

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 30TH MARCH 2025

Fr. Dan Cavanagh P.P. 051—421515 087—2335432. Email: danieljcavanagh49@gmail.com

Parish Secretary: 051—421515 Office Hours: Mon –Thurs 10:30 am—2:30 pm

Parish Website: www.rosberconparish.ie Parish Hall email: rosberconparish@gmail.com

Fourth Sunday of Lent

'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you' – so said the prodigal son whose story we hear in today's Gospel. At the start of this Eucharist, we are invited to call to mind our sins, and place our lives in the presence of our loving Father.

Theme of the Weekend Readings: This weekend we celebrate Mother's Day while the Gospel celebrates fathers and sons.

First Reading: The Jewish people celebrate the Passover after years of wandering

Second Reading: Saint Paul reminds us that we are a new Creation.

Gospel: The story of the Prodigal Son and his loving father.

Weekend Masses:

Saturday 5th April: 7.00pm Mass in Tullogher
Sunday 6th April: 9.30am Mass in Mullinarrigle
11.00am Mass in Rosbercon

Weekday Masses:

Rosbercon
Wednesday 2nd April: 10am Mass
Friday 4th April: 10am Mass

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

Recent Deaths:

Ray Shannon, Glenpipe/Tullogher, formerly Arthurstown

Anniversaries:

Margaret Long, Listerlin
Bridie & Bobby Richardson, Assumption Terrace and all deceased members of the Richardson and Carthy families
Noreen Tubritt, Irishtown, Formerly of Raheen, Rosbercon and her two brothers Jackie Tubritt and Nicky Tubritt
Nora Breen, Tinnakilly
Martin Nolan, Shanbough
Mary Fitzgerald, Ballyknock, Rosbercon
Loretta Dooley and family members John, Joan, Maria and Anthony, Rosbercon

We welcome into our Parish Community **Simon John O'Driscoll**, son of Simon and Margaret, Marshmeadows, who was baptised in the Church of the Assumption, Rosbercon on Saturday 22nd March 2025.

This weekend we celebrate **Mother's Day**. We wish all mothers and grandmothers a joyful and wonderful day.

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.

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: A Blessing for Mother's Day:

God of love, listen to our prayer for Mothers' Day. We celebrate all mothers and grandmothers on this day. We remember the great mothers of salvation history: Sarah, mother of Isaac; Rebecca, mother of Jacob; Ruth, mother of King David; Elizabeth, mother of John the Baptist, and especially Mary, Mother of Jesus whom we call Christ.

Bless all mothers with strength of spirit, and with love and laughter in the company of family and friends. Grant them happiness and joy at home. Help us to remember how our mothers helped us to stand and walk; to speak, to sing, and to pray.

Bless the mothers who have gone before us into eternity May they enjoy the vision of God in heaven. We ask that this blessing and all graces may descend upon mothers and grandmothers: in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

From the Ennis Parish Newsletter – Adapted.

Safeguarding Training 2025: There will be an 'Introduction to Safeguarding and a Refresher Session' held in Slieverue Parish Hall, Slieverue, on Wednesday 30th April from 7.30-9.30pm. This session will be led by Ailish Higgins, Director of Safeguarding & DLP with the Diocese of Ossory. All Parish volunteers are invited to attend. Please contact our Safeguarding Reps Anne or Brid to book your place if you wish to attend.

Seniors Alert Scheme: Tullogher-Rosbercon Community Alert would like to inform all interested parties that monitored alarms are available to any person over the age of 65. It can be worn as a pendant or around the wrist like a watch. It's free for the first year and we highly recommend it. Just contact us on the Community Alert number 083-1999585. We will be collecting our membership fee in May and when we call, we will hand out information leaflets on monitoring alarms and other crime prevention matters. Stay safe and please continue to report all suspicious activity.

*This weeks newsletter is kindly sponsored by
Tullogher Rosbercon Community Alert*

Mass Intentions for the Saturday/Sunday, 5th/6th April 2025:

Tullagher: Saturday 5th April at 7.00pm:

Katie Murphy, Ballyfoyle and also her late husband Tom and all deceased members of the Murphy and Doherty families

Mullinarrigle: Sunday 6th April at 9.30am:

Annie Ryan, Ballyconnaught

James Hoban, Ballykenna

Rosbercon: Sunday 6th April at 11.00am:

Nickey Murphy, Millbanks Grove

Katty Vereker, Assumption Terrace

Kitty, Jimmy, Jack and Tommy Cassin, Rosbercon

Nick O'Brien, Rosbercon

Collection of Parish Funds 16th & 23rd March 2025:

Offertory Collection: €1,080.60

Weekly Envelopes: €1,606.50

Parish Debt on 26th March 2025: €13,353.60

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

The Secret of Progress: "The secret of progress is to be content with small steps. Many years ago, a wise teacher gave me the most valuable advice of all. He said, 'By the yard it's hard; by the inch it's a cinch'. I am content to take small steps on the journey of life without getting caught up in the desire to reach my goal. When I get tired, I learn to rest, not to quit".

Prayer for Our Parish in Lent

Heavenly Father, we ask your blessing upon our parish in this Season of Lent.

Make us aware of your presence in our lives. Open our hearts to receive your Word.

Help us to follow in your path of love.

Bless all our homes and our families, especially those families That are experiencing difficulties and finding life tough.

Bless the young people, the old, those who are ill, the poor and the unemployed.

Bless those who are in sorrow at the loss of a loved one, and those who feel that they have lost their way.

May your love be with us at all times.

Let us see your face, know your heart, and experience your love. Strengthen in us the precious gift of faith.

We believe, Lord, help our unbelief.

Amen

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.

The **New Ross Active Retirement** will have their general meeting on Friday the 4th April at the Youth Centre Nunnery Lane at 11am. All Welcome!

St. Joseph's Athletic Club

Split the pot winner's

Jan 23rd Seamus Dollard €113

Feb 6th Billy Gorey €161

Feb 20th John Mc Donald €129

March 6th Maggie Helen O' Connor €150

March 20th Keith Beard €118

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, Ardraccan 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

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.

Reflection: Sheep and Lambs

All in the April evening, April airs were abroad;

The sheep and their little lambs passed me by on the road.

The sheep and their little lambs passed me by on the road;

All in the April evening I thought of the lamb of God

The lambs were weary and crying with a weak, human cry.

I thought of the lamb of God going meekly to die.

Up in the blue, blue mountains dewy pastures are sweet;

Rest for the little bodies, rest for the little feet.

But for the Lamb of God, up on the hill-top green,

Only a Cross of shame, two stark crosses between.

All in the April evening, April airs were abroad;

I saw the sheep with their lambs and thought of the Lamb of God.

Katherine Tynan (1859-1931)

Wisdom: "Love is like a violin. The music may stop now and then, but the strings remain forever".

Humour: What happens to boys who fail to get to university? – In later life they tend to offer employment to those who did!

*This weeks newsletter is kindly sponsored by
Tullagher Rosbercon Community Alert*