

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 3rd May 2026

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

Everybody needs a home. Jesus assures us that ultimately all of us have a home to go to, namely, the Heavenly Father's house. He even promises to prepare a place for us in that house. This is a cause of hope.

Theme of the Weekend Readings: Jesus tells us He is the Way, the Truth and the Life.

First Reading: The first deacons are selected in response to a need in the early Church.

Second Reading: St. Peter writes about our calling as Christians.

Gospel: Jesus prepares a place for us in God's Kingdom.

Weekend Masses:

Sunday 10th May: 9.30am Mass in Mullinarrigle
11.00am Mass in Rosbercon

Weekday Masses:

Rosbercon:

Wednesday 6th May: 10am Mass

Friday 8th May: 10am Mass

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

Anniversaries

Tom Kennedy, Ballykenna

Joe Murphy, Brownsford

Peggy (Margaret) O'Gorman, Knockavilla, New Ross

Matt and Anne Flynn, School House Road, Rosbercon

The First Eucharist Ceremony takes place in Rosbercon Church on Saturday 2nd May at 11.00a.m.

The First Eucharist Ceremony takes place in Mullinarrigle Church on Saturday 16th May at 11.00 a.m. There will be a Mass of Preparation for children and parents on Tuesday 12th May at 7.30 p.m.

Feast Day of Blessed Edmund Rice, Tuesday, 5th May 2026:

To mark the Feast of Blessed Edmund Ignatius Rice, Bishop Ger Nash, Apostolic Administrator, will celebrate Mass in Blessed Edmund Rice Chapel, Westcourt, Callan, Kilkenny R95 RX83, on Tuesday, 5th May 2026 at 7.00p.m. All are welcome. "Cast all your cares into the hands of Divine Providence" Blessed Edmund Rice.

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: 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.

Trocaire Boxes and Envelopes: We hope to send your Trocaire contributions to the Diocesan Office by mid-May. So far, we have received €1,147.00 for which we thank you most sincerely. If you see 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 poor is appreciated.

Sincere thanks to all who contributed so generously to the **Lenten and Easter Offering**. Outstanding envelopes may be handed in at the weekend Masses or to the Parish Office.

Many thanks to all who took part in the **Confirmation Ceremony** in Mullinarrigle last Saturday. Special thanks to the Teachers, Choir, Readers and to those who decorated the Church. We wish all the children happiness in their lives.

Holy Face Prayer Group: Holy Face Prayer Group will meet on Tuesday, 5th May 2026 in St Fiacre's Church, Loughboy, Kilkenny, at 7.30p.m. and on the first Tuesday of every month thereafter. All are welcome to come join in prayer.

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Mass Intentions for Sunday, 10th May 2026:

Rosbercon: Sunday 10th May at 11.00 a.m.
 Thomas and Teresa Hendrick, Flower Hill
 Mick, Jimmy and Bill Purcell, Kilbrahan
 Dick Gaule, Slievecorragh
 Theresa Murphy, Tinneranny
 Teresa Dooley, Garranbehy and all deceased members of the
 Dooley and Kennedy families

Graveyard: Please help keep the Parish cemeteries clean and tidy by taking home any withered flowers and wreaths instead of leaving them at the cemetery entrances. Remembering our beloved dead is important, and so too is caring for these sacred spaces. All old flowers, wreaths, and other waste should be taken home for proper disposal, as there is no collection service available in the cemeteries. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel every Wednesday morning from 10.30am to 12pm. All are welcome to attend.

The Diocese of Ossory requires a Nurse to provide an advocacy and support service to Priests in the Diocese of Ossory. The Diocese comprises of 42 parishes in Counties, Kilkenny, Laois and Offaly. The post will be part-time, flexible and initially for a three-year period. The ideal candidate must be:

- A registered General Nurse (ideally with Community experience).
- Self-motivated and have the ability to co-ordinate care planning in a community-based environment.
- Possess excellent communication skills.
- Competency in time management.
- Full clean driving licence and own transport are essential.

Please email your application to admin@ossory.ie or by post to The Diocesan Secretary, Diocesan Office, James's St, Kilkenny, R95 NH60. Closing date for applications is Friday, 29th May 2026.

Trees:

I think that I shall never see a poem lovely as a tree-
 A tree whose hungry mouth is pressed against the earth's sweet
 flowing breast;
 A tree that looks to God all day and lifts her leafy arms to pray
 A tree that may in summer wear a nest of robins in her hair
 Upon whose bosom snow is lain who intimately lives with rain.
 Poems are made by fools like me but only God can make a tree.
 Joyce Kilmer

Humour: A mother was teaching her four-year-old daughter the Lord's Prayer. For several evenings at bedtime the little girl repeated it after her mother. One night the girl said she was finally ready to do it herself. The mother listened carefully as she enunciated each word right up to the end. 'Lead us not into temptation' she prayed 'and deliver us some email. Amen'.

Reflection:

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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Our Lady of Lourdes Lotto Results: We had no jackpot winner this week. The weekly winner of the €20 was: Jim Redmond. The spot prize winners for this week were: Catherine Moran - €50 voucher for the Rhu Glenn Hotel, Slieverue, Co. Kilkenny and Olive Keating - Family pass (2 adults & 2 children) for the Dunbrody Famine Ship Experience, New Ross. Next week the jackpot is set for €600. Best of luck to everyone in the next draw and thank you for your continued support. You can sign up to our fundraiser via the following link:
<https://www.ourfundraiser.ie/org/olo1>

South Kilkenny Historical Society

The South Kilkenny Historical Society has organised a Coach Trip to Kilmallock, Co. Limerick on Saturday, 23rd May 2026.

The coach will depart from Main Street, Mullinavat (outside The Rising Sun) at 8.30am, returning approximately 10pm
 Cost: €75 (members); €80 (non-members), includes coach fare, guided tours, entrance fees, lunch in Kilmallock (soup, tea and sandwiches) and an evening meal at the Talbot Hotel, Clonmel.

For further information and booking please contact Brigid Barron, Blossom Hill, Kilmacow, Co. Kilkenny (087 9507295, brigidbarron@hotmail.com) or Mary Ryan, 'GortGlas', Aglish, Carrigeen, Co. Kilkenny (086 3790655, maryearyan@gmail.com)

Wisdom: May the flowers remind us, why the rain was so necessary!

Xan Oku

Tullagher Rosbercon Development Draw 2025 – 2028

Winners of April 2026 Draw (held on 28th April 2026)
 1st Prize of €250 Eileen Morrissey, Glenpipe
 Promoter: Micheal Bookle
 2nd Prize of €100 Stephan Walsh, Smithstown
 Promoter: Eamonn Phelan
 3rd Prize of €100 Thomas & Alison Grennan, Ballycurran
 Promoter: John Barron
 4th – 7th Prize of €50
 4 Willie Vereker, Rosbercon
 Promoter: Morgan Lalor
 5 Simon Kennedy, Ballykenna
 Promoter: Michael Grennan
 6 Maurice Aylward, Shanbogh
 Promoter: Robert Forristal
 7 Basil Glennon, Tullagher
 Promoter: Matt O'Brien

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