

## ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 16TH MARCH 2025

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### Second Sunday of Lent

On Mount Tabor Peter, James and John got a glimpse of the glory that was hidden in Jesus. Through faith we too glimpse the glory of the risen Jesus who lives on in the Church and in each of us. Let us reflect for a moment on this.

**Theme of the Weekend Readings:** We praise the Lord of Glory who leads us through the Season of Lent to the light of Easter.

**First Reading:** A covenant is made between God and Abraham who becomes our father in faith.

**Second Reading:** Saint Paul encourages us to remain faithful, remembering that our true homeland is in Heaven.

**Gospel:** Jesus is transfigured in the presence of Peter, James and John, his most trusted followers.

### Weekend Masses:

Sunday 23rd March: 9.30am Mass in Mullinarrigle  
11.00am Mass in Rosbercon

### Weekday Masses:

Rosbercon

Wednesday 19th March: 10am Mass

Friday 21st March: 10am Mass

Masses for **St. Patrick's Day** next Monday 17th March are as follows:

9.30am Mass in Mullinarrigle and 11am Mass in Rosbercon.

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

### Anniversaries:

Johnny Aylward, Shanbough & Rosbercon

Jo Ryan and her husband Michael, Glentirone

Paddy Murphy, Brownsford

Michael Norris, Slieverue

Tom & Josie Cashin, Tinnakilly

Peggy Irwin, Assumption Terrace

Phil Walsh, Glenballyvalley

Elizabeth Hennessy, Tinneranny

Joe Molloy, 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.

**Lenten Reconciliation Services:** Fr Dan will hear Confessions for Lent after the weekend Masses beginning this weekend, Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2025.

**Lenten Station and Easter Offering Envelopes** together with Trocaire Boxes will be distributed to the homes of the Parish this week. The usual distributors are asked to oblige.

### A Message from Fr Dan: Hail Glorious St. Patrick!

St. Patrick's Day is the day when millions of people, even those without a drop of Irish blood become honorary Irish for the day. The day itself has become traditionally associated with parades and the wearing of the green. Globally the 17th March is pencilled in as a day for everyone to celebrate the impact that our ancestors have made on both the religious and social development of our world.

Following St. Patrick's footsteps, the early monks brought the light of Christian Faith to a Europe of that time that had fallen into darkness of pagan worship. Even to this day Irish Missionaries, both religious and lay, are to be found in every corner of the world, bringing dignity, hope and love to people who are suffering and poor.

The early ideas I had of St. Patrick was that in his youth he had a hard time as a slave in Ireland but that after his return as a missionary he found success came very easy. Later in life I read documents called his "Confessions" and "Letters to Coroticus" and I realised that his life as a missionary here in Ireland was anything but an easy one.

Despite all his success he had to cope with many disappointments and setbacks and would certainly not have achieved so much if he did not have great faith in God. We all know about the first big crisis in Patrick's life, when at the age of sixteen, he was snatched from his secure home to a life of slavery in Ireland. Yet when he looked back on this time, he saw it as a blessing. From being a lukewarm Christian, he turned to God for help and as he himself wrote "I used to get up for prayer before daylight."

He escaped after six years, eventually making his way home and later he was ordained a priest, hoping one day to return to Ireland. When he did return, he met with great success but at a price. In his old age some people, envious of his success, began to gossip about him, others who were his helpers were more educated than he was and looked down on him as they felt that he was not qualified to lead them.

The experience of St. Patrick shows us that the path to God is never smooth, even for a great saint. When troubles and disappointments came and he had more than his fair share of them, St. Patrick put his trust in God, reached out to him in prayer and gave an example from which we can all learn. As we celebrate St. Patrick's Day, we are invited to reflect on our values which are the hallmark of what makes us Christians.

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**Collection of Parish Funds 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> March 2025:**

**Offertory Collection:** €836.60  
**Weekly Envelopes:** €994.00  
**Parish Debt on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2025:** €14,853.60

**Mass Intentions for Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2025:**

**Mullinarrigle:** Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 9.30am:

**Months Mind:**

William Long, Ballyveria & Glenmore

**Rosbercon:** Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 11.00am:

Jim Brindley, formerly of Ballybeg and Tramore  
Johnny, Cissie & Noel Furlong, Brownstown  
Bridget & William Gaule, Anfield Lane, Rosbercon  
Micéal Kavanagh, Mountgarrett, New Ross  
Derek Lewis, Assumption Terrace, Rosbercon  
Mary O'Neill, Ballyknock  
Joe Lawlor, Schoolhouse Road

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 [danieljcavanagh49@gmail.com](mailto:danieljcavanagh49@gmail.com).

**Rosbercon Parish Safeguarding Representatives** are Brid Vereker and Anne O' Sullivan. If you have a Safeguarding concern, contact Brid or Anne.

**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.

**Prayer for those Away from Home:**

Loving God, we pray for those whom we love,  
But who are absent from us.  
Keep them safe from all harm, stress and danger.  
Bless them with peace, laughter, wisdom, love and joy.  
Grant that we may be reunited in the fullness of love;  
In Christ's name we pray. Amen

**Prayer**

Pray for my soul.  
More things are wrought by prayer,  
Than this world dreams of.  
Wherefore let thy force  
Rise like a fountain for me night and day.  
For what are men better than sheep or goats  
That nourish a blind life within the brain,  
If knowing God, they lift not their hands in prayer.  
Both for themselves and those who call them friend?  
For so the whole round earth is every way  
Bound by gold chains about the feet of God.  
Alfred Lord Tennyson

**Wisdom:** As tools become rusty, so does the mind. A garden uncared for soon becomes smothered in weeds; a talent neglected withers and dies.

**St. Patrick's Breastplate**

I bind unto myself today  
The Power of God to hold and lead;  
His eye to watch, His might to stay  
His ear to harken to my need;  
The wisdom of my God to teach,  
His hand to guide, His shield to ward;  
The word of God to give me speech,  
His heavenly host to be my guard!

Christ be with me, Christ within me,  
Christ behind me, Christ before me,  
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,  
Christ to comfort and restore me,  
Christ to quiet, Christ in danger,  
Christ in hearts of all that love me,  
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger

**Humour:** An Irish man appeared before St Peter expecting to get into Heaven. He claimed he had once given two pence to a beggar. St Peter was not impressed. The Irish man asked that his friend St Patrick be called. Patrick was summoned, and the man explained to him that he should be allowed into Heaven because of his generosity to the beggar. St. Peter asked Patrick, 'What are we to do with this countryman of yours?' Patrick replied, 'Give him back his two pence!'

**South Kilkenny Historical Society lecture**

James Fogarty of Tibberaghny

Speaker: Con Manning

Date& Time: Friday, 28th March 2025 at 8pm

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

**Tintern Drama Group** are holding their Drama in association with Campile area Development Group and Campile Hall "THE REAL MCOY" a comedy by Tommy Marren in Campile Hall on Thursday night 27th of March starting at 8pm. Tickets are available in Hayes Daybreak Campile and Campile Hall. Phone (087) 2183300 for any further enquiries. All support would be greatly appreciated!

**Employment Opportunity**

**Activities Assistant required in the New Houghton Hospital**

Duties include providing residents with activities such as music, art and physical movement. Working as part of a multi-disciplinary team. This is a developmental opportunity, no experience necessary. Accredited training will be provided to support your career. Community Employment Terms and conditions apply. Contact 086 3642592 for further info.

**Employment Opportunity**

**Project Worker required in St. Michael's Theatre**

Duties include maintaining sets and props, setting up the stage and meeting rooms for various groups and minor maintenance. This is a developmental opportunity, no experience necessary. Accredited training will be provided to support your career. Community Employment Terms and conditions apply. Contact 086 3642592 for further info.

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