

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 3rd August 2025

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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Possessions exercise a big hold on our hearts. The result is that we forget the more important things in life like relationships. Jesus said our main concern should be to 'make ourselves rich in the sight of God.'

Theme of the Weekend Readings

Proper and intelligent use of material goods.

First Reading—t is easy to fall into the trap of vanity.

Second Reading

In our lives we should look to Christ for He is a model worth imitating.

Gospel

A warning against greed and a reminder of what it takes to follow Christ.

Weekend Masses

Sunday 10th August 9:30 am Mass in Mullinarrigle
11:00 am Mass in Rosbercon

All Masses from Rosbercon Church will be streamed live through our webcam on www.rosberconparish.ie.

Fr. Dan is now away on Sabbatical until 29th November, 2025. Fr. Anthony O'Connor will cover weekend Mass and the administration of Sacraments. Phone 087-2517766.

Recent Deaths

John Joe Vaughan, Glenbarra, Rosbercon
Paddy Lackey, Brownstown, Ballyneal

Anniversaries

John Finn, Glenballyvalley
Purcell Family, Smithstown
Pat Walsh, Listerlin
Sr. Annette Walsh, Smithstown
Tim and Joan Roche, Curraghlane
Thomas, Sonny and Packie Long, Ballalog
Michael Fleming, Chambersland

We wish every blessing to **Sarah Lee, Shanbogh** and to **Stephen Murphy, Shanbogh** who were married in the Church of the Assumption, Rosbercon, on Friday 25th July 2025. We pray that Our Lord will bless their marriage and grant them happiness.

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

A Message from Fr. Dan: "I've started, so I'll finish"

I'm probably no different from most people when I admit to being slow to begin a project, fearing the end result is going to be a shambles. We put off so many things until the long evenings of summer. Monday last was the first of August. It is now time to tackle those projects that we hoped to complete this summer.

There is great wisdom in trusting that the completion of our tasks will come only after several attempts, false dawns, and, maybe more importantly than anything else, recognition that I may not be able to achieve my goal on my own. It is a most liberating experience to realise that one needs help. One of the happiest surprises in life is how often we discover people who are willing to work with us, share our load and accompany us on a particular journey.

The great success stories that make headlines are nearly always preceded by great struggle, effort, apparent failure and many moments of self-doubt. There are always 'nay sayers' who presume "it couldn't be done". Yet things get done and we are often captivated by what has been achieved.

For every one of us, there is a potential success story... tailor made for you and me, made to fit each personality. However, we may need to start and start again, but, often with the helping hand of another, the love and support of another, the task is finally completed. Here lies the truth: We need each other. Together we can achieve headline success stories! The important thing is to make a start.

(From the Ennis Parish Newsletter – Adapted)

Reflection: I See His Blood upon the Rose

I see his blood upon the rose
And in the stars the glory of his eyes.
His body gleams amid eternal snows
His tears fall from the skies.

I see his face in every flower;
The thunder and the singing of the birds
Are but his voice – and carved by his power
Rocks are his written word.

All pathways by his feet are worn
His strong heart stirs the ever-beating sea
His crown of thorns is twined with every thorn
His cross is every tree

Joseph Mary Plunkett

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Mass Intentions for Sunday, 10th August 2025

Rosbercon: Sunday 10th August at 11:00 am

Jackie Stacey, Shanbogh

St. Moling's Well Pattern Mass

The annual St Moling's Well pattern mass in Mullinakill takes place on Sunday 24th August at 2pm. The mass will see the continuation of the ancient tradition where countless generations of people from south Kilkenny, come to honour St. Moling. The annual pattern mass is a yearly social event so come along to the beautiful tranquil surroundings of St Moling's Well on August 24th.

Many thanks to all who contributed to the Annual Summer Envelope Collection for the support of Fr. Dan. Outstanding envelopes can be handed in at Mass or to the Parochial House.

Bishop Coll welcomes the Blessed Statue of the Sacred Heart to the Diocese of Ossory:

In this *Jubilee Year of Hope 2025*, the Pilgrim Statue of the Sacred Heart, blessed by Pope Francis on 8th January 2025, as it continues its pilgrimage throughout Ireland, will visit the Diocese of Ossory in July and August as follows:

Monday, 4th - 16th August 2025

Church of the Sacred Heart, Moneenroe, Co. Kilkenny.

Saturday, 16th August 2025

Bishop Niall will celebrate Mass at 6.00p.m. in the Church of the Sacred Heart, Moneenroe, Clogh, after which the Statue will leave the Diocese of Ossory.

Just a Thought: These summer weeks invite us to create time for rest and relaxation. For us at times it is a difficult challenge to find the balance between work, rest and play. To be good instruments of God's love we must avoid being over tired, burnt out, stressed, aggressive, or closed up. We need to be rested, centred, peaceful and aware of the needs of our body, our heart and our spirit. Voices surround us, always telling us to move faster. It may be our boss, our parents, our wives, our husbands, our politicians, or, sadly, even ourselves. So we comply. We increase the speed. We live life in the fast lane. Too many of us are running much faster than we can sustain. In these summer months the invitation for us is to be relaxed and rested to entrust ourselves completely to the silence of a wide landscape of woods and hills, and/or by the sea. We sit still while the sun comes up over the land and fills its silences with light.

Humour: A boy asked his father: 'What is a man?' The father replied 'A person who takes responsibility for his family and his house and takes care of them'. Then the child said 'I hope I will be a man like Mum one day'.

♦ MEALS ON WHEELS, NEW ROSS

Meals On Wheels, New Ross will have their annual Church Gate Collection on **Saturday; 9th August and Sunday; 10th August**. All donations welcome.

♦ TULLOGHER ROSBERCON DEVELOPMENT DRAW

The winners of the Tullagher Rosbercon Draw 2022-2025 which was held on Tuesday, 29th July 2025 are as follows:

- 1st—Patrick Grennan, Jnr., Ballyreddy
- 2nd—John Grennan, Ballycurran
- 3rd—Seamus Murphy, Trenaree
- 4th—Purcell Family, Slievecorrig
- 5th—Richard and Breda Aylward, Mullinakill
- 6th—John and Nora Lyng, Ballyknock
- 7th—Finn Kelly, New Ross

Congratulations to all winners. The next draw will take place on Tuesday, 26th August 2025.

♦ 'THE MAN BORN TO BE KING'

Lake Productions will present 'The Man born to be King' on 9th, 10th and 11th September 2025, in The Black Abbey Church, Kilkenny. The religious play will be presented in conjunction with the Black Abbey in celebrating their 800th anniversary. To book, go to www.Eventbrite.ie and search for 'The Man born to be King'.

♦ TULLOGHER ROSBERCON GAA CLUB

Tullagher Rosbercon GAA Club would like to welcome Marbel City Cycles to the Parish on Saturday 2nd August. The GAA Club facilities is a refreshment stop for the event. **We are appealing to all road users on the day to express caution.** Thank you for your co-operation.

♦ EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Activities Assistant required in the New Houghton Hospital. Duties include providing residents with activities such as music, art and physical movement. Working as part of a multi-disciplinary team. This is a developmental opportunity, no experience necessary. Accredited training will be provided to support your career. Community Employment Terms and conditions apply.

For more information please contact 086—3642592.

♦ CROSS TRAINER FOR SALE

Hammer Pro Line Cross trainer for sale. For more information please contact 086—3939936.

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