

# ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 19th May 2024

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## PENTECOST SUNDAY

Pentecost saw the birth of a new community, the Church. This is day the apostles left the upper room, where they had been hiding for fear of the Jews, and went out fearlessly to preach the Gospel to the world. They could not have done this had they not received 'power from on high', that is, the Holy Spirit. We pray today that the Holy Spirit will come into our lives.

### Theme of the Weekend Readings

The coming of the Holy Spirit to the world.

### First Reading

Pentecost is described. The Spirit brings unity to all people.

### Second Reading

The effects of self-indulgence are compared to what the Spirit brings.

### Gospel

Jesus promises the Spirit who will bring believers to complete truth.

### Weekend Masses

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May 7:00 pm Mass in Rosbercon  
Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May 9:30 am in Mullinarrigle  
11:00 am Mass in Rosbercon

### Weekday Masses

**Rosbercon**  
Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May No Mass  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May No Mass

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

Fr. Dan will celebrate the **Golden Jubilee of his Ordination** with a Mass of Thanksgiving on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> 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.

### 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.

### Recent Deaths

Bridget (Biddy) O' Neill (née Walsh), Ballyknock, Rosbercon

### Anniversaries

Denis and Katty Power, Darbystown and deceased members of the Power and Tobin families  
Mick Purcell, Kilbrahan  
Jimmy Bird, Hoodsgrove  
Teresa Dooley, Garranbehy

Please note there will be no **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** next Wednesday morning 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2024.

### 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.

### What is Home

Most people have forgotten nowadays what a home can mean, though some of us have come to realize it as never before.

Home is a kingdom of its own in the midst of the world, a haven of refuge amid the turmoil of our age, a sanctuary.

A home is not founded on the shifting sands of private or public life but has its peace in God.

For it is God who gives a home its special meaning and dignity, its nature and privilege, its destiny and worth.

Home is the place that God establishes for us in the world, A place, where peace, quiet, respect, acceptance, and, to crown them all, happiness, may dwell, whatever else may pass away in the world.

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**Mass Intentions for the Saturday/Sunday,  
25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

**Rosbercon:** Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May at 7:00 pm  
Philip Wall, Rosbercon

**Listerlin:** Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May at 09:30 am  
Anna and Martin Woods, Ballymartin

**Rosbercon:** Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May at 11:00 am  
Con , Rena and Michael Ryan, School House Road  
Andy Kane, Shanbogh  
Kathy Doran, Maiden Lane, New Ross

**Dates of Cemetery Masses in Rosbercon Parish, 2024**

Tuesday, 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Ballyneale Cemetery
Friday, 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Rosbercon New Cemetery
Monday, 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Listerlin Old Cemetery (Rosary-No Mass)
Tuesday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Shanbogh Cemetery
Friday, 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Mullinarrigle Cemetery
Tuesday, 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Rosbercon Old Cemetery
Sunday, 25 <sup>th</sup> August	St. Moling's Well

**All Evening Masses at 7:30 pm and Sunday Masses at 2:00 pm**  
Please note the change of time for evening services.

**The Ossory Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes** takes place from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> of May. While on pilgrimage, the intentions of the people of the Diocese and the needs of our Diocese will be remembered during all liturgies. The pilgrimage will include 23 assisted pilgrims and 40 young people from secondary schools in the Diocese. Our sincere thanks to all who assisted funding the pilgrimage costs in anyway especially those who contributed to the church collections for this purpose. Bishop Niall Coll will be chief celebrant at the Grotto Mass on 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 9am Irish time and it can be viewed live by logging into [www.lourdes-france.org](http://www.lourdes-france.org)

**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.

Ailish Higgins, the new Director of Safeguarding & DLP for the Diocese of Ossory, will facilitate a **Refresher/Information Session on Safeguarding in Rosbercon Parish Hall** on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May from 7.30pm-9pm. This evening is open to all who volunteer in Rosbercon Parish and all are welcome to attend.

**Reflection: A Wise King**

In ancient Ireland a king was expected:  
To be a listener in the woods; to be a gazer at the stars.  
To be silent in the wilderness; to be talkative in company.  
To be silent where secrets were concerned; to be mild in the Mead Hall.  
To be stern in battle; to be gentle towards allies.  
To be a physician of the sick; to respect the old.  
To be strong towards the powerful; to be weak with the feeble.  
Not to speak of anyone in their absence; to give but not to ask.  
Through cultivating these habits, the young prince became a worthy king

*Brian Darcy (Adapted)*

Sincere thanks to all who contributed so generously to the Easter Offering and to Trocaire. Our parishioners have been very generous.

◆ **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](mailto:brigidbarron@hotmail.com)) or Mary Ryan, 'Gort Glas', Aglish, Carrigeen, Co. Kilkenny (086 3790655, [maryearyan@gmail.com](mailto:maryearyan@gmail.com)).

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

◆ **KNOCK PILGRIMAGE**

There will be a one day coach trip to Knock Shrine on Sunday July 7th for the Ferns Diocesan Day. Pick-up Points are Wellingtonbridge, Ramsgrange, Campile, and New Ross. Fare € 83.00 including two meals. For more information please contact details Nicholas Bowe on 087-9418661.

◆ **LINE DANCING**

Line Dancing Classes are held every Tuesday and Thursday evening in Rosbercon Hall at 7:00 pm. Beginners always welcome. For more information please contact Sarah on 087-9792483.

**BRAND NEW** Day Time Line Dancing Classes are starting on Tuesdays in February at 11:00 am until 12:00 noon in Rosbercon Parish Hall. Beginners always welcome. For more information please contact Sarah on 087-9792483.

◆ **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

Rosbercon Community Employment Scheme has the following vacancies

1. 2 x Activities Assistant in New Houghton Hospital
2. 1 x Groundsman/Caretaker in Tullogher GAA
3. 1 x Environmental Workers in New Ross Parish

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>)

**To make you Smile:** 'Never put off till tomorrow what you can do the day after tomorrow'.

*Mark Twain (1835-1910)*

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