

## EASTER BLESSINGS TO ALL

### ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 24th March 2024

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#### PASSION / PALM SUNDAY AND HOLY WEEK

This week all over the world, Christians will be celebrating the great wonder of Christ's love for us. 'Greater love than this has no man than he who lays down his life for his friends'. This is the week Christ lived out the truth of these words. Jesus put into practise what he had preached.

**The First Reading**—Talks of the Sufferings of Christ.

**The Second Reading**—An ancient hymn in praise of Christ.

**Gospel**—The Passion of Christ as told to us my Saint Mark.

#### Weekend Masses

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 7:00 pm Mass in Rosbercon

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March Palm Sunday

9:30 am in Mullinarrigle

11:00 am Mass in Rosbercon

#### Weekday Masses

##### Rosbercon

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 10:00 am Mass

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 10:00 am Mass

All Masses from Rosbercon Church will be streamed live through our webcam on [www.rosberconparish.ie](http://www.rosberconparish.ie)

This weekend **Palms will be blessed** before the weekend Masses.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** takes place in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel every Wednesday morning from 10:30 am to 12:00 noon. All are welcome to attend.

#### Recent Deaths

Anthony (Tony) Dooley, Glenties, Donegal and Tullogher

#### Anniversaries

Johnny Aylward, Shanbogh

Joe Lawlor, School House Road, Rosbercon

Michael Kavanagh, Mount Garrett, New Ross

Jack Mernagh, Windmill Lane, New Ross

Sissy Furlong, Brownstown, New Ross

Noel Furlong, Brownstown, New Ross

Johnny Furlong, Brownstown, New Ross

Derek Lewis, Assumption Terrace, Rosbercon

Mary O'Neill, Ballyknock

Mary Coleman, Fermoy

Jimmy Heffernan, Ballyneale, Tullogher

John Heffernan, Ballyneale, Tullogher

Jim Brindley, Ballybeg and Tramore

Paddy Murphy, Brownsford

#### Holy Week Programme 2024

##### Rosbercon Church

**Wednesday of Holy Week** Mass—10:00 am

**Holy Thursday** Mass of the Lord's Supper—07:00 pm

**Good Friday** Celebration of the Lord's Passion—03:00 pm

**Holy Saturday** Easter Vigil Mass—08:00 pm

**Easter Sunday** Mass—11:00 am

##### Mullinarrigle Church

**Easter Sunday** Mass of the Resurrection—09:30 am

##### Tullogher Church

**Holy Saturday** Easter Vigil Mass—06:00 pm

**Please note that there will be no Celebration in Tullogher Church on Good Friday.**

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

**A Message from Fr. Dan: Holy Week 2024:** The celebration of Holy Week, the most sacred time in the Church's year, begins on Palm Sunday with the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. Jesus enters Jerusalem as its king. He is greeted with shouts of acclamation. However, Jesus entering Jerusalem as king leads to confrontation between Jesus and Jerusalem's present rulers. The result is that Jesus will be arrested, humiliated and crucified.

We remember that the people involved in the suffering and death of Jesus were people like us. The suffering of Jesus is mirrored across the world today where people are being persecuted, tortured and killed most obviously in Ukraine and Gaza at this time. Nearer home when we hurt others, ignore their needs or discount their feelings, in our small way, we contribute to that suffering. There is suffering and pain in our lives too: sickness, loneliness, pain and feeling that we don't count.

Holy Week is an opportunity for us to change our lives as we celebrate the death and resurrection of Christ. We, along with our fellow human beings, are limited in so many ways. We all have our failures, our shortcomings and what was called 'sin' in the old terminology. We damage our lives, make a mess of nature and conduct our affairs without any reference to God.

On the Cross Jesus took the sins of the world upon himself. He absorbed all the suffering of the world and transformed it into the wonder and beauty of the Resurrection. In this way he showed how perfect his love for us was. His death on the cross gives us new life. We pray to experience that life and to try to imitate Christ's love and his trust. The saving mysteries that took place during Holy Week two thousand years ago, 'for us and for our salvation', convince us of Jesus' love for us. We respond to that love by continuing to persevere in faith and hope.

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## Mass Intentions for the Saturday/Sunday

30th and 31st March 2024

**Mullinarrigle:** Sunday 31st March at 9:30 am

Margaret Long, Listerlin

**Rosbercon:** Sunday 31st March at 11:00 am

Katie Murphy, Ballyfoyle

Bobby and Bridie Richardson, Assumption Terrace

**Collection of Parish Funds 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

**Offertory Collection** € 1,339.40

**Weekly Envelopes** € 1,469.60

**Parish Debt on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2024** € 19,353.60

Many thanks to those who have returned the **Lenten Station Contributions** for the support of the priest of your parish.

**Trocaire Boxes and Envelopes:** We thank you for your generosity to Trócaire. If you see a Trócaire box in a 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 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*

### Prayer in time of Anxiety

"Go forth in peace. Be still within yourself,

May the winds be gentle upon your face,

And your direction be straight and true

as the flight of a bird. Walk in beauty and harmony

With God and his people."

### Reflection

The quality of mercy is not strain'd;

It is dropped as the gentle rain from heaven

upon the place beneath.

It is twice blessed;

It blesseth him that gives and him that takes.

'Tis mightiest in the mighty;

It becomes the throned monarch better than his crown.

It is enshrined in the hearts of kings.

It is an attitude of God himself.

And earthly power doth then show likest God's

when mercy seasons justice.

Therefore, though justice be thy plea, consider this-

that in the course of justice none of us shall see salvation.

We do pray for mercy, and the same prayer doth teach us all to

render the deeds of mercy

*William Shakespeare*

We welcome into our Parish Community **Johnny Stephen Berry**, son of Miley and Mary, New Ross, who was baptised in the Church of the Assumption, Rosbercon on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

We also welcome into our Parish Community **Mikey Alan Madigan**, son of Gary and Roisín, Coolnahaw, Tullogher, who was baptised in the Church of the Assumption, Rosbercon on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

### Prayer

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 what 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*

### ◆ ROBSERCON CEMETERY COMMITTEE

At their meeting on the 7th of March the Committee decided that with immediate effect the surfaces of all graves throughout the Middle Cemetery **MUST** be uniform grass. Peat Moss and bark Mulch are not acceptable surfaces.

**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.

### ◆ EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Rosbercon Community Employment Scheme has the following vacancies

1. 2 x Activities Assistant in New Houghton Hospital

2. 1 x Groundsman/Caretaker in Tullogher GAA

3. 2 x Environmental Workers in New Ross Parish

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>)**

### ◆ LINE DANCING

Line Dancing Classes are held every Tuesday and Thursday evening in Rosbercon Hall at 7:00 pm. Beginners always welcome. For more information please contact Sarah on 087-9792483.

**BRAND NEW** Day Time Line Dancing Classes are starting on Tuesdays in February at 11:00 am until 12:00 noon in Rosbercon Parish Hall. Beginners always welcome. For more information please contact Sarah on 087-9792483.

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