

## EASTER BLESSINGS TO ALL

### ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 7th April 2024

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#### SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Faith is a most precious thing. But it is exposed to the harsh winds of doubt which blow through the modern world. Here, at the weekend Mass, we experience a strengthening of our faith.

#### Theme of the Weekend Readings

The Good News of the resurrection of Jesus.

#### First Reading

The first Christians share what they have with all.

#### Second Reading

The followers of Christ have God's power in them.

#### Gospel

Jesus appears to His followers and helps those who doubt.

#### Weekend Masses

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April 7:00 pm Mass in Rosbercon

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April 9:30 am in Mullinarrigle

11:00 am Mass in Rosbercon

#### Weekday Masses

##### Rosbercon

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

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April 10:00 am Mass

**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

Maudie Mernagh (née Walsh), Jamestown, Glenmore

Mary Fitzgerald, Ballyknock

Nora Breen (née O'Leary), Tinnakilly

#### Anniversaries

Paddy Treacy, Tullogher

Kathy Vereker, Assumption Terrace

Kitty, Jack, Jimmy and Tommy Cashin, Rosbercon Hill

Nikki Murphy, Millbanks Grove

Nick O'Brien, Rosbercon

Moses Murphy, Assumption Terrace

Gerry Daly, School House Road, Rosbercon

Nancy Rice Daly, School House Road, Rosbercon

Loretta and John Dooley, Rosbercon

Marie Dooley, Rosbercon

Joan Hennessy, Rosbercon

Nora Dwyer

#### 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."

**A Message from Fr. Dan: Divine Merch Sunday: 'Love One Another';** How do we know if we are true followers of Jesus? The real test is, do we love and care for one another? Love is the mark of the follower of Jesus. Love reaches out to others in understanding and compassion, in care and affirmation, in listening and service. The love that is in my heart influences how I treat people every day.

Love is the atmosphere we live in as followers of Jesus. How we care for one another and for our community will decide the quality of our prayer and worship. Those who love God will want to pray and prayer in turn will help us to be loving. When we think of those close to us, we want all to be well for them and we want them to have peace in their hearts and lives. We want them to have the best possible life they can.

A way of growing in love is to be grateful for what we already have. There are so many people who give to us in so many ways every day. People we work with, people we meet socially, people we play games with and people who serve the community, all give to us. A short prayer at night to thank God for them is a lovely idea.

The world that we live in is full of very good and very loving people. But there is coldness and evil in our world also. People are constantly being hurt, abused and used. Part of loving is to care for people who are hurting and bring them healing. This is best achieved in ordinary ways by a helping hand. Also love has the power to transform even the most self-centered and cold heart. Jesus spoke lovingly to many and changed their lives. We can do the same. As Pope Francis said in a talk in January 2014, 'The one who loves, gives to God and to others'

*From the Ennis Parish Newsletter – Adapted.*

**This Beautiful Place:** Summer is on the way and bright days are ahead. But our world is in danger not only from violence and climate change but because of the loss of many species. We are learning to cherish and appreciate our world. We need to preserve our green spaces, control our use of chemicals and keep our hedgerows litter free. We welcome the spring and celebrate the sun shining down, bringing the seed to life in the clay, and the plants growing. Nature provides everything we need, food to eat, healthy air, and all the wonder of the great outdoors. Lord, help us to appreciate our own place.

**To Make you smile:** A traveller asked a holy man if he could share his tent for the night. The holy man invited him in and asked the man to pray with him. The traveller refused, saying he was an atheist. The holy man showed him the door. That night the holy man asked God if he had done the right thing. God replied, 'No, you did not. I have put up with that atheist for 70 years and you could not put up with him for one night!'

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## Mass Intentions for the Saturday/Sunday

13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> April 2024

**Rosbercon:** Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April at 7:00 pm

Kitty Power, Shanbogh

**Mullinarrigle:** Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April at 9:30 am

Margaret Martin, New Ross and Ballyveria

Bartley Conway, Ballyknock

**Collection of Parish Funds 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>/31<sup>st</sup> March 2024**

**Offertory Collection** € 1,808.10

**Weekly Envelopes** € 1,146.90

**Parish Debt on 3<sup>rd</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.

**St. Mary's Cathedral, Kilkenny Restoration Fund 2023/2024**

The March draw for St. Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund took place Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March in the Chapter Room at St. Mary's Cathedral. Congratulations to Anne O'Sullivan who won 6<sup>th</sup> Prize of € 200.00. Please check the Church Noticeboards for the full results of the draw.

Congratulations to Anne Mackey, Tinneranny who was the recipient of an award from the **Irish Blood Transfusion Board** at a presentation function held in Carlow recently for 100 blood donations. This is a great achievement and Anne was the only woman among a group from the Leinster region.

### Reflection

**I am the Great Sun:** from a Normandy Crucifix of 1652

I am the great sun, but you do not see me,

I am your husband, but you turn away.

I am the captive, but you do not free me,

I am the captain but you will not obey.

I am the truth, but you will not believe me,

I am the city where you will not stay.

I am your wife, your child, but you will leave me,

I am that God to whom you will not pray.

I am your counsel, but you will not hear me,

I am your lover whom you will betray.

I am the victor but you will not cheer me

I am the holy dove whom you will slay.

I am your life, but if you will not name me,

Seal up your soul with tears, and never blame me.

*Charles Causley*

**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'.

### Reflection: *Hope*

Hope looks for the good in people instead of harping on the bad.

Hope opens doors where despair will close them.

Hope discovers what can be done

Instead of grumbling about what cannot be done.

Hope lights a candle instead of cursing the darkness.

Hope regards problems small or large as opportunities.

Hope pushes ahead when it would be easy to quit.

Hope puts up with modest gains,

Realising that the longest journey begins with one step.

Hope draws its power from a deep trust in God

And the basic goodness of people.

Hope is a good loser

Because it had the divine assurance of final victory.

**Wisdom:** "Never undertake anything for which you wouldn't have the courage to ask the blessing of Heaven."

**Humour:** A lie will go around the world while the truth is putting its boots on!

**Tullogher 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 10<sup>th</sup> April at 6:30 pm or on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April at 11:30 am. A huge thanks for any donations received.

**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 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.

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