

## ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 23rd FEBRUARY 2025

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### Seventh Sunday of the Year

**Theme of the Weekend Readings:** The readings to-day challenges us to love and to forgive.

**First Reading:** King David forgives his enemies.

**Second Reading:** Paul assures us that we will join Christ in Heaven.

**Gospel:** Jesus asks us to be loving, generous, compassionate and forgiving.

#### Weekend Masses:

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March: 7.00pm Mass in Tullogher

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March: 9.30am Mass in Mullinarrigle  
11.00am Mass in Rosbercon

#### Weekday Masses:

##### Rosbercon:

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February: 10.00am

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February: 10.00am

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

#### Months Mind:

Peter Doyle, Schoolhouse Rd Rosbercon

Rita Power, Brooklawn New Ross/ Glenmore

#### Anniversaries:

Catherine Maher, Tinnaranny

Dick, Eily, Paddy, Seamus & Siobhán Barron, Late of Darbystown

Thomas & Catherine Tobin, Ballyfoyle

Michael O'Neill, Tinnaranny

Jim Phelan, Listerlin

Joe Doran, Assumption Terrace

**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.

We welcome into our Parish Community **Finn Edward Ryan**, son of Christopher and Jenny, Tinnakilly, who was baptised in the Church of the Assumption, Rosbercon on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2025.

**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: The Priest in the Parish:** This summer will mark my 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary as the priest in Rosbercon Parish. Being in the parish for twenty years is a gift. Now, when I celebrate a funeral Mass, I know the person whose funeral I am celebrating. I know the family, and who is related to the deceased. This pastoral knowledge is a true gift, the fruit of nothing but time.

People also speak more freely. It's the result of building up relationships over the years. Working with parishioners is a privilege, all the more so when I know the people personally.

So, I am wondering what the future holds for the parishes of Ireland. Every diocese has its own way of coping with the reducing number of priests. Some cluster parishes, others create pastoral areas or families of parishes. The end result is the same: fewer priests serving people whom they do not know personally. The opinion offered by the Independent TD Michael Healy-Rea contains more than a grain of truth: once a parish loses its resident priest, as his local parish of Kilgarvan did, the Church loses its "hold" on the parish. A vital link is broken.

And the priest suffers too. He needs to be part of a community: being part of several communities is not the same thing. We ask if lay people could do much of the work that priests do, when priests are no longer available? Could lay people be formed and trained to run parishes? The number of priests is declining. We have prayed for vocations and have not received a positive answer: so maybe God has other plans for parishes?

Some dioceses provide an opportunity for priests from other countries to work here. This can lead to complications. Foreign dioceses need their own priests. Also, there are cultural differences between countries that are sometimes hard to resolve. Some priests succeed, for others the result is frustration.

Irish Catholic priests provide a unique service to those parishes in which they serve; they get to know their people and the people get to know them. In the future, when those close relationships are no longer available, will other relationships take their place? Surely God has more surprises for us! From the Irish Catholic – Adapted.

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**Mass Intentions for Saturday/Sunday 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> March 2025:**

**Tullogher:** Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March at 7.00pm:

Maura Young, Cooleen & all deceased members of the Young Family

**Mullinarrigle:** Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 9.30am:

Ann Murphy, Darbystown & all deceased members of the Murphy and O'Neill families

**Rosbercon:** Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 11.00am:

Joan Molloy, Tinnaranny  
Bridget O'Neill, Tinnaranny

**Programme for Parish Confirmation 2025:**

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm:** Ceremony of Light in Rosbercon Church for Parents, Children and Sponsor.

**Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> March at 11.00 am:** Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation in Rosbercon Church by Bishop Niall Coll.

**Saint Teresa of Avila** who suffered a lot of sickness once said, 'I never realized how well I was until I gave up thinking how ill I was.'

**Trócaire** works for a just and peaceful world where:

- People's dignity is ensured and rights are respected
- Where basic needs are met and resources are shared equitably
- Where people have control over their own lives.
- Where those in power act for the common good
- Trócaire supports people regardless of culture, gender or religion.
- Trócaire boxes will be delivered to the homes of the parish in Lent this year. Once again, we ask you to be generous to the needs of the poorest of the poor. Your support is very much appreciated.

**Wisdom:** "Christianity is not about substituting the marvellous for the humdrum, but about seeing the marvellous in the humdrum".

**Humour:** You know you are getting old when you stoop down to tie your shoelaces and wonder what else you can do while you're down there!

**St. Josephs Athletic Club**

The club will hold a Super Raffle on Thursday 27th February in aid of the walking track development. Tickets €10 or book of 10 for €50. Tickets available from any committee Member Permit Granted.

**South Kilkenny Historical Society lecture**

**John Mc Shain:** The Man Who Built Washington, from a South Kilkenny Viewpoint

**Speaker:** Alice O'Neill McLoughlin

**Date:** Friday, 28th February 2025

**Time:** 8pm

**Venue:** Mullinavat Parish Hall (opposite St. Beacon's church)

**Reflection: A Creed to live by:**

Don't undermine your worth by comparing yourself to others. It is because we are different that each of us is special.

Don't set your goals by what other people deem is important

Only you know what is best for you.

Don't take for granted the things closest to your heart.

Cling to them as you would to your life

For without them life is meaningless.

Don't let life slip through your fingers by living in the past or the future.

By living your life one day at a time,

You live all the days of your life.

Don't give up when you still have something to give

Nothing is really over until the moment you stop trying

Don't be afraid to encounter risks.

It is by taking chances that we learn how to be brave.

Don't shut love out of your life by saying it is impossible to find.

The quickest way to receive love is to give love.

The fastest way to lose love is to give it wings.

Don't dismiss your dreams.

To be without dreams is to be without hope.

To be without hope is to be without purpose.

Don't run through life so fast that you forget,

not only where you've been, but also where you're going.

Life is not a race, but a journey to be savoured each step of the way.

Following our recent Pastoral Committee meeting on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February, it was decided by the members that a **Cleaning Rota would be put in place for Mullinarrigle Church**. We are now looking for people who would be interested in helping 1-2 hours per month. If interested please contact Fr Dan on (087) 2335432 or email Anne on [danielcavanagh49@gmail.com](mailto:danielcavanagh49@gmail.com).

**The Diocesan Designated Liaison Person** is Ms Ailish Higgins 085-8021633 [dlp@ossory.ie](mailto:dlp@ossory.ie) and the **Deputy Designated Liaison Person** is Mr. Cathal Cullen 056-7752448 [ddlp@ossory.ie](mailto:ddlp@ossory.ie) or Ms. Rose Brophy 087-3314330 [ddlp@ossory.ie](mailto:ddlp@ossory.ie) Should you be concerned that a child / young person may be at risk of abuse within a Church-run organisation or group, you are encouraged to report your concern to Ailish, Cathal or Rose.

**Woodstock to South East Greenway Link Public Consultation No.1 Study Area**

Kilkenny County Council are hosting an information event in Rosbercon Community Centre Y34TK33 on the 25th of February from 2-7 p.m. regarding this planned development.

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