

EASTER BLESSINGS TO ALL

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 31st March 2024

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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—Peter explains the meaning of the Resurrection

Second Reading

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

Gospel—John describes the Resurrection.

Weekend Masses

Saturday 6th April 7:00 pm Mass in Tullogher

Sunday 7th April 9:30 am in Mullinarrigle

11:00 am Mass in Rosbercon

Weekday Masses

Rosbercon

Wednesday 3rd April No Mass

Friday 5th April 10:00 am Mass

Please note there will be no **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** next Wednesday morning 3rd April 2024.

Anniversaries

Margaret Long, Listerlin

Christina and Jim Fitzgerald, Coolnahaw

Christy Fitzgerald, Coolnahaw

Katie Murphy, Ballyfoyle

Bobby and Bridie Richardson, Assumption Terrace

Martin Nolan, Shanbogh

John Barron, Brownsford, Tullogher

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'.

We wish every blessing to **Fiona Hartley, Listerlin and Adam Hannigan, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal**, who were married in St. David's Church, Listerlin on Saturday 23rd March 2024. May they enjoy a long and rewarding married life.

Easter Wishes: Fr. Dan thanks all parishioners for the many wonderful ways that we journey together throughout the year and prays that we may continue to pray for and support each other.

A Message from Fr. Dan: Easter 2024: 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.

The Resurrection of Jesus: The Resurrection of Jesus Christ is the greatest feast in the Church's Year. We rejoice as we celebrate the Resurrection of Our Saviour. Christ lives in glory now. In the Resurrection Jesus overcame death and the power of evil.

The tomb was empty and Jesus' friends were surprised when he appeared to them. They recognised him. He had risen from the dead and they were filled with joy.

In Ireland there is much folklore surrounding the Resurrection of Jesus. Our ancestors believed that the sun danced, and that nature celebrated on Easter Sunday because Jesus had risen from the dead.

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: Discovery consists of seeing what everybody has seen and thinking what nobody has thought.

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**Mass Intentions for the Saturday and Sunday
6th and 7th April 2024**

Rosbercon: Sunday 7th April at 11:00 am
Kathy Vereker, Assumption Terrace
Kitty, Jack, Jimmy and Tommy Cashin, Rosbercon Hill
Nikki Murphy, Millbanks Grove
Nick O'Brien, School House Road, Rosbercon
Moses Murphy, Assumption Terrace
Loretta Dooley, Rosbercon
John Dooley, Rosbercon
Marie Dooley, Rosbercon
Joan Hennessy, Rosbercon
Gerry Daly, School House Road
Nancy Rice Daly, School House Road

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

The Easter Offering Envelopes, for the support of Fr. Dan are due to be returned on Easter Sunday. Many thanks to our parishioners who contribute so generously to our many collections.

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

Reconstituted Ossory Diocesan Pastoral Council ODPC: Bishop Niall Coll has appointed the following as members of the new ODPC: Bishop Niall Coll, Frs. Dan Carroll, Dan Bollard, Martin Delaney, Ms. Ann Daly, Ms. Sarah Rice, Ms. Brid Duffy, Mr. Diarmuid Healy, Mr. John Shortall, Ms. Gemma Mulligan, and Sr. Helen Maher.

Reflection

A description of an Easter ceremony in Russia under Communism

'Someone at the back of the church lit a candle
But one single point of light was unable to pierce the darkness.
Then there was another and another.
Swiftly the flame was passed from one to another.
In less than a minute the Church was ablaze with light.
Each candle lit up the face behind it,
A face marked with suffering.
But now that suffering turned to joy,
Because of the certain knowledge that the Lord had risen
These people do not debate the resurrection.
They have experienced it in their lives
They have not just preserved the faith in hostile surroundings;
Their faith has preserved them.'
Lord, may your Easter light shine on us this day
And chase the shadows of the night of death away.

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.

Humour: Money talks, but you can't hold on to it long enough to have a conversation!

Tullagher Camogie Club are having a clothing collection to raise funds over the coming weeks. If you have any re-wearable clothing items, paired shoes, or handbags etc., please deliver them to the GAA Clubhouse in Brownstown on Wednesday 10th April at 6:30 pm or on Saturday 13th April at 11:30 am. A huge thanks for any donations received.

◆ **NEW ROSS ACTIVE RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION**

The New Ross Active Retirement will have their general meeting on Friday 5th April at 11:00 am in the Youth Centre, Nunnery Lane, New Ross. All Welcome.

◆ **TULLOGHER ROSBERCON VINTAGE CLUB**

Tullagher/Rosbercon Vintage Club will hold their vintage show and field day on Sunday 21st of April at Rosbercon Parish Centre. A great Family Day Out

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

St. Josephs Athletic Club Split the pot Winners
7th March Tom Kirwan Glenmore € 150.00
21st March Eleanor Ryan Listerlin € 130.00
The next draw will take place on Thursday 4th April 2024.

◆ **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 Tullagher 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>)**

◆ **TULLOGHER ROSBERCON DEVELOPMENT DRAW**

The winners of the March 2024 development draw which was held on Tuesday 26th March 2024 are as follows:

- 1st—Dodie Walsh, Brownstown
- 2nd—John and Margaret Mullally, Ballyeden
- 3rd—Martin Kennedy, Ballykenna
- 4th—Michael Grennan, Ballyreddy
- 5th—Seamus Hartley, Brabstown
- 6th—Joe Murphy, Ballyneale
- 7th—Mary Grennan, Ballycurran

The next draw will take place on Tuesday 30th April 2024 at 08:30 pm.

◆ **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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