

## ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 2ND MARCH 2025

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### Eighth Sunday of the Year

The Lord gathers us, as a shepherd gathers his flock. May this celebration of the Eucharist help us to draw closer to him in all that we do.

**First Reading:** Each of us is called to live an upright life.

**Second Reading:** To be a Christian is to be victorious, even over death.

**Gospel:** Jesus reminds us not to judge others.

#### Weekend Masses:

Sunday 9th March: 9.30am Mass in Mullinarrigle  
11.00am Mass in Rosbercon

#### Weekday Masses:

Rosbercon

Ash Wednesday 5th March: 10.00am

Friday 7th March: 10am Mass

#### Mullinarrigle:

**Ash Wednesday 5th March No Mass due to lack of electricity.**

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.

#### Recent Deaths:

Willie Long, Ballyveria

#### Anniversaries:

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

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

Christy Ward, Ballymartin

Joan Molloy, Tinnaranny

Bridget O'Neill, Tinnaranny

Ben and Ellen Nugent, New Ross

Richard and Kathy Nugent, New Ross

Mary Murphy, Glensensaw

Michael O'Neill, Ballyknock

Billy Rochford, Bullawn, New Ross

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

**The Holy Season of Lent** begins on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March (Ash Wednesday). Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence. Ashes will be distributed at Mass in Rosbercon. There is a tradition in the parish of parishioners attending daily Mass during Lent. We will have daily Mass every Wednesday and Friday during Lent at 10.00am.

We welcome into our Parish Community **Patrick Thomas Ryan**, son of James and Deborah, Knockmullen, New Ross, who was baptised in St. David's Church, Mullinarrigle on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2025.

We are looking forward to welcoming Bishop Niall Coll to celebrate the **Sacrament of Confirmation in Rosbercon Church this Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2025 at 11.00 am.**

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

**A Message from Fr Dan: 'Love One Another':** How do we know if we are true followers of Jesus? The real test is, do we love and care for one another? Love is the mark of the follower of Jesus. Love reaches out to others in understanding and compassion, in care and affirmation, in listening and service. The love that is in my heart influences how I treat people every day.

Love is the atmosphere we live in as followers of Jesus. How we care for one another and for our community will decide the quality of our prayer and worship. Those who love God will want to pray and prayer in turn will help us to be loving. When we think of those close to us, we want all to be well for them and we want them to have peace in their hearts and lives. We want them to have the best possible life they can.

A way of growing in love is to be grateful for what we already have. There are so many people who give to us in so many ways every day. People we work with, people we meet socially, people we play games with and people who serve the community all give to us. A short prayer at night to thank God for them is a lovely idea.

The world that we live in is full of very good and very loving people. But there is coldness and evil in our world also. People are constantly being hurt, abused and used. Part of loving is to care for people who are hurting and bring them healing. This is best achieved in ordinary ways by a helping hand. Also love has the power to transform even the most self-centred and cold heart. Jesus spoke lovingly to many and changed their lives. We can do the same. As Pope Francis said in a talk in January 2014, 'The one who loves, gives to God and to others'

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**Collection of Parish Funds 16<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2025:**

**Offertory Collection:** €1,358.60

**Weekly Envelopes:** €1,427.40

**Parish Debt on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2025:** €14,853.60

**Mass Intentions for Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2025:**

**Rosbercon:** Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March at 11.00am:

Michael and Philip Wall, Rosbercon & Baby Jack Kelly, Galway

**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'.

**March:** Month of spring planting, month of the violets, the month of St. Patrick.

Be with us Lord during this month. Seachtain na Gaeilge is celebrated before St. Patrick's Day every year. Irish language events are launched all over Ireland. We thank God for the wonderful heritage that has been bestowed on us in Ireland, our native language, our heritage of music, dance, and song the love for education. Lord, enlighten our minds to respect the noble heritage that came to us through our language and increase our desire to secure and strengthen it, through Christ our Lord. Amen

**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 during the first week of Lent. Once again, we ask you to be generous to the needs of the poorest of the poor. Your support is very much appreciated.

**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 [ddl@ossory.ie](mailto:ddl@ossory.ie) or Ms. Rose Brophy 087-3314330 [ddl@ossory.ie](mailto:ddl@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.

**Wisdom:** Sometimes the strongest among us are the ones who smile through silent pain, cry behind closed doors and fight battles that nobody knows about.

**Humour:** A recent study has shown that women who carry a little extra weight live longer than men who mention it!

**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

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).

The **New Ross Active Retirement** will have their general meeting on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 11am in the Youth Centre Nunnery Lane.

**Tullogher Rosbercon GAA**

**Tullogher Rosbercon Development Draw Winners—February 2025**

1st prize €250—Margaret Ryan, Guilcough  
2nd €100—Bridie Byrne, New Ross  
3rd prize €100—Robert & Hellen Forristal, Shanbogh  
4th-7th prize €50  
4th—Elenor Ryan, Listerlin  
5th—Pat Lalor  
6th—Una Murphy, Brownsford  
7th—Mary Mulligan, Glennallyvalley

**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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