

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 5th May 2024

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

The Gospel of today's Mass reminds us of the commandment Christ left his disciples: 'Love one another as I have loved you.' It is God who first loves us. As we call to mind God's love for us, let us remember that our response to that love is to love one another

Theme of the Weekend Readings

We are challenged to love and care for one another after the example of Christ.

First Reading

Saint Peter comes to realise that all people can be baptised.

Second Reading—To love one another is to know God.

Gospel—Jesus laid down his life for us out of love.

Weekend Masses

Saturday 11th May 7:00 pm Mass in Rosbercon
Sunday 12th May 9:30 am in Mullinarrigle
11:00 am Mass in Rosbercon

Weekday Masses

Rosbercon
Wednesday 8th May No Mass
Friday 10th May 10:00 am Mass

All Masses from Rosbercon Church will be streamed live through our webcam on 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 pm. All are welcome to attend.

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

Recent Deaths

Bridget Mernagh (née O'Hanlon), Forristalstown, Glenmore

Anniversaries

John Gaule, Mullinarrigle
Stephen and Josephine O'Connor, Rosbercon Hill
Teresa Murphy, Tinneranny
Thomas and Teresa Hendrick, Flower Hill, New Ross

Many thanks to all who took part in the in the **Holy Communion Ceremonies** in Rosbercon last weekend. Special thanks to the Teachers, Choir, Readers and to those who decorated the Church. We wish all the children happiness in their lives.

A Message from Fr. Dan: The Light of Easter: We are very fortunate that in our lifetime we enjoy a quality of life which would have been unthinkable a few generations ago. We have an abundance of material goods. We have an ease of communication that has made the world into a global village. We have seen stunning scientific and technological developments that have changed every aspect of our lives.

Yet, the problems of life and how people across the world relate to each other are as far from being solved as ever. The violence and brutality of the wars in Gaza and the Ukraine are truly a wakeup call as to what can happen in the twenty first century. For all of us, issues such as Covid, the cost of living and insecurity about the future are factors in our lives. Materialism has taken hold of peoples' imaginations and the spiritual values that sustained our people for generations are losing their hold.

The result of this is that more and more people are suffering from stress related illnesses especially depression. Doctors and psychologists are concerned that the silent victims of the darkness of depression are reluctant to come forward to seek help and suffer in silence. Sharing our problems with those close to is a great help. For many, having a friend who listens is the first step to a more healthy and happy life.

The Easter Season, which celebrates the life, death and resurrection of Jesus is a constant source of hope and encouragement. The coming of summer gives us some leisure and provides an opportunity for us to grow in our relationship with God. Summer offers us a chance to spend more time with God in prayer. We are invited to be still. Out in nature, we come to know God as our Creator. Jesus himself sought out quiet places in the outdoors to pray. For those who prefer indoors he suggested that we "go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in that secret place..."

We find God every day in what we see, hear and understand but we experience God at a much deeper level when we halt our activities to pray in silence.

Wisdom: "If I were to follow my natural impulses, I would continue as your pastor for as long as I live, because I am aware of the many lonesome hours this self-imposed exile will bring to me.

But the cause is greater than the man and the salvation of people must come before all other considerations. While still in possession of my mental faculties, I am making this decision to retire, lest, perhaps later on, my judgement might become obscured by old age and I might begin to consider myself indispensable."

Fr. Edward O'Reilly of Moyne, Co. Tipperary on his retirement in 1946, to his parishioners in Wisconsin, USA.

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Mass Intentions for the Saturday/Sunday

11th/12th May 2024

Rosbercon: Saturday 11th May at 7:00 pm

Noreen Tubritt, Irishtown and Raheen, Rosbercon-Months Mind
Mattie and Nan Flynn, School House Road, Rosbercon
Gerry Hennessy, Marsh Meadows, Glensensaw
Michael Curran, Hoodsgrove
Thomas and Teresa Hendrick, Flower Hill, New Ross
Kerrin Repman, New Ross and Essex, UK

Trocaire Boxes: We will send your Trocaire contributions to the Diocesan Office next week. We have received € 2,592.00 for which we thank you most sincerely. Your generosity to the poorest of the poor is very much appreciated

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

St. Mary's Cathedral, Kilkenny Restoration Fund 2023/2024: The April draw for St Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund took place Wednesday 24th April in the Chapter Room at St. Mary's Cathedral. Congratulations to Seamus & Biddy Waters who won 4th Prize of € 300.00. Please check the Church Noticeboards for the full results of the draw.

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.

Wisdom: "You can easily judge the character of a man by how he treats those who can do nothing for him."

To make you Smile: Husbands are the best people to share secrets with. They'll never tell anyone because they weren't listening to what you said!

To make you Smile: 'A dog has an owner. A cat needs staff.'

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.

In Memory of my mother by Patrick Kavanagh

You will have the road gate open, the front door ajar,
the kettle boiling and the table set
by the window looking out at the sycamore
and your loving heart lying in wait.

You will know I am coming, though I sent no word.
For you were lover who could tell
a man's thoughts, my thoughts though I hid them.
Through you I knew Woman and did not fear her spell.

◆ DARKNESS INTO LIGHT

Inistioge will once again host a 'Darkness into Light' event on Saturday May 11th 2024. Each year the walk provides an opportunity for people to connect with their local community and to bring hope to people who have been impacted by suicide. The route takes walkers on a tranquil journey from Inistioge village, over the bridge and along the River Nore. Register at darknessintolight.ie or on the night.

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◆ TULLOGHER LISTERLIN FIANNA FÁIL CUMANN

The Tullogher/Listerlin Fianna Fáil Cumann will hold a meeting on Tuesday night the 7th May in Paddy Ryan's Bar Listerlin at 8:30 pm. All members are welcome to attend.

◆ SOUTH KILKENNY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Coach Trip to Lismore on Saturday, June 1st 2024. Cost is € 70.00 for members and € 75.00 for those who are not paid up members for 2024. The cost includes coach hire, entrance to Lismore Heritage Centre, a walking tour of Lismore, entrance to Lismore Castle Gardens and an evening meal at the Foley's, Lismore. It does not include the cost of lunch. The coach will depart the Main Street, Mullinavat at 9:00 am, returning at approximately 10:00 pm.

For further information on booking places for the Coach Trip please contact Brigid Barron, Blossom Hill, Kilmacow, Co. Kilkenny, (087 9507295, brigidbarron@hotmail.com) or Mary Ryan, 'Gort Glas', Aglish, Carrigeen, Co. Kilkenny (086 3790655, maryearyan@gmail.com).

A € 20.00 non-refundable deposit, per person will apply.

◆ WORLD ATHLETICS RACE WALKING

The Kilkenny Athletics grand prix of racewalking will be held at the Pink Rock on Sunday 5th May at 12:00 noon. This event is promoted by the Kilkenny County Athletic board and hosted by St. Josephs Athletic Club. This is the first event to be held in Ireland .

◆ TULLOGHER ROSBERCON DEVELOPMENT DRAW

The Tullogher Rosbercon Development Draw was held on Tuesday 30th April 2024. The winners are as follows:

- 1st—James Gill, Shanbogh
- 2nd—Nicholas Dollard, Smithstown
- 3rd—Brendan Lawlor, Ballymagill
- 4th—Billy Gorey, Tinneranny
- 5th—Mark and Rose Saunders, Ballyneale
- 6th—Margaret Aylward, Glenmore
- 7th—Jason Shiely, Castle Annaghs

The next draw will take place on Tuesday 28th May 2024 at 09:00 pm.

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