

# ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 28th May 2023

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## Pentecost Sunday

This is the day when, true to his promise, Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to the Apostles. The coming of the Spirit changed the Apostles and saw the launching of a new community (the Church). This day renews the gift of the Spirit in each of us and in the Church as a whole.

### Theme of the Weekend Readings

The coming of the Holy Spirit.

**First Reading**—The Spirit descends.

**Second Reading**—The effects of the Spirit.

### Gospel

The gospel of John links Easter with the coming of the Holy Spirit.

### Weekend Masses

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 7:00 pm in Tullogher  
Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June 9:30 am Mass in Mullinarrigle  
11:00 am Mass in Rosbercon

### Weekday Masses

**Rosbercon**  
Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May 10:00 am Mass  
Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 10:00 am Mass

All Masses from Rosbercon Church will be streamed live through our webcam on [www.rosberconparish.ie](http://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

James (Jimmy) Bird, Rosbercon

### Anniversaries

Pat Fortune, Shanbogh  
Anna and Martin Woods, Ballymartin, Tullogher  
Sr. Margaret Conway, Holy Faith Sisters and Listerlin  
Edward and Margaret Conway, Listerlin

### Rest in Peace

Those we love don't go away. They walk beside us every day. Unseen, unheard but always near; still loved, still missed and very dear.

### Summer Wishes

Fr. Dan thanks all parishioners for the many wonderful ways that we journey together throughout the year. He thanks those who have continued to be so generous to our parish and to him over so many years. May we all enjoy the wonderful season of summer.

We welcome into our Parish Community **Eva Robyn Moran**, daughter of David and Shannon, Beech Grove, Rosbercon, who was baptised in the Church of the Assumption, Rosbercon on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

**A Message from Fr. Dan: Pentecost: The Coming of the Spirit:** This weekend's celebration of Pentecost is a beautiful feast. Scripture tells us that over two thousand years ago the Holy Spirit descended on the Apostles, accompanied by miraculous signs of mighty winds and tongues of fire. The descent of the Spirit is the final act of our salvation which God had promised. From Old Testament times there was an expectation that God would send his Spirit to his people. So, the coming of the Holy Spirit reminds us that God fulfils his promises, even if it takes time!!

The sound of the wind and the flame that accompanies the Spirit represent the creative breath of God and fire was also associated with the purifying presence of God. The wind and the fire tell us that God is about to do something 'new' or even that God is creating something new. The experience of the Spirit this weekend changes what is old and stale within us to something new.

Why does God send the Holy Spirit to us? God sent the Holy Spirit to his followers because the early Church needed God's Spirit. The first disciples were in hiding after their experience of the crucifixion of Jesus. They were terrified that what had happened to Jesus would happen to them. Only the power of the Holy Spirit would get them over their fear.

In answer to their prayer, God sent the Holy Spirit, to embolden them to go out and preach the story of Jesus and to remind the people of the love of God. Pentecost reminds us that God will fulfil his promises, even if it takes time. His presence this weekend is powerful and re-creates the old into something new as he responds to our needs today. So, let us all pray, *Veni Sancte Spiritus*, Come Holy Spirit.

**Wisdom:** When God asked the young King Solomon, 'What would you like me to give you?' as he was beginning to rule his people after his father David's death, the young king answered, 'give me a wise and understanding heart'.

And God we're told, was pleased with Solomon's request and the fact that he hadn't asked for wealth or power and God promised him 'a heart wise and shrewd as none before you had and as none will have after you'.

The wisdom offered to Solomon is the pearl of great price and is the first gift of the Holy Spirit whom we are celebrating this weekend.

Imagine God asking you the same question, what would you choose? How do you want your life to be measured? Many people long for possessions, money, property. Many dream of a good position in life, with power and influence. The question is what kind of person am I?

The world measures greatness by power, prestige and property. For God wisdom and understanding are the true measure of greatness. We all know the kind of person we would like to be friends with, one with an understanding heart. Love and laughter, kindness and consideration are worth everything and in the end are the only things of lasting value.

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**Mass Intentions for the Saturday/Sunday  
3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

**Mullinarrigle:** Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June at 9:30 am  
Tom Kennedy, Ballykenna—Months Mind

**Rosbercon:** Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June at 11:00 am  
Con Ryan, School House Road

**Collection of Parish Funds 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> May 2023**  
**Offertory Collection** € 1,367.20  
**Weekly Envelopes** € 1,062.80  
**Parish Debt on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2023** € 25,353.61

**The Annual Summer Collection Envelopes** for the support of Fr. Dan will be available from the weekend of the 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> June. The usual distributors are asked to oblige and we thank them for their work on our behalf. Part of this collection supports the retired priests and the priests of the Diocese whose income has to be supplemented.

**Trocaire Boxes and Envelopes**

We thank you for your generosity to Trócaire. The hardest part of the Trócaire appeal is to get the boxes or envelopes returned in time. If you see a Trócaire box in a house, we respectfully suggest that you might be so kind as to bring it to the church or to the Parochial House. We will send your donations to the diocese this week to be forwarded to the poorest of the poor.

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.

**Dates for your Diary**

**Dates of Cemetery Masses in Rosbercon Parish, 2023**

Monday, 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Ballyneale Cemetery
Tuesday, 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Shanbogh Cemetery
Friday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Rosbercon New Cemetery
Monday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Listerlin Old Cemetery
Tuesday, 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Rosbercon Old Cemetery
Friday, 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Mullinarrigle Cemetery
Sunday, 20 <sup>th</sup> August	St. Moling's Well

**All Evening Masses at 8:00 pm and Sunday Masses at 2:00 pm.**

**Reflection: Death Overcome**

As long as the sun comes over the hills,  
scatters the darkness, and fills the world with light;  
As long as the fields get green again,  
and the primroses and violets return;

As long as the trees fill up again with leaves,  
there is hope for us and for the world.

So, come, let us follow the footsteps of spring,  
for the snow has melted,  
and life is awakening from its sleep  
and wanders through the hills and valleys.

Come, let us ascend the heights  
and gaze upon the waving greenness of the plains below.

O come, let us rejoice on this Easter Day,  
for death has folded up its tent and gone away.

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

"We build too many walls and not enough bridges".

*Isaac Newton.*

**ALONE** is a national organisation that enables older people to age at home across Kilkenny. Our work is for all older people and aims to improve wellbeing. We have a national network of staff and volunteers who provide Support Coordination, Practical Supports, Befriending, a variety of Phone Services, Social Prescribing, Housing with Support and Assistive Technology. If you are interested in Volunteering with ALONE or to learn more, please visit [www.alone.ie/volunteer/volunteers/](http://www.alone.ie/volunteer/volunteers/). If you or an Older Person you know needs help of any kind, please contact ALONE on 0818 222 024, line open 7 days per week 8 am—8 pm or email: [hello@alone.ie](mailto:hello@alone.ie)

**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.

◆ **THE GLENMORE TULLOGHER ROSBERCON COMMUNITY GAMES**

The GTR Community Games Area athletics finals will be taking place on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May at 6:30 pm in the Rosbercon sports grounds. Entries from boys and girls will be taken who live in the catchment area of Glenmore Tullagher Rosbercon.

◆ **KNOCK PILGRIMAGE**

There will be a one day coach trip to Knock Shrine on Sunday July 2<sup>nd</sup> for the Ferns Diocesan Day Pick-up Points are as follows Wellingtonbridge, Ramsgrange, Campile, and New Ross. Fare € 73.00 including two meals. Please contact Nicholas Bowe on 087—9418661.

◆ **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

Rosbercon Community Employment Scheme has the following vacancies

1. 2 x Environmental Worker in Rosbercon Parish
2. 2 x Environmental Workers in New Ross Golf Club
3. 1 x Project Worker in St. Michael's Theatre, New Ross

For further information please contact: 051-425093 or 086-3642592. Email: [rosberconparish@gmail.com](mailto:rosberconparish@gmail.com). **Department of Social Protection, Community Employment Terms and Conditions Apply. See (<http://www.welfare.ie>)**

◆ **CUMANN NA MBUNSCOL ROINN B CAMOGIE FINAL**

The young girls of Listerlin, Rosbercon and Shanbogh are playing their Cumann na mBunscol Roinn B Camogie Final Sunday 28 May at half past three in Gowran against Coon-Muckalee. All support would be hugely appreciated as this amazing team go in search of the ultimate glory. All connected in any way with GAA in the parish wish them the very best of good luck in what's sure to be an occasion to savour. Go n-éirí an t-ádh libh!

◆ **NIGHTFEVER**

Students, Parents, Grandparents, Friends and the wider Community are invited to pray for all sitting exams this summer. Drop in and light a free candle and say a prayer for exam success in St. Mary's and St. Michael's Church, New Ross on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June from 07:00 pm to 08:00 pm.

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