

# ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 7th May 2023

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## Fifth Sunday of Easter

Everybody needs a home. Jesus assures us that ultimately all of us have a home to go to, namely, the Heavenly Father's house. He even promises to prepare a place for us in that house. This is a cause of hope.

### Theme of the Weekend Readings

Jesus tells us He is the Way, the Truth and the Life.

### First Reading

The first deacons are selected in response to a need in the early Church.

### Second Reading

St. Peter writes about our calling as Christians.

**Gospel**—Jesus prepares a place for us in God's Kingdom.

### Weekend Masses

Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	7:00 pm Mass in Rosbercon
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	9:30 am Mass in Mullinarrigle 11:00 am Mass in Rosbercon

### Weekday Masses

#### Rosbercon

Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	No Mass
Friday 12 <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.

### Recent Deaths

Tom Kennedy, Ballykenna

### Anniversaries

Stephen and Josephine O'Connor, Rosbercon Hill  
Teresa Dooley, Garranbehy  
Thomas Hendrick, Flower Hill, Rosbercon  
John Gaule, Mullinarrigle

We welcome into our Parish Community **Kitty Josie Purcell**, daughter of David and Cathy, Tinneranny, who was baptised in the Church of the Assumption, Rosbercon on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

**Wisdom:** May the flowers remind us, why the rain was so necessary!

*Xan Oku*

### To make you Smile

Having undergone a quadruple heart bypass, Eric Sykes, British Comedian commented, "It wasn't the bypass that was the problem. It was getting the planning permission!".

## A Message from Fr. Dan

May, God bless it, is a wonderful month. May, traditionally the month of the cuckoo and the swallows, the month of flowers and wildlife. In the ancient Irish Calendar May or 'Bealtaine' is the first month of summer. May is the month of new beginnings, often celebrated in folklore and proverbs. The Celtic year was divided into two halves, darkness and light. November or 'Samhain' began the period of darkness. May or 'Bealtaine' was the beginning of the Season of Light.

We welcome the month of May, the month devoted to Our Lady. The home in Nazareth reminds us that the most important thing that people can do in a family is to mind each other. Love in the life of a family always tries to understand and when it can't, love makes allowances and when allowances aren't enough, love forgives.

Someone once remarked that we have to learn to be good fathers or good mothers or even good children. It is something that we have to work at daily. Having children doesn't make one a mother or father any more than having a piano makes one a musician! Help us, Lord, in these times to do each day a little more than we think we can. Help us to love a little more than we think we can. Help us to forgive a little more than we think we can.

Lord be with us during this month of May. Rescue us from our anxiety about the future and from our regrets of the past. Help us to find joy in the life we have been given, even when that life is very challenging!

*From the Ennis Parish Newsletter – Adapted*

### Trees

I think that I shall never see a poem lovely as a tree-  
A tree whose hungry mouth is pressed against the earth's sweet flowing breast;  
A tree that looks to God all day and lifts her leafy arms to pray  
A tree that may in summer wear a nest of robins in her hair  
Upon whose bosom snow is lain who intimately lives with rain.  
Poems are made by fools like me but only God can make a tree.

*Joyce Kilmer*

### Reflection

#### May Hymn to Our Lady

Bring flowers of the rarest, Bring blossoms the fairest  
From gardens and woodlands and hillside and dale;  
Our full hearts are swelling, our glad voices telling  
The praise of the loveliest flower of the vale.

O Mary, we crown thee with blossoms today,  
Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May.  
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## Mass Intentions for the Saturday/Sunday

13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> May 2023

**Rosbercon:** Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May at 7:00 pm

Matt and Nan Flynn, School House Road, Rosbercon  
Thomas and Teresa Hendrick, Flower Hill, Rosbercon  
Gerry Hennessy, Marsh Meadows and Glensensaw

**Mullinarrigle:** Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May at 9:30 am

Eily Rockett, Slieverue

**Rosbercon:** Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May at 11:00 am

John and Geraldine Murphy, Castle Island, Co. Kerry  
Mick Purcell, Kilbrahan

### Collection of Parish Funds 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> April 2023

**Offertory Collection** € 1,243.00

**Weekly Envelopes** € 1,249.00

**Parish Debt on 4<sup>th</sup> May 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.

### St. Mary's Cathedral, Kilkenny Restoration Fund 2022/2023

The April draw for St. Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund took place Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April in the Chapter Room at St. Mary's Cathedral. Please check the Church Noticeboards for the full results of the draw.

### Dates for your Diary

#### 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.**

### To make you Smile

People share lots of fun messages on social media

- Afraid of Santa? You might be claustrophobic
- The trouble with political jokes is that they sometimes get elected.
- Is irony the opposite to wrinkly?
- I'm terrified of lifts and I'm taking steps to avoid them.
- Cows have hooves because they lactose.
- I'm friends with 25 letters of the alphabet. I don't know Y.
- Just because you are offended doesn't mean you are right.
- For chemists' alcohol is not a problem, it's a solution.
- Dogs can't operate MRI scanners, but cats can.

*From the Irish Catholic*

**Humour:** A mother was teaching her four-year-old daughter the Lord's Prayer. For several evenings at bedtime the little girl repeated it after her mother. One night the girl said she was finally ready to do it herself. The mother listened carefully as she enunciated each word right up to the end. 'Lead us not into temptation' she prayed 'and deliver us some email. Amen'.

**To make you Smile:** 'How lovely are the feet of those who bring a bottle of wine!'

**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

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.

### ◆ 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>)

### ◆ TEA PARTY IN AID OF ALZHEIMERS IRELAND

There will be an Afternoon Tea Party in aid of Alzheimer's Ireland on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May in Sweeney's Garden Centre, Marshmeadows, New Ross (opposite the Park) from 2:00 pm until 4:30 pm. All welcome. For more information please contact Sharon Byrne on 087-0557421.

### ◆ NEW ROSS DRAMA WORKSHOP presents SAME OLD MOON

The New Ross Drama Workshop presents the Same Old Moon by Geraldine Aron directed by Kate O'Keeffe, in St. Michael's Theatre, South Street, New Ross. Admission is € 15.00, tickets are available to purchase online at [St. Michael's Theatre - Centre for the Arts \(stmichaelsnewross.com\)](http://St.Michael'sTheatre-CentrefortheArts.stmichaelsnewross.com) or contact 051-421255.

### ◆ TULLOGHER ROSBERCON DEVELOPMENT DRAW

The Tullogher Rosbercon Development Draw was held on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May, the winners are as follows:

- 1st—Jason Murphy, Slievecorrig
- 2nd—Robert and Eileen Forristal, Shanbogh
- 3rd—Patrick Doyle, Glenpipe
- 4th—John Murphy, Ballyreddy
- 5th—Patrick Grennan, Ballycurran
- 6th—Brigid Healy, Brownstown
- 7th—Joe Walsh, Garranbehy

The next draw will take place on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 08:30 pm.

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