irish Blessing

May the road rise to meet you,  
May the wind be always at your back,  
May the sun shine warm upon your face,  
The rains fall soft upon your fields.  
May the light of friendship guide your path  
May the laughter of children grace the halls of your home.  
May the joy of living trip a smile from your lips,  
A twinkle from your eye  
And when eternity beacons  
At the end of a life heaped high with love,  
May the good Lord embrace you  
With the arms that have nurtured you  
The whole length of your joy-filled days.  
May the gracious God hold you in the palm of his hand.  
And may the Spirit of Love  
Find a dwelling in your hearts.

### A Message from Fr. Dan: Priests

This Sunday we are celebrating Vocation Sunday, a day of prayer for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. The gospel reminds us that Jesus saw himself at the 'Good Shepherd'. The Good Shepherd is a very powerful image of the personal love and care that Jesus has for each person. Faith is central to the friendship between the Good Shepherd, and the members of His flock. It was Jesus who said, "The harvest is great but the laborers are few. Pray that the Lord of the harvest will send laborers into His harvest".

There are certain men whom God has chosen and who have chosen God and they are priests. We need the love and service of our priests. We need priests to teach us the good news of our salvation; We need them to teach us God's message. We need priests in our families, in our work and to help us to find meaning in our lives. We need priests to call us to pray and to guide us to worship our Father. We need priests to celebrate Mass and to give us the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We need priests to help us to value the Mass and to be in communion with God and with each other. We need priests to lead us not only by what they say and do, but also by the example of their lives.

Priests bear witness to what is unique in the world, the love of God and Jesus Christ for each one of us. The faith of priests, their concern and care give us an inkling of God's love and care. Lord, help us to have an intelligent appreciation and a sincere respect for all priests, especially the priests whose job it is to care for the people of our diocese. Help us always to appreciate them and to pray for them.

### Blessed Edmund Ignatius Rice

On Friday next the 5<sup>th</sup> May 2023, we will celebrate the feast of Blessed Edmund Rice. Edmund was born in Callan, Co Kilkenny on the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Brother 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.

### 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*

**To make you Smile:** 'Today I finished that Chapel I've been painting. The pope is quite pleased'. Michelangelo (1475-1564) writing to his father about completing the painting of the Sistine Chapel ceiling.

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**Mass Intentions for the Saturday/Sunday  
6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

**Rosbercon:** Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May at 11:00 am  
Stephen and Josephine O'Connor, Rosbercon Hill  
Teresa Dooley, Garranbehy

**Dates of Cemetery Masses in Rosbercon Parish, 2023**

Monday, 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Ballyneale Cemetery
Tuesday, 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Shanbogh Cemetery
Friday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Rosbercon New Cemetery
Monday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Listerlin Old Cemetery
Tuesday, 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Rosbercon Old Cemetery
Friday, 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Mullinarrigle Cemetery
Sunday, 20 <sup>th</sup> August	St. Moling's Well

**All Evening Masses at 8:00 pm and Sunday Masses at 2:00 pm.**

**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.

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.

**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 €879pps 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 Joys of Married Life:** A man and a woman who had not met before find that they are sharing a cabin on an overnight train. They are both very uneasy about the arrangement but they are also very tired. They both fall asleep quickly – he in the top bunk and she in the lower one.

At 2am he leans down and gently wakes the woman, saying: 'Ma'am I am so sorry to waken you but I am freezing. Could you reach into the cupboard and get me a second blanket?'  
"I have a better idea" the lady says, "Just for tonight let's pretend that we are a married couple". "That's a wonderful idea", the man says. "Good," says the lady, "Get up and get your own blanket!"

**Pray for my soul**

Pray for my soul.  
More things are wrought by prayer  
Than this world dreams of.  
Wherefore let thy force  
Rise like a fountain for me night and day.  
For how are men better than sheep or goats  
That nourish a blind life within the brain,  
If knowing God, they lift not their hands in prayer  
Both for themselves and those who call them friend?  
For so the whole round earth is every way  
Bound by gold chains about the feet of God.

*Alfred Lord Tennyson*

**Humour:** A man fell over a cliff. He thought he was falling to this death but his fall was broken by a branch growing out of the side of the cliff. There he was swaying on the branch and he began to pray. O God, are you up there? God said 'Yes I am'. The man said I trust you God, save me. God said 'if you trust me let go of the branch'. The man said 'Is there anyone else up there?'

**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.

◆ **DARKNESS INTO LIGHT**

Inistioge will once again host a 'Darkness into Light' event on Saturday May 6<sup>th</sup> 2023. 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. The route takes walkers on a tranquil journey from Inistioge village, over the bridge and along the river Nore. Register at [darknessintolight.ie](http://darknessintolight.ie) or on the night.

◆ **SOUTH KILKENNY HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

Coach Trip to Doneraile Court and Mallow on Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup>. Cost - € 65.00 for members and € 70.00 for those who are not paid up members for 2023. The cost includes coach hire, a guided tour of Doneraile Court, a walking tour of Mallow and an evening meal at the Talbot Hotel, Clonmel. It does not include the cost of lunch. For further information on booking places for the Coach Trip please contact Brigid Barron, Blossom Hill, Kilmacow, Co. Kilkenny (087 9507295, [brigidbarron@hotmail.com](mailto:brigidbarron@hotmail.com)) or Mary Ryan, 'Gort Glas', Aglish, Carrigeen, Co. Kilkenny (086 3790655, [maryearyan@gmail.com](mailto:maryearyan@gmail.com)). A € 20.00 non-refundable deposit, per person will apply.

◆ **NEW ROSS ACTIVE RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION**

The New Ross Active Retirement will have their general meeting on Friday the 5<sup>th</sup> May at the Youth Centre Nunnery Lane at 10:30 am. After the meeting we will have our Bealtaine Tea. All members are welcome .

◆ **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>)**

◆ **LA LECHE LEAGUE KILKENNY**

La Leche League Kilkenny (Breastfeeding). Contact 086 663 7290 for further details, information & support. All pregnant and breastfeeding mums are most welcome to join in any of the meet ups.

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