

# ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 8th December 2024

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## Second Sunday of Advent

As Christians, we are people who walk in the light of the Lord. May this be even truer of us during this season of Advent.

**First Reading:** God's people are invited to remove their garments of sorrow and distress and to replace them with the beauty and glory of God.

**Second Reading:** St. Paul's prayer is as relevant today as when he wrote it to the Philippians: 'May the one who has begun the good work in you bring it to fulfilment.'

**Gospel:** John the Baptist calls the people to change and believe the good news of God's love.

### Weekend Masses:

Sunday 15th December: 9.30am Mass in Mullinarrigle  
11.00am Mass in Rosbercon

### Weekday Masses:

Rosbercon:

Wednesday 11th December: 10am Mass

Friday 13th November: 10am Mass

### Christmas Masses:

**Rosbercon:**

Tuesday - Christmas Eve, Vigil Mass: 8.00 p.m.

Wednesday - Christmas Morning: 11.00 a.m.

**Mullinarrigle:**

Tuesday - Christmas Eve, Vigil Mass: 6.00 p.m.

**Tullogher:**

Wednesday - Christmas Morning: 9.30 a.m.

### Anniversaries

Nora Woods, Ballymartin

Pat O'Neill, Tinneranny

Fr Johnny Murphy, Brownsford

Margaret Ryan, Guilcough

Maureen Croke, Thomastown & Listerlin

Maisie Gaule, Mullinarrigle

Margaret Mackey, Mullinakil

David Wilson, Ardross

Nan & Eddie Wilson, Castlemoyle, 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.

**Christmas Reconciliation Services:** Confessions for Christmas will be heard after the weekend Masses in Rosbercon and Mullinarrigle on Sunday for the remaining weekends of Advent and in Tullogher on Saturday 7th December.

**St Mary's Cathedral, Kilkenny Restoration Fund 2024/2025:** The November draw for St Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund took place Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November in the Chapter Room at St Mary's Cathedral. Please check the Church Noticeboards for the full results of the draw.

We thank all who attended **The Special Remembrance Mass** in Rosbercon Church on Friday 22nd November. It was a lovely way to come together to remember our loved ones who died in the last year. The Mass was organised by the Parish Pastoral Council.

### A Message from Fr Dan: The coming of Christ:

We remember with great affection the people who made a real difference to our lives. We are forever grateful to them for their kindness. As we look to Christmas, we reflect on the difference that the coming of Christ makes to the world. I like to reflect, in particular on two gifts Christ brings us. One is the gift of new life and the second is the gift of peace.

Like to-day, the world of the Roman Empire, into which Christ was born, was a world that had grown tired of itself. We have all seen tree stumps, in varying stages of decay, in paddocks, beside streams and on barren hillsides. Sometimes when we stop to look, we see a green shoot; new life emerging from the old and abandoned stump. Is it possible, that we see ourselves as stumps in the winter of our lives? We've done our bit. Yet, this dead wood can become green again. We can still contribute. The coming of Christ encourages us to find a new and more life-giving way of being. Along with nature we too can bloom again in spring.

The Old Testament Jews looked to the coming of the Messiah as the dawn of a new era of peace and harmony in the world. They looked forward to a time when the animals of forest and the animals of the plain would come together in peace and companionship. The wolf and lamb would lie down together. The lion and kid would be friends with the weak offering hospitality to the strong. The cow and the bear would be neighbours and the calf and the lion cub would browse together.

The use of animals as metaphors, invites us to think about our relationships. These images point to a wonderful reconciliation that the coming of Christ brings. The way forward for nations and peoples will not be through power, but through playfulness, or a creativity that allows all to participate as equals. Advent is a call to the inner child in us to recapture the spontaneity, the trust and truthfulness that are the gifts of the Child Jesus.

May we find new life and energy this Christmas and may the peace of God which surpasses all understanding be in our hearts and minds.

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### Mass Intentions for Sunday, 15th December 2024:

**Mullinarrigle:** Sunday 15th December at 9.30 am:

Dick (Richard) Hennesy, Hoodsgrrove

**Rosbercon:** Sunday 15th December at 11.00 am:

Peggy & Wally Walsh, Hoodsgrrove

**Many congratulations** to Listerlin Tidy Towns Committee who have made such a wonderful contribution to the appearance of Listerlin village and Church. The Christmas Tree, the Outdoor Crib and the Christmas decorations and lights look spectacular. The Lighting of the Tree and the generous wine and refreshments party last Sunday evening was thoroughly enjoyed by the large number of children and adults who attended. Well done to all concerned.

**The New Ross Singers** will be celebrating Christmas on Wednesday the 11th of December at 8.00 pm in St. Marys Church of Ireland New Ross. Voluntary collection for St. Vincent De Paul afterwards.

**The Ossory Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes** will take place from 19<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> May 2025. Bus transport from Loughboy Shopping Centre and Castlecomer GAA pitch to Cork Airport. Direct flights to Lourdes. Full religious programme. Choice of 3\* and 4\* hotels €949 and €995 respectively. Bookings @ JWT 01- 2410800 or email [info@joewalshstours.ie](mailto:info@joewalshstours.ie). Assisted pilgrims contact Fr. Anthony O'Connor 087-2517766.

**Rosbercon Parish Draw** will take place next Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> of December 2024, at 4.00pm in Rosbercon Parish Hall at the end of the Mass for the Senior Citizens. Please return ticket stubs and money in time for the Draw. Many thanks to all who have contributed so generously.

There will be a **Special Mass with Anointing of the Sick** for the 'Over 55s' of the parish in Rosbercon Hall on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 3.00 p.m. followed by a reception and music. The Mass and Reception will be followed by the Parish Draw at 4.00p.m. All are welcome to attend.

### Home

To an open house in the evening,

Home shall all men come,

To an older place than Eden,

And a taller town than Rome.

To the end of the way of the wandering star,

To the things that cannot be and that are,

To the place where God was homeless,

And all men are at home. *G. K. Chesterton*

**To make you Smile:** Regarding the three wise men who came to Bethlehem: 'What if there had been three wise women instead of three wise men?' They would have asked for directions; been on time; helped deliver the baby; brought practical gifts; cleaned the stable; made a casserole'. *Letter to the 'Independent', December 1999*

**Wisdom:** 'The morning ray, though it lasts but for one moment, differs not at heart from the great oak that lives a thousand years.'

### Christmas Cards for Sale:

The **Oak Ward, Waterford University Hospital** have chosen a painting of a robin by the late Nora Breen of Tinnakilly, Rosbercon, for their Christmas Cards. A pack of 12 cards cost €10 and all proceeds from the sale of the cards will be donated to Oak Ward of Waterford Hospital. The late Nora Breen spent the last months of her life in the Oak Ward and was lovingly cared for by the staff. If you would like to buy the cards, contact Nora's daughter Elaine at 086 3858558

### St. Josephs Athletic Club

The club will hold a festive 5k fun run, walk, wobble on St.

Stephens day 26th Dec starts at 12noon

In aid of St. Josephs Athletic Club Development Fund, on the day donations welcome.

### Shanbogh National School Enrolments:

We are currently accepting enrolment applications for the school year 2025/2026.

For an application form, contact us on (051) 880308, email us at [shanboghns@gmail.com](mailto:shanboghns@gmail.com) or on our website at [shanboghns.ie](http://shanboghns.ie)

Closing date for completed applications is Friday, 27th of December, 2024

### TULLOGHER V GLENMORE APRIL 1904

The following report appeared in the New Ross Standard edition of 30<sup>th</sup> April 1904 concerning a county championship football match held in Kilkenny between Tullogher and Glenmore which putting it mildly appears to have being a rather lively affair.

Tullogher played the roughest and most unmanly game ever witnessed in Kilkenny city and yet the only punishment was to award the match unfinished to Tullogher when Glenmore refused to play under such roughness. The referee put off the field those Tullogher men for roughness but not till a Glenmore man had his nose broken and another eye closed. When the referee had given the match to Tullogher with fifteen minutes of time to play he and Tullogher were hooted by a strange crowd or mob. There was a second report in the Standard that week on the same match as follows; The match between Tullogher and Glenmore was not at all a happy one and the fine young team from Glenmore were disgusted with the rough and unnecessary treatment meted out to the princes of footballers. There was no reason why they should have gone for the best man on the Glenmore team, Tullogher did so however with the result that two of the very best men in the South of Ireland were knocked out of the game in the first half, this is not football it is factionism. We think that the referee who is a fine referee lost his head and should have declared the match off at half time. Final score; Tullogher 3-1 Glenmore 1-4.

However, Glenmore lodged certain objections which were upheld, and a replay was ordered at Ferrybank which Glenmore won, Score Glenmore 1-3, Tullogher 1-2. It is understood Tullogher will lodge an objection to the goal made by Glenmore. The Tullogher team; M Neill Capt, M Murphy goal, M Neill, P Bird, M McGrath, P Fluskey, J Fenton, D Maddock, R Purcell, T Purcell, M Malone, L Malone, E Brien, P Morrissey, E Hanrahan, D McGrath and Phil Morrissey.

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