

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 25th January 2026

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THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

‘The people that lived in darkness have seen a great light’. This is how St. Matthew describes the impact of Jesus’ coming. That light shines on us now as we gather in the Lord’s name.

Theme of the Weekend Readings

The beginning of Jesus’ Ministry.

First Reading

Isaiah looks forward to the light that Christ will bring.

Second Reading

St. Paul appeals for unity among his followers.

Gospel—Jesus begins his public life.

Weekend Masses

Sunday 1st February 9:30 am Mass in Mullinarrigle
11:00 am Mass in Rosbercon

Weekday Masses

Rosbercon

Wednesday 28th January 10:00 am Mass
Friday 30th January 10:00am 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 noon. All are welcome to attend.

Recent Deaths

Minnie Aylward, Assumption Terrace, Rosbercon
Kyle Comerford, Mooncoin and Thomastown

Anniversaries

Pat Ryan, Guilcough—Months Mind
Margaret (Peggy) Burke (née Ryan), Thomastown and Listerlin
John Maddock, Rahora, Tullogher
Pat Ryan, Guilcough Beag, Kilbrahan
Baby Oisín McLoughlin, Smithstown
Mary, Margaret and James Long, Ballywairy, Glenmore
Kitty, Kevin and Paddy Foley, Rahora
Tim Breen, Tinnakilly
Bob Quinn, Millbanks
Rita Power, Brooklawn, Shanbogh
George Phelan, The Rower/Garranbehy
Agnes Hayes, Fethard On Sea

I Shall Not Pass This Way Again

I expect to pass through this world but once;
Any good thing therefore, that I can do, or any
kindness that I can show to any fellow creature,
let me do it now, let me not defer or neglect it,
for I shall not pass this way again.

Anon

A Message from Fr. Dan: Spring-Time in the Church: In mid-winter as we are now, only the barest signs of Spring are visible. But we have no doubt that Spring is just around the corner even though the ground still carries many of the dead leaves of last Summer. We continue to live in a time of change, in society, in political life, in the Church and in our parish. As the old certainties pass away, we can be both fearful and excited at what the future will bring.

Our Diocesan and Parish structures have served us well in the past but they assumed a large number of priests and a model of church where the priests provided the necessary Church services for the people.

For many years, theologians and church leaders have been saying that now is the time when all baptised people will take their rightful places in church life. However, it has taken the huge reduction in the number of priests to bring us to the moment where lay people can flourish.

As we move into the future, we can choose to resist change or to be open and excited about what is happening in our parish and in the diocese. But like the coming spring, the Holy Spirit, the Breath of God will break through the withered beauties of last year and carry us forward to enjoy what is new and fresh in the world.

The Hill we Climb

“So, let us leave behind a country better than the one we were left with. We will rebuild, reconcile and recover in every known nook of our nation, in every corner called our country. Our people diverse and beautiful will emerge battered and beautiful. When day comes, we step out of the shade aflame and unafraid. The new dawn blooms as we free it. For there is always light. If only we are brave enough to see it. If only we’re brave enough to be it.”

(From a poem read by Amanda Gorman at President Joe Biden’s inauguration.)

The Memorare is a beautiful prayer to Our Lady

Remember, O most gracious Virgin
Mary, that never was it known
that anyone who fled to thy protection,
implored thy help, or sought thy intercession,
was left unaided.
Inspired by this confidence I fly unto you,
O Virgin of virgins, my mother.
To you do I come, before you I
stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother
of the Word Incarnate, please consider my petitions,
And in your clemency hear and answer me.

Amen

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Mass Intentions for Sunday 1st February, 2026

Mullinarrigle: Sunday 1st February at 9:30 am

Richard and Anastasia Ryan, Ballycurran

Bridget Fitzpatrick, Knockmoylan

Rosbercon: Sunday 1st February at 11:00 am

Irene Lynch, Tinneranny

Patsy Brambley, Bosheen Road, New Ross

Christmas Offerings

Many thanks to parishioners for your generosity to the Christmas Collection. Outstanding envelopes may be handed in at Mass or to the Parochial House. May the New Year which stretches out before us be especially blessed for you.

Annual St. Brigid's Day Service at St. Canice's Catholic Church, Kilkenny:

The Annual St. Brigid's Day Service will take place in St. Canice's Catholic Church, Dean Street, on Sunday, February 1st at 7:30 pm. Blessed red flannel, prayer cards, and water from St. Brigid's Well in Kildare will be available on the night. St. Brigid's Crosses will also be on sale. A collection will be taken in support of the Kilkenny Gospel Choir Outreach Programme. All are welcome to attend.

Reflection: A Celtic Prayer

I rise today with God's strength to direct me

God's wisdom to guide me

God's eyes to look before me

God's word to speak to me

God's hand to uphold me

God's pathway before me

God's shield to protect me

God's host to save me –

From temptation

From one man or many

That seek to destroy me

Amen

To make you smile: Shortly before he died in 2001, Harry Secombe received the following telegram from his great friend Spike Milligan: 'I hope you die before me, Harry. I couldn't bear to have you singing at my funeral!'

Wisdom: "It takes nothing to join the crowd. It takes everything to stand alone".

Hans F. Hansen

Humour: A dad was reading Bible stories to his young son. He read, "the man named Lot was warned to take his wife and flee out of the city, but his wife looked back and was turned into a pillar of salt." His son asked, "What happened to the flea?"

Rosbercon Parish Safeguarding Representatives are Brid Vereker and Anne O' Sullivan. If you have a Safeguarding concern, contact Brid or Anne.

◆ TULLOGHER ROSBERCON GAA CLUB

An Extraordinary General Meeting will take place on Tuesday 27th January at 7:30 pm in the Clubhouse in Brownstown.

◆ SOUTH KILKENNY HISTORICAL SOCIETY LECTURE

A Kilkenny Man Looks Back

Speaker: Liam Burke

Date: Thursday, 29th January 2026

Time: 8:00 pm

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

Liam will look back at some social and sporting events.

◆ ST. MOLING'S CHAPTER—ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

We wish to inform Parishioners our Financial Year ending 31st December 2025 was from a charitable perspective a very successful year thanks to you Parishioners and to Local Clubs. Contributions throughout the past year amounted to € 4,275.00 which enabled us to contribute the following charitable assistance to the parish needy; timber and coal € 1,370.00, Lidl € 20.00 Food Vouchers € 1,530.00, clothing and other sundry assistance € 829.00 apart from € 1,700.00 in electricity vouchers which we received free from Head Office. Special Thanks to Our Lady of Lourdes Convent for the generous food donation which was distributed amongst 12 needy Parish families. Your financial support enables us to continue our work throughout the coming year. Once again thank you most kindly. Committee; Richard McElwee, Catherine Cottrell, Mary B. Conway, Seamus Waters, Bríd Vereker and Margaret Saunders. Help Line No—087-7140112.

◆ A WORD OF WARNING

Should you receive a letter of phone message purporting to have come from either the Revenue or your Bank or from any other source under no circumstances respond to it without prior clarification. Consult your accountant in the event of a Revenue letter or call to your local Bank branch in respect of any financial matter for clarification. In the past year a number of parishioners have fallen foul of such scams, so be vigilant in all matters financial, take absolutely no chances. Given that most people now only receive bank statements quarterly this by then in the event of a scam your money is most likely well and truly gone and is not possible the Bank to recover however; you can quite easily take measures to help protect yourself by registering for Online Banking which enables you to view your current bank statement online on a daily basis or more often thus facilitating quick discovery of any questionable transactions. All you have to do is call personally to your local Bank Branch who will set you up on either your laptop or smart phone. Scammers now target elderly people in particular who by nature tend to be trusting and all too often quite easily fall victim of such very convincing contacts with promises of tax refunds and other financial benefits. Take precautions now.

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