

# ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 14th April 2024

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## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

In the Gospel we find the Apostles gathered behind closed doors, wounded in heart and spirit. But Jesus appears to them, gives them his peace and breathes new life into them. He does the same for us.

### Theme of the Weekend Readings

We gather to worship God and to celebrate again Jesus' resurrection from the dead.

### First Reading

The death of Jesus was in accordance with God's plan.

### Second Reading

Jesus is the one who overcomes sin and failure.

### Gospel

Jesus appears to the Apostles and confirms their faith.

### Weekend Masses

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April No Mass in Rosbercon  
Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April 9:30 am in Mullinarrigle  
11:00 am Mass in Rosbercon

### Weekday Masses

**Rosbercon**  
Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 10:00 am Mass  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April 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 noon. All are welcome to attend.

**Bishop Niall Coll** has asked that Parishes include the following prayer in the Prayers of the Faithful at Masses this Weekend; **'For farmers currently labouring in wet conditions and for all who rely on fair weather for their livelihood, may they be blessed with favourable conditions to provide for their families and communities.'**

### Recent Deaths

Maurice McCarthy, Garrandarragh, Mullinavat and South Canterbury, New Zealand  
Noreen Tubritt, Irishtown and Rosbercon

### Anniversaries

Kitty Power, Shanbogh  
Annie Ryan, Ballyconnaught  
James Hoban, Ballykenna  
Cissie (Theresa) Nolan, Rosbercon  
Neddy Phelan, Pink Rock, Shanbogh  
Margaret Martin, New Ross and Ballyveria  
Bartley Conway, Ballyknock

We welcome into our Parish Community **Keelan Maurice Ryan**, son of Damien and Andrea, Listerlin, who was baptised in St. David's Church, Listerlin, on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

**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.

**A Message from Fr Dan: Wisdom:** When God asked the young King Solomon, 'What would you like me to give you?' Solomon answered, 'give me a wise and understanding heart'. And God we're told, was pleased with Solomon's request and the fact that he hadn't asked for wealth or power and God promised him 'a heart wise and shrewd as none before you had and as none will have after you'.

The wisdom offered to Solomon is the pearl of great price and is the first gift of the Holy Spirit. Imagine God asking you the same question, what would you choose? How do you want your life to be measured? Many people long for possessions, money, fame. Many dream of a good position in life, with power and influence. The question is what kind of person am I?

The world measures greatness by power, prestige and property. For God wisdom and understanding are the true measure of greatness. We all know the kind of person we would like to be friends with, one with an understanding heart. Love and laughter, kindness and consideration are worth everything and in the end are the only things of lasting value.

**April:** Today is the third Sunday after Easter. We are making our way through this month of April. Be with us, Lord, during this wonderful season of Spring. Jesus is risen from the dead and we are filled with joy. Our Saviour is among us assuring us that our salvation has come. God's mercy and forgiveness are there for all. Let us come before God with confidence and pray that he will inspire us each day to live our lives to the full.

**To make you Smile:** On one occasion a minister was preaching about sin. He shouted, 'For those who die in a state of sin, there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' A woman stood up and protested, 'But minister, I have no teeth'. To which the minister replied, 'Teeth will be provided!'.

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**Mass Intentions for the Saturday/Sunday  
20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> April 2024**

**Rosbercon:** Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April at 11:00 am

Larry Leacy, Ballyeden

Ellen Walsh, Ballyeden

**Collection of Parish Funds 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

**Offertory Collection** € 359.30

**Weekly Envelopes** € 570.70

**Parish Debt on 10<sup>th</sup> April 2024** € 19,353.60

Many thanks to all who have returned the **Lenten Station and the Easter** envelopes for the support of Fr. Dan. Your loyalty and generosity are very much appreciated.

**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.

**One Day Soon**

One day soon people will touch and talk, perhaps easily,  
And loving will be natural as breathing, and warm as sunlight;  
And people will untie themselves as string is unknotted,  
Unfold and yawn and stretch and spread their fingers.  
And work will be simple and swift as a seagull flying,  
And play will be as casual and quiet as a seagull settling;  
And the clocks will stop and no one will care or notice,  
And people will smile without reason, even in winter.

*A.S.J. Tessimond (Adapted)*

**Reflection**

**The Wounds of Love**

Those who care about others pick up a lot of wounds.

There may be no great wounds,

Only a multiplicity of little ones –

A host of scratches, wrinkles and welts.

But there can also be invisible wounds:

The furrows left on the mind and the heart

By hardship, worry and anxiety,

Disappointments, ingratitude and weariness.

These wounds are not things to be ashamed of.

They are badges of honour.

They are the proof of our love.

Jesus didn't hide his wounds.

Neither should we.

By his wounds we are healed

**Not so fragile Baby**

'It's a little-known fact,

But unmistakable,

The second baby's not so breakable'

**Wisdom:** "Though character may be shown in the big moments, it is in the small moments that it is made"

**Humour:** Always behave like a duck – keep calm and unruffled on the surface of the water, but paddle like the devil underneath.

**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 CLUB**

**\*\*PLEASE NOTE\*\*** Due to wet conditions the Tullagher Rosbercon Vintage Day has been postponed and rescheduled for Sunday 28th July 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>)

◆ **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.

◆ **SOUTH KILKENNY HISTORICAL SOCIETY LECTURE**

Title: Kilkenny's Titanic Survivor

Speaker: MaryAnn Vaughan

Date: Friday, 26th April 2024

Time: 8:00 pm

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

Admission € 5.00 (society members free)

All welcome

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