

# ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 10th March 2024

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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Of all the images we have of Jesus, one of the loveliest is that of the Good Shepherd. It was Jesus himself who used it. How well do we trust and how closely do we follow the good Shepherd?

**Theme of the Weekend Readings:** We are now half way through Lent. The celebration of Christ's death and resurrection is drawing near.

**First Reading:** The Jewish people suffered misfortune because of their sins.

**Second Reading:** God is rich in mercy.

**Gospel:** Jesus tells Nicodemus that God saves us because he loves us.

### Weekend Masses:

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March: 7.00pm Mass in Rosbercon

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March St. Patrick's Day:

9.30am in Mullinarrigle

11.00am Mass in Rosbercon

### Weekday Masses:

#### Rosbercon

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March: 10am Mass

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March: 10am 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 10.30am to 12pm. All are welcome to attend.

**Months Mind:** Kit Nugent, Southknock

### Anniversaries:

Michael and Philip Wall, Rosbercon and baby Jack Kelly, Galway.

Bridget O Neill, Tinneranny.

Joe Molloy, Assumption Terrace.

Jo Ryan, Glentiroe.

Michael O Neill, Ballyknock.

Ann Murphy, Darbystown and deceased members of the O Neill and Murphy families.

Joe Mackey, Mullinakil.

Thomas Lawlor, Glenpipe and Dublin.

**Lenten Reconciliation Services:** Fr Dan will hear Confessions for Lent after the weekend Masses.

**Mothers Day:** This Sunday is Mothers Day. We wish all our mothers and grandmothers a happy, joyful and peaceful day.

**Lenten Station and Easter Offering Envelopes** together with Trocaire Boxes have now been distributed to the homes of the Parish. We thank you for your continued support.

**The New Ross Singers** are performing Stainer's 'The Crucifixion' in Church of the Assumption, Rosbercon on Friday March 22nd March at 7.30pm. It is the telling of the happenings on Good Friday. The music is full of melody and harmony with varied choruses for the Choir. The 2 soloists are Andrew Gavin, Tenor and Shokri Raof, Bass and the conductor is Connie Tantrum. Tickets are €15 and will be available from choir members and on the door on the night.

### A Message from Fr Dan: A Blessing for Mother's Day:

God of love, listen to our prayer for Mothers' Day. We celebrate all mothers and grandmothers on this day.

We remember the great mothers of salvation history: Sarah, mother of Isaac; Rebecca, mother of Jacob; Ruth, mother of King David; Elizabeth, mother of John the Baptist, and especially Mary, Mother of Jesus whom we call Christ.

Bless all mothers with strength of spirit, and with love and laughter in the company of family and friends. Grant them happiness and joy at home. Help us to remember how our mothers helped us to stand and walk; to speak, to sing, and to pray.

Bless the mothers who have gone before us into eternity may they enjoy the vision of God in heaven. We ask that this blessing and all graces may descend upon mothers and grandmothers: in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

From the Ennis Parish Newsletter – Adapted.

**To Make you smile:** Some modern thoughts on the parable of the Good Samaritan;

The Levite could not stop because he was on his way to a Conference on Caring.

The priest was worrying about the man who had committed the assault: 'He needs to be understood and welcomed back into the community'.

The Samaritan was in breach of Health and Safety Regulations by lifting the man, unaided, on to his donkey!

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## Mass Intentions for the Saturday/Sunday, 16/17<sup>th</sup> March 2024

**Rosbercon:** Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March at 7:00 pm

Peggy Irwin, Assumption Terrace

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March at 11.00 am

Elizabeth Hennessey, Tinneranny

## Collection of Parish Funds 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> March 2024:

**Offertory Collection:** € 587.70

**Weekly Envelopes:** €1454.30

**Parish Debt on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2024:** €20,853.60

## Trócaire:

Trócaire boxes will be delivered to the homes of the parish in the next week. Once again, we ask you to be generous to the needs of the poorest of the poor. Your support is very much appreciated.

## Reflection: Sheep and Lambs

All in the April evening,  
April airs were abroad;  
The sheep and their little lambs  
Passed me by on the road.

The sheep and their little lambs  
Passed me by on the road;  
All in the April evening  
I thought of the lamb of God

The lambs were weary and crying  
With a weak, human cry.  
I thought of the lamb of God  
Going meekly to die.

Up in the blue, blue mountains  
Dewy pastures are sweet;  
Rest for the little bodies,  
Rest for the little feet.

But for the Lamb of God,  
Up on the hill-top green,  
Only a Cross of shame  
Two stark crosses between.

All in the April evening,  
April airs were abroad;  
I saw the sheep with their lambs  
And thought of the Lamb of God.

Katherine Tynan (1859-1931)

**Wisdom:** "To describe my mother, would be to write about a hurricane in its perfect power. Or the climbing, falling colours of a rainbow"  
*Maya Angelou*

**Humour:** It's not easy been a mother. If it were easy, fathers would do it!

## Reflection: For a Mother

Mother,  
Your voice learned to soothe  
Your new child  
Your voice was the first sound  
I heard before even I could see  
Mother,  
Your young eyes gazed on me  
Your eyes were the first mirror  
Where I glimpsed  
My image in your face  
Mother,  
Your nearness filled the air,  
You eased and calmed  
The longing that stirred in my infant heart  
Mother,  
You nurtured and fostered me  
With a love and care  
That could come from nowhere else  
Mother,  
I was formed from the depths beneath your heart,  
You know me inside out  
No deeds or no seas, nothing  
Could ever erase your love for me.

**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.

### ◆ St Mary's Cathedral, Kilkenny Restoration Fund

The February draw for St Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund took place Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February in the Chapter Room at St Mary's Cathedral. Congratulations to Nicholas & Teresa Dollard, who won 7<sup>th</sup> Prize of €200. Please check the Church Noticeboards for the full results of the draw.

### ◆ South Kilkenny Historical Society lecture

Title: The Army Mutiny of 1924

Speaker: Mr John Dorney

Date: Friday, 22nd March

Time: 8pm

Venue: Mullinavat Hall (opposite St. Beacon's Church)

Admission €5 (society members free)

All welcome

### ◆ St Patricks Day Parade

Anna Furlong has very kindly agreed to being the Grand Marshal for the St Patricks Day Parade. The parade will start at 2pm from the Irishtown following the usual route.

All volunteers welcome.

Get your applications in to be part of the parade this year.

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