

EASTER BLESSINGS TO ALL

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 9th April 2023

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Easter Sunday

This is a day for celebration. This is the day that Christ, our brother, broke the chains of death and rose in triumph from the grave. He did this, not just for himself, but for all of us. He wants us to share in his great victory over sin and death. Let us pause to reflect on this.

Theme of the Weekend Readings

On Easter morning we celebrate the core of our faith. Jesus who died is now raised.

First Reading

Saint Peter tells the story of the resurrection of Jesus and its consequences.

Second Reading

Saint Paul tells us that we, too, share the glory of Christ.

Gospel

Saint John's description of the resurrection of Jesus.

Weekend Masses

Saturday 15 th April	No Mass in Rosbercon
Sunday 16 th April	9:30 am Mass in Mullinarrigle 11:00 am Mass in Rosbercon

Weekday Masses

Rosbercon

Wednesday 12 th April	No Mass
Friday 14 th April	10:00 am Mass

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

Please note there will be no **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** on Wednesday morning, 12th April 2023.

Recent Deaths

Mai Southey (née Lanigan), The Rower/Ballalog, Listerlin

Anniversaries

Nickey Murphy, Millbanks Grove
Katty Vereker, Assumption Terrace
Kitty, Jack, Jimmy and Tommy Cashin, Rosbercon
Martin Nolan, Shanbogh
Nora Dwyer
Theresa Cissy Nolan, Rosbercon Hill

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'.

A Message from Fr Dan: Easter 2022: In the Easter Season the Readings at the weekend Masses focus on the Mission of the followers of Jesus. At first, they had failed to grasp the meaning of Jesus' life, death and resurrection. Once the truth dawned on them, they felt duty bound to share their faith with others. When they find their courage, the Apostles proclaimed fearlessly that the Risen Jesus is Lord of the World.

For some their message was very welcome. For the Jewish authorities, however, their message was going too far, to such an extent that the Apostles needed to be silenced. The Apostles were punished, imprisoned, and warned not to speak 'in the name of Jesus'. Despite this, they preached with enthusiasm, urgency and daily, we are told, people are added to their number.

Where did they get this courage? The answer, it seems, comes from the many occasions Jesus appeared to them after his resurrection. His greeting was always, 'Peace be with you' and, on most occasions he shared food with them. Often, they came to recognize him in the very sharing of food, 'the breaking of bread'.

Like the Apostles, we need to find the courage to be people of faith and hope? Where are we to find the courage? We need to spend time with the Risen Jesus and allow him to reveal himself to us. In these Easter days – we allow some time and space each day for Jesus to reveal himself to us and to encourage us.

From the Ennis Parish Newsletter – Adapted.

Greek Elegy written for Heraclitus on his death

They told me, Heraclitus, they told me you were dead,
They brought me bitter news to hear and bitter tears to shed,
I wept as I remembered how often you and I
Had tired the sun with talking and sent him down the sky.
And now that you are lying, my dear old Carian guest,
A handful of grey ashes, long, long ago at rest,
Still are your pleasant voices, your nightingales awake;
For Death, he taketh all away but them he cannot take.

William Cory

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

Wisdom: Easter is the only time of the year when it is safe to put all your eggs in one basket.

Humour: Easter Egg Hunts: proof your child can find things when they really want to.

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**Mass Intentions for the Saturday/Sunday
15th/16th April 2023**

Mullinarrigle: Sunday 16th April at 9:30 am
Bartley Conway, Ballyknock

Rosbercon: Sunday 16th April at 11:00 am
Bridget O'Neill, Tinneranny—Months Mind

Collection of Parish Funds 25th/26th March & 1st/2nd April 2023

Offertory Collection € 1,182.00
Weekly Envelopes € 1,733.00
Parish Debt on 5th April 2023 € 25,353.61

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

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.

Trocaire Boxes and Envelopes: We hope to send your Trocaire contributions to the Diocesan Office in early May. If you have 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 Apostolate of Eucharistic Adoration Pilgrimage to Knock takes place on Sunday 23rd April 2023. Coach leaves from Woodies Carpark, Kilkenny at 7:00 am. Cost of the trip: € 25.00. Please bring a packed lunch. For further details please contact: 086-1666547.

The Conference '**Conversations with Women in the Bible**' will be on the 12th 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 is essential. Contact Sara or Catherina on 056-7722870 between 9:00 am – 5:00 pm or e-mail regionaloffice@ssjg.ie before 5th May.

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

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 25th 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, or contact the National Vocations director Father Willie Purcell at willie.purcell@iecon.ie.

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**

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

◆ **SOUTH KILKENNY HISTORICAL SOCIETY LECTURE**

Michael Collins: The Formative Years

Speaker: Patrick Mannix

Date: Thursday, April 13th

Time: 8:00 pm

Venue: Mullinavat Parish Hall (opposite church)

All welcome.

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

St. Joseph's Athletic Club Split the Pot which was held on the 30th March. The winner is Sean Handrick, C/O the Parish Pump. The next draw will take place on Thursday 13th April 2023.

◆ **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.

◆ **NEW ROSS ACTIVE RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION**

The new Ross Active Retirement Association will hold their general meeting on Friday the 14th April 2023 at 10:30 am in the Youth Centre, Nunnery Lane, New Ross.

◆ **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>)**

◆ **PILGRIMAGE—KNOCK SHRINE**

Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, Sunday 23rd 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

To make you Smile: No one gives you a black eye: You have to fight for it!

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 at this very challenging time.

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