

Easter Blessings to all

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 27TH APRIL 2025

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Second Sunday of Easter

Like the apostle Thomas, from time to time we all doubt. We should not hide our questions. We must do what Thomas did – bring those doubts to the Lord. And our risen Lord will say to us what he said to Thomas: 'Cease doubting and believe.'

Theme of the Weekend Readings: Today we give thanks for the presence of the living Lord amongst us.

First Reading: The Acts of the Apostles tells of the courage of the first disciples and of their healing ministry.

Second Reading: John is told to write a message, one that has meaning for the Church until the end of time.

Gospel: Jesus appears to his disciples on the evening of his Resurrection.

Weekend Masses:

Saturday 3rd May: 7.00pm Mass in Tullogher
Sunday 4th May: 9.30am Mass in Mullinarrigle
11.00am Mass in Rosbercon

Weekday Masses:

Rosbercon
Wednesday 30th April: No Mass
Friday 2nd May: No Mass

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

Recent Deaths:

William (Willie) Roche, Bawnjames House, Rosbercon
John Maher, Essex UK and formerly Tinneranny

Months Mind:

Ray Shannon, Glenpipe

Anniversaries:

Rita Meagher, School House Road
Brendan Connick, Glenmore

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.

The First Eucharist Ceremony takes place in Rosbercon Church on Saturday 10th May at 11.00a.m. There will be a Mass of Preparation for children and parents on Thursday 8th May at 7.30 p.m.

The First Eucharist Ceremony takes place in Mullinarrigle Church on Saturday 17th May at 11.00 a.m. There will be a Mass of Preparation for children and parents on Tuesday 13th May at 7.30 p.m.

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

Sincere thanks to all who contributed so generously to the **Easter Offering and to Trocaire**. Outstanding envelopes and boxes may be handed in at the weekend Masses or to the Parish Office.

Trocaire Boxes and Envelopes: We hope to send your Trocaire contributions to the Diocesan Office in early May. If you have a Trócaire box in your house, we respectfully suggest that you might be so kind as to bring it to the church or to the Parochial House. Your generosity to the poorest of the poor is very much appreciated

Pope Francis - Rest in Peace: It is with great sadness that we learn of the death of Pope Francis. We feel so grateful for the courageous, humble and Christ-like leadership the Pope has shown. He included us all in his love, especially the poor, the migrants and those on the margins. He kept the Christian vision before the world. May he rest in peace.

A Message from Fr Dan: Divine Mercy Sunday: '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-centered 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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Vintage Show and Field Day Sunday 27th of April*

Mass Intentions for the Saturday/Sunday, 3rd/4th April 2025:

Tullogher: Saturday 3rd May at 7.00pm:

Billy Croke, Brownsford

Mullinarrigle: Sunday 4th May at 9.30am:

Tom Kennedy, Glenpipe

Rosbercon: Sunday 4th May at 11.00am:

Matt and Anne Flynn, School House Road, Rosbercon

Collection of Parish Funds 13th & 20th April 2025:

Offertory Collection: €1573.00

Weekly Envelopes: €1512.00

Parish Debt on 24th April 2025: €13,353.60

Dates for you Diary:

Dates of Cemetery Masses in Rosbercon Parish, 2025:

Tuesday, 17th June: Ballyneale Cemetery

Friday, 20th June: Rosbercon New Cemetery

Tuesday, 24th June: Shanbogh Cemetery

Thursday, 26th June: Listerlin Old Cemetery
(Rosary-No Mass)

Tuesday, 1st July: Rosbercon Old Cemetery

Friday, 4th July: Mullinarrigle Cemetery

Sunday, 24th August: St Moling's Well

All Evening Masses at 7.30pm and Sunday Masses at 2.00pm

Please note the change of time for evening services.

This Beautiful Place: Summer is near 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 summer 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:

Cease doubting and believe

While Jesus was alive Thomas was as strong as an oak.

But when Jesus was put to death,

he became a reed shaking in the winds of doubt.

The truth was, though he didn't realise it at the time, that it was the Master who was the oak.

When the oak fell he was defenceless.

All of us are shaken by the winds of doubt.

We need to look at the Lord's wounds,

and hear his gentle voice saying to us:

'Cease doubting and believe.'

Then with Thomas we shall make bold to say:

'My Lord and my God.'

Easter Wishes: Fr Dan thanks all parishioners for the many wonderful ways that we journey together throughout the year. He thanks those who have continued to be so generous to our parish and to him over so many years. May we continue to pray for and support for each other.

Easter Joy: Jesus came on earth to show us how to live,

How to put others first, how to love and how to give

So, we live our lives for Jesus, think of him in all we do

Thank you, Risen Saviour, thank you. Help us to love like you!

Wisdom: "Anger is a brick. We have a choice of throwing it at the other person or setting it down between us as the first cornerstone of a good relationship."

Humour: The elderly priest was surprised when he arrived in Heaven to discover that a New York cab driver had been awarded a higher place than he. 'I don't understand' he complained to God. 'I devoted my entire life to the Church.' 'Our policy here is to reward results' God explained. 'Now did your parishioners listen attentively when you preached a homily?' 'Well,' the priest had to admit, 'some people did fall asleep from time to time.' 'Exactly' said God. 'And when people rode in this man's taxi, they not only stayed awake, they prayed as if their lives depended on it.'

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 Bríd to book your place if you wish to attend.

The New Ross Active Retirement will have their general meeting on Friday the 2nd of May at the Youth Centre Nunnery Lane at 11 am. All welcome

New Ross Drama Workshop

Proudly Presents—A View From The Bridge By Arthur Miller

Directed by Margaret Rossiter

Venue: St. Michaels Theatre

Dates: Wednesday 30th April/Thursday 1st May/Friday 2nd May

Times: 7:30 pm

Cost: €15

Can be booked on the theatre website or phone 051-421255.

TULLOGHER/ROSBERCON VINTAGE CLUB

Will hold their vintage show and field day on Sunday the 27th of April at the Rosbercon Parish Centre. A great family day out! Celebrating 47 years of Ford Fiesta.

Inistioge will once again host a 'Darkness into Light' event on Saturday May 10th 2025. Each year the walk provides an opportunity for people to connect with their local community and to bring hope to people who have been impacted by suicide. The route takes walkers on a tranquil journey from Inistioge village, over the bridge and along the river Nore. Register at darknessintolight.ie or on the night.

South Kilkenny Historical Society lecture

Bridget Aylward, Queen of Alaska: South Kilkenny Connections

Speaker: Bridie Kineavy

Date& Time: Friday, 25th April 2025 at 8pm

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

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