

# ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 29TH September 2024

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## Twenty Sixth Sunday of the Year

Modern life has brought us closer to one another than ever before. We influence one another in all sorts of ways. God wants us to be stepping stones for one another. Unfortunately, sometimes we are stumbling blocks.

**Theme of the Weekend Readings:** All are welcome to Church: Anyone who is not against us is for us, the Lord has said.

**First Reading:** The spirit given to Moses is shared with many.

**Second Reading:** Saint James condemns the wealthy and powerful that oppress the poor.

**Gospel:** Jesus welcomes all people who are helpful and deals with obstacles to faith.

### Weekend Masses:

Saturday 5th October: 7.00pm Mass in Tullogher  
Sunday 6th October: 9.30am Mass in Mullinarrigle  
11.00am Mass in Rosbercon

### Weekday Masses:

Rosbercon:  
Wednesday 2nd October: No Mass  
Friday 4th October: 10am Mass

### Anniversaries

John Griffin, Assumption Terrace  
John Furlong, Smithstown  
Paddy Heffernan, Ballyneale  
Monica Condon, New Ross

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 10.30am to 12pm. All are welcome to attend.

### Our Lady of Lourdes / Holy Faith, Rosbercon Centenary

**Celebrations:** We are delighted to invite you, in particular our past students, to a Gala Concert to celebrate 100 years of Excellence in Education. Please join us in Rosbercon Church on Friday 11th October at 7.00pm for a wonderful night of entertainment. Light refreshments will be served in the school at 5.00pm.

**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.

**Saint Gerard's Prayer for Mothers:** Saint Gerard, you were especially sensitive the needs of mothers. Pray for mothers and children! Ask Our Lord to keep all families safe, and bring all mothers joy in life. Amen.

### A Message from Fr Dan:

Saint John Henry Newman: On Wednesday 9th October the Church will celebrate the feast of Cardinal Newman. John Henry Newman was born in London in on the 21st February, 1801. He was the eldest of six children, three boys and three girls. His father was a banker and Newman was educated locally before entering Trinity College, Oxford. A brilliant student, he delighted in reading his Bible and, following a period in Oxford, he was ordained an Anglican priest.

At that time in Newman's life, while he saw the Catholic Church as being in error, he worried about the lax nature of the Anglican faith. Newman wrote extensively aiming to make the Church of England more disciplined and sounder in its doctrine. He had a huge influence, but this did not prevent him being much criticised. In 1842, Newman withdrew from public life to live a monastic life, writing and reflecting until, three years later, he was received into the Catholic Church. Ordained a priest in 1846, he wrote many articles, books, poems and prayers. Most of us will be familiar with his hymn, 'Lead Kindly Light', and prayer, 'O Lord, support us all day long until the shadows lengthen, the evening comes, the fever of life is over and our work is done. Then in your mercy grant us a safe lodging, a holy rest and peace at the last.'

At the invitation of the Irish Bishops, Newman came to Dublin to found the Catholic University of Ireland which later evolved into University College Dublin. Newman was deeply interested, and involved, in education. His writings defended Church doctrine and social justice. He was a man of deep faith and spirituality and his writings reflect the depth of his spiritual life.

In 1879 Pope Leo XIII honoured England by making John Henry Newman a Cardinal. He died in 1890 and on the 13th October 2019, Pope Francis presided at his Canonization.

A number of Cardinal Newman's sayings have entered our daily speech: 'To live is to change, and to be perfect is to have changed often'. 'Growth is the only evidence of life' and 'I shall be an angel of peace, a preacher of truth in my own place, while not intending it, if I do but keep his commandments'.

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**Mass Intentions for the Saturday/Sunday, 5th/6th October 2024:**

**Tullagher: Saturday 5th October at 7.00pm:**

Bridget Croke, Brownsford and deceased members of the Croke family

James Power, Glenballyvalley

Séan Phelan, Curraghlane

Bernadette Phelan, Tullagher

**Rosbercon: Sunday 6th October at 11.00 am:**

Kathleen Doran, Assumption Terrace

John and Margaret Hickey, Waterford

David "Dáithí" Brindley and his son Jim, Ballybeg and Schoolhouse Rd

**Wisdom:** Life is a country that the old have travelled. Those who wish to travel that country successfully can learn the way from them.

**Humour:** For the first half of your life, people tell you what you should do; for the second half, they tell you what you should have done!

**Reflection:**

Let your Light shine

The most important thing about each of us is our capacity for goodness.

We can be a source of light.

We can have hands that can care,

eyes that can see, ears that can hear,

tongues that can speak, feet that can walk,

and above all hearts that can love.

Unfortunately, through weakness, selfishness or

cowardice, our light can be dimmed,

so that we become shadows of the people we could be.

Lord, help us to believe in our own goodness,

and to let the light of that goodness shine.

On seeing this light, others find their way,

and you will be glorified.

**World Mission Day, Sunday 20th October 2024:** On this Sunday each year Pope Francis appeals for spiritual and financial support for our overseas missionaries. The Pandemic has made the work of our missionaries so much more difficult. In the poorer and more remote countries of Africa, Latin America and Asia, it is the missionaries who are on the front line. Our support of our Missionaries will provide them with essential aid to help them to relieve suffering and distress. Thank you for your generosity.

**Kilkenny Bereavement Support Service** is a voluntary organisation offering free one to one support to people of all ages who have been bereaved. The service is provided by volunteers who have been trained in bereavement support. This is a free and confidential service. To contact the service please call 086 0670566.

Website [www.kilkennybereavementsupport.com](http://www.kilkennybereavementsupport.com)

Please book all **Baptisms, Anniversary Masses and other Church related ceremonies** with Anne in the Parish Office, situated in the Parochial House. The phone number is 051-421515. The office hours are Monday to Thursday 10.30am to 2.30pm. The Community Employment Office will continue to be located at Raheen, Rosbercon. Phone 051-425093: Office Hours Monday to Thursday, 9.30am-12.30pm. Email: [RosberconParish@gmail.com](mailto:RosberconParish@gmail.com) Website: [www.rosberconparish.ie](http://www.rosberconparish.ie)

**Rosbercon Hall and Sports Centre Recent Grants**

Rosbercon Hall and Sports Centre would like to thank Kilkenny County Council for recent funds received from the Amenity Grant 2024 and the Local Enhancement Grant 2024.

These funds were used for ongoing maintenance and upkeep to the hall and grounds.

**Line Dance Classes** starting back in the Parish Hall, Rosbercon Y34TK33. Every Tuesday 11:00am and 7:00pm for beginners and Thursdays 7:00pm for intermediate! Pay as you go €10 per class, please contact 0879792483 for any extra information.

**Come celebrate 175 years of CBS in New Ross**

Concert in St Michael's Theatre at 7:30pm on Friday 4 October. Tickets available in theatre or online at EventBrite. €15 for adults & €5 for students

Gala Dinner in Brandon House Hotel at 7pm on Saturday 5th October. Tickets are €50, available from CBS Secondary School office, 051-421384

**The Parents Association Scoil Mhuire Horeswood**

The Parents Association of Scoil Mhuire Horeswood are hosting a Monster Bingo event on Sunday the 13th of October at 6pm in Campile Hall. ( Doors open 5pm) The Prize Fund is over €2,500. Prize Money includes: Full house €100, Double Line €60 & Single Line €40.

All funds go directly to the school.

**New Ross Active Retirement**

The New Ross Active Retirement general meeting is on Friday the 4th October at 11am in the Youth Centre Nunnery Lane.

**Development Draw September & Annual**

September Draw

1st Prize €250 Bob Saunders, Ballyknock

2nd Prize €100 Ladies Football, Brownstown

3rd Prize €100 Basil Glennon, Tullagher

4th-7th €50

4th Luke Grennan Snr, Ballyreddy

5th Brian & Martina Furlong

6th Fr Dan Kavanagh, Rosbercon

7th John & Nora Lyng, Ballyknock

Annual Draw

1st Prize €250 Catriona Murphy

2nd Prize €100 Brendan Grace, Rosbercon

3rd Prize €50 Paddy Phelan, Ballyfoyle Upper

Next Draw: Tuesday 29th October 2024 at 8.30 pm.

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