

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 23RD MARCH 2025

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Third Sunday of Lent

Jesus calls on us continually to change our hearts and change our attitudes. We always begin our celebration of the Eucharist with a call to repent. To repent means to change!

Theme of the Weekend Readings: Jesus calls on us to repent, reminding us that we worship a God of kindness who gives his people a second chance.

First Reading: God reveals his name to Moses, who removes his sandals as a sign of respect.

Second Reading: Saint Paul warns his followers to take care as to how they live their lives.

Gospel: Jesus calls us to repent and reminds us of God's willingness to give us a second chance.

Weekend Masses:

Sunday 30th March: 9.30am Mass in Mullinarrigle
11.00am Mass in Rosbercon

Weekday Masses:

Rosbercon

Wednesday 26th March: 10am Mass

Friday 28th March: 10am Mass

All Masses from Rosbercon Church will be streamed live through our webcam on www.rosberconparish.ie

Months Mind:

William Long, Ballyveria, Glenmore

Anniversaries:

Bridget & William Gaule, Anfield Lane, Rosbercon

Micéal Kavanagh, Mountgarrett, New Ross

Derek Lewis, Assumption Terrace, Rosbercon

Mary O'Neill, Ballyknock

Jim Brindley, Formerly of Ballybeg and Tramore

Joe Lawlor, Schoolhouse Road

Moses Murphy, Assumption Terrace

Johnny, Cissie & Noel Furlong, Brownstown

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.

Lenten Station and Easter Offering Envelopes together with Trocaire Boxes have now been distributed to the homes of the Parish. We thank you for your continued support.

A Message from Fr Dan; This Beautiful Place:

Summer is on the way and bright days are ahead. But our world is in danger not only from violence and climate change but because of the loss of many species. We are learning to cherish and appreciate our world. We need to preserve our green spaces, control our use of chemicals and keep our hedgerows litter free. We welcome the spring and celebrate the sun shining down, bringing the seed to life in the clay, and the plants growing. Nature provides everything we need, food to eat, healthy air, and all the wonder of the great outdoors. Lord, help us to appreciate our own place.

Reflection: I am the Great Sun: from a Normandy Crucifix of 1652

I am the great sun, but you do not see me,
I am your husband, but you turn away.
I am the captive, but you do not free me,
I am the captain but you will not obey.
I am the truth, but you will not believe me,
I am the city where you will not stay.
I am your wife, your child, but you will leave me,
I am that God to whom you will not pray.
I am your counsel, but you will not hear me,
I am your lover whom you will betray.
I am the victor but you will not cheer me
I am the holy dove whom you will slay.
I am your life, but if you will not name me,
Seal up your soul with tears, and never blame me.

Charles Causley

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.'

Just a thought to mark the Lenten Season: Spend time with this weekend's Gospel. Be with Jesus in the desert. Ask Him for the grace to listen to Him and spend time with him in prayer during Lent. Ask for the grace you need most.

Prayer for the Churches of our Parish:

Lord, bless the churches of our parish; Rosbercon, Listerlin – Mullinarrigle and Tullogher. Grant that their doors may always be open. May they be places of care for the suffering and for the bereaved and places of mercy for the faltering step. May our churches mirror God's love for his people and the timeless compassion of Mary, God's mother, help of the half defeated. May our Churches be places that understand that: 'We must love and care for one another or perish'.

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Mass Intentions for Sunday 30th March 2025:

Mullinarrigle: Sunday 30th March at 9.30am:
Margaret Long, Listerlin

Rosbercon: Sunday 30th March at 11.00am:
Bridie & Bobby Richardson, Assumption Terrace
Noreen Tubritt, Irishtown, New Ross, Formerly of Raheen,
Rosbercon and her two brothers Jackie Tubritt and Nicky Tubritt
Nora Breen, Tinnakilly
Martin Nolan, Shanbough
Mary Fitzgerald, Rosbercon

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.

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

Reflection

My life is but a weaving
Between the Lord and me;
I cannot choose the colours,
He worketh steadily.

Oft-times he weaveth sorrow,
And I, in foolish pride
Forget he sees the upper,
And I the under side.

Not till the loom is silent
And the shuttles cease to fly,
Shall God unroll the canvas
And explain the reason shy.

The dark threads are as needful,
In the weaver's skilful hand,
As the threads of gold and silver
In the pattern he has planned.

He knows, he loves, he cares –
Nothing this truth can dim;
He gives the very best to those
Who leave the choice to him.

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 are being delivered to the homes of the parish. Once again, we ask you to be generous to the needs of the poorest of the poor. Your support is very much appreciated.

Wisdom: "What impresses us about Christ is that there is no difference between what he says and what he does."

Humour: As a woman rushed with a kettle of water to pour over her burning curtains, her husband shouted at her 'Don't be a fool Mary, sure that water's no good – it's boiling.'

To make you Smile: God grant me the serenity to forget those I never liked anyway, the good fortune to remember those I did and the eyesight to tell the difference.

Terry Wogan

Prayer in time of Anxiety:

"Go forth in peace. Be still within yourself,
May the winds be gentle upon your face,
And your direction be straight and true
as the flight of a bird. Walk in beauty and harmony
With God and his people."

St. Ignatian Spiritual Exercises for Men -

Taking place on Friday the 2nd of May to Monday the 5th of May (bank holiday) in An Tobar Retreat Centre, Ardracran Navan, C15 T884. The Cost is €190 - includes all meals and en-suite single rooms. Please Call 087 - 348 2148 for further information or email iveireland@ive.org

South Kilkenny Historical Society lecture

James Fogarty of Tibberaghny

Speaker: Con Manning

Date: Friday, 28th March 2025

Time: 8pm

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

Following our recent Pastoral Committee meeting on Tuesday 18th 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.

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.

The annual **Ossory Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2025** is now available to book! The pilgrimage will take place from 19th – 24th May 2025. Departing from Cork and flying direct to Lourdes with accommodation available in the hotels, price per person, La Solitude €995, Padoue €995 or Agena €949. Tel: 01 241 0800 (ask for Martin Culleton) Assisted Pilgrims contact Fr. Anthony O'Connor on 087-2517766 or email maoc50@me.com

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