

# ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 21st April 2024

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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

Jesus cares for his people and looks after them.

**First Reading**—Peter tells us of the power of Jesus.

**Second Reading**—We are the children of God the Father.

**Gospel**—Christ describes himself as the Good Shepherd.

### Weekend Masses

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April 7:00 pm Mass in Rosbercon

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April 9:30 am in Mullinarrigle

11:00 am Mass in Rosbercon

### Weekday Masses

#### Rosbercon

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April 10:00 am Mass

Friday 26<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.

### Recent Deaths

Margaret “Peggy” Dowling (née Grant), Carriganurra, Slieverue

### Anniversaries

Ann Ryan, Listerlin

Larry Leacy, Ballyeden

Ellen Walsh, Ballyeden

We wish every blessing to **Clare Cashin, Tinnakilly and Fachtna Enright, Inishowen, Co. Donegal**, who were married in the Clodiagh Church, Inistioge, on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2024. May they enjoy a long and rewarding married life.

### Pray for my soul

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 how 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*

**A Message from Fr. Dan: Priests:** This Sunday we are celebrating Vocation Sunday, a day of prayer for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. The gospel reminds us that Jesus saw himself as the ‘Good Shepherd’. The Good Shepherd is a very powerful image of the personal love and care that Jesus has for each person. Faith is central to the friendship between the Good Shepherd, and the members of His flock. It was Jesus who said, “The harvest is great but the labourers are few. Pray that the Lord of the harvest will send labourers into His harvest”.

There are certain men whom God has chosen and who have chosen God and they are priests. We need the love and service of our priests. We need priests to teach us the good news of our salvation; We need them to teach us God’s message. We need priests in our families, in our work and to help us to find meaning in our lives. We need priests to call us to pray and to guide us to worship our Father. We need priests to celebrate Mass and to give us the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We need priests to help us to value the Mass and to be in communion with God and with each other. We need priests to lead us not only by what they say and do, but also by the example of their lives.

Priests bear witness to what is unique in the world, the love of God and Jesus Christ for each one of us. The faith of priests, their concern and care give us an inkling of God’s love and care. Lord, help us to have an intelligent appreciation and a sincere respect for priests, especially the priests whose job it is to care for the people of our diocese. Help us always to appreciate them and to pray for them.

**Blessed Edmund Ignatius Rice:** On Friday the 3rd May 2024, we will celebrate the feast of Blessed Edmund Rice. Edmund was born in Callan, Co Kilkenny on the 1<sup>st</sup> June, 1762. His people were farmers and he had seven brothers and two step sisters. As a young man, Edmund was apprenticed to his uncle who had a business in Waterford. Edmund was shocked by the poverty he saw in the city and did what he could to help those who were suffering. After the death of his wife at a young age, Edmund sold his business and devoted the rest of his life to helping the poor through education. He opened his first school in Waterford in 1802 and went on to found both the Christian Brother and the Presentation Brothers. The contribution of these brothers to education in Ireland and across the world is immense and continues today. We give thanks for the presence of the brothers, who through their prayer, care of the poor and promotion of education give such wonderful witness to the power of the Risen Christ.

**To make you Smile:** ‘Today I finished that Chapel I’ve been painting. The pope is quite pleased’.

*Michelangelo (1475-1564) writing to his father about completing the painting of the Sistine Chapel ceiling.*

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## Mass Intentions for the Saturday/Sunday

27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> April 2024

**Rosbercon:** Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April at 7:00 pm

Nora Breen, Tinnakilly—Months Mind

Mary Fitzgerald, Ballyknock—Months Mind

**Rosbercon:** Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April at 11:00 am

Brendan Connick, Glenmore

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 at the end of April. So far, we have received € 2,592.00 for which we thank you most sincerely. If you see 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.

### Reflection: An Irish Blessing

May the road rise to meet you,

May the wind be always at your back.

May the sun shine warm upon your face,

The rains fall soft upon your fields.

May the light of friendship guide your path

May the laughter of children grace the halls of your home.

May the joy of living trip a smile from your lips,

A twinkle from your eye

And when eternity beacons

At the end of a life heaped high with love,

May the good Lord embrace you

With the arms that have nurtured you

The whole length of your joy-filled days.

May the gracious God hold you in the palm of his hand.

And may the Spirit of Love

Find a dwelling in your hearts.

### The Vocation of Love

The deepest wound of all is that which affects the heart:

the feeling that one has not been loved,

that one is not precious to anyone.

Many people today are wounded at the heart.

Each of us can do something to heal their wounds.

We have hands that can make things,

and minds that can understand things.

But above all we have hearts that can give love.

We can give life to people who are inwardly broken.

We can show them that they are important, and so bring life to them.

Today, Good Shepherd Sunday, is also Vocations Sunday.

But all vocations are vocations of love.

**Wisdom:** "A child is not likely to find a father in God unless he finds something of God in his father."

**Humour:** To be happy with a man you must understand him a lot and love him a little. To be happy with a woman you must love her a lot and not try to understand her at all!

**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.

### 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*

### ◆ TULLOGHER ROSBERCON VINTAGE CLUB

**\*\*PLEASE NOTE\*\*** Due to wet conditions the Tullogher 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 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.

### ◆ 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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