

# ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 28th April 2024

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## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

There is no such thing as a solitary Christian. Every Christian is linked to Christ and to all women and men. This is clear from the words of Jesus: 'I am the vine; you are the branches.' We celebrate our union with Christ and with one another.

### Theme of the Weekend Readings

Like branches of a tree, we are held together by our faith.

### First Reading

The newly converted Paul preaches in Jerusalem.

### Second Reading

Christian living involves genuine love for each other.

**Gospel**—Christ is the vine. We are the branches

### Weekend Masses

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May 7:00 pm Mass in Tullogher

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May 9:30 am in Mullinarrigle

11:00am Mass in Rosbercon

### Weekday Masses

#### Rosbercon

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May 10:00 am Mass

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 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.

In preparation for Confirmation, we have the **Ceremony of Light** in Rosbercon Church for Parents, Children and Sponsors on **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April at 7:30 pm**.

We are looking forward to welcoming Bishop Niall Coll to celebrate the **Sacrament of Confirmation in Rosbercon Church this Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 2024 at 11:00 am**.

Fr. Dan will celebrate the **Golden Jubilee of his Ordination** with a Mass of Thanksgiving on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June at 7:30pm in Rosbercon Church followed by refreshments in the Church grounds. The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Niall Coll. All are welcome to attend.

### Recent Deaths

Marek Kaminski, Anfield Lane, Rosbercon

Rita Meagher (née Kiely), School House Road, Rosbercon

### Anniversaries

Nora Breen, Tinnakilly—Months Mind

Mary Fitzgerald, Ballyknock—Months Mind

Brendan Connick, Glenmore

Lourdes Roche, Ballybeg

We welcome into our Parish Community **Mairéad Mary Tobin**, daughter of Alan and Larissa, Listerlin, who was baptised in St. David's Church, Listerlin, on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

## Live-Streaming Legacy', by Fr. Bernard Cotter in the Irish Catholic, 29<sup>th</sup> April 2021

'I predict that live-streamed Masses will be part of parish life from now on. They will keep housebound people in touch with church life. Up to this, many would not have had the necessary equipment. But now, (almost) everyone has.

I predict that many funerals will continue to be live-streamed in the future, as a means of including family members who are abroad and unable to travel home in time. This may well be one of the positive legacies of these strange times.'

**A Message from Fr. Dan:** May, God bless it, is a wonderful month. May, traditionally the month of the cuckoo and the swallows, the month of flowers and wildlife.

In the ancient Irish Calendar May or 'Bealtaine' is the first month of summer. May is the month of new beginnings, often celebrated in folklore and proverbs. The Celtic year was divided into two halves, darkness and light. November or 'Samhain' began the period of darkness. May or 'Bealtaine' was the beginning of the Season of Light.

We welcome the month of May, the month devoted to Our Lady. The home in Nazareth reminds us that the most important thing that people can do in a family is to mind each other. Love in the life of a family always tries to understand and when it can't, love makes allowances and when allowances aren't enough, love forgives.

Someone once remarked that we have to learn to be good fathers or good mothers or even good children. It is something that we have to work at daily. Having children doesn't make one a mother or father any more than having a piano makes one a musician!

Help us, Lord, in these times to do each day a little more than we think we can. Help us to love a little more than we think we can. Help us to forgive a little more than we think we can.

Lord be with us during this month of May. Rescue us from our anxiety about the future and from our regrets of the past. Help us to find joy in the life we have been given, even when that life is very challenging!

*From the Ennis Parish Newsletter – Adapted*

### May Hymn to Our Lady

Bring flowers of the rarest, Bring blossoms the fairest  
From gardens and woodlands and hillside and dale;  
Our full hearts are swelling, our glad voices telling  
The praise of the loveliest flower of the vale.

O Mary, we crown thee with blossoms today,  
Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May.

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Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May.

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**Mass Intentions for the Saturday/Sunday  
4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

**Rosbercon:** Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May at 11:00 am

Stephen and Josephine O'Connor, Rosbercon Hill

Teresa Murphy, Tinneranny

**Collection of Parish Funds 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> April 2024**

**Offertory Collection** € 1,109.00

**Weekly Envelopes** € 1,156.00

**Parish Debt on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2024** € 19,353.60

Sincere thanks to all who contributed so generously to the **Lenten and Easter Offerings**. Outstanding envelopes and boxes may be handed in to the Parochial House or placed in the locked box at the back of the Church.

**The little cares that fretted me**

The little cares that fretted me, I lost them yesterday

Among the fields above the sea, among the winds at play,

Among the lowing of the herds, the rustling of the trees,

Among the singing of the birds, the humming of the bees.

The foolish fears of what may happen, I cast them all away,

Among the clover-scented grass, among the new-mown hay;

Among the husking of the corn where drowsy poppies nod,  
Where ill thoughts die and good are born, out in the fields of  
God.

*Anon.*

**The Vine and the Branches**

Lord, you said;

'I am the vine; you are the branches.

Separated from me you can do nothing,

But united with me you will bear much fruit.'

Thank you, Lord, for the bond you formed with us.

And thank you for the bond that exists among us

Because of our union with you

Thanks to this bond we have invisible riches

to share with one another.

Grant that we may never be separated from you.

**Wisdom:** "Grace is not sought nor bought nor wrought. It is a free gift of Almighty God to needy mankind"

**Humour:** God grant me the serenity to forget those I never liked anyway, the good fortune to remember those I did and the eyesight to tell the difference.

*Terry Wogan*

**To make you Smile:** Having undergone a quadruple heart bypass, Eric Sykes, British Comedian commented, "It wasn't the bypass that was the problem. It was getting the planning permission!"

**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 CAMOGIE CLUB**

Tullaghan Camogie Club would like to sincerely thank all parishioners who contributed to their recent clothing collection. 900 kg was collected in total which equates to € 315.00. This will prove of invaluable assistance to catering for the growing number of girls in our club. Míle buíochas as well to those who helped with loading all the black bags onto the collection truck. Your hard work did not go unnoticed.

◆ **NEW ROSS ACTIVE RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION**

The New Ross Active Retirement will have their General Meeting on Friday the 3rd May in the Youth Centre, Nunnery Lane, New Ross at 11:00 am. All welcome to attend.

◆ **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 Tullaghan 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>)**

◆ **DARKNESS INTO LIGHT**

A Darkness into Light walk will be held once again in Inistioge. Sign up now on [www.darknessintolight.ie](http://www.darknessintolight.ie) and join us on May 11th.

2 Weeks to the most important sunrise of the year and this year, we've introduced something special for Darkness Into Light - the Participant Pass. Modelled after a marathon runner's bib, it's more than just a pass; it's a memento of your Darkness Into Light experience.

For our first year, we've chosen the theme of HOPE. Hope is at the heart of everything Pieta stands for, making it the perfect theme for our first Participant Pass.

The pass is made from Pretex, designed to withstand humidity and prevent tearing. Rain or shine, your pass will stay with you. Everyone in Ireland, Northern Ireland, and the UK will receive a hard copy HOPE Participant Pass if they order a t-shirt when registering. If you don't want a t-shirt, you can download your pass from your Fundraising dashboard and pin it to your clothes on the 11th of May.

Let's Light Up the Morning.

We can't wait to see a sea of colour and HOPE Participant Passes shining bright on the morning of Darkness Into Light.

Sign up now at - <https://www.darknessintolight.ie/F64F2E>

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◆ **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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