

## ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 6TH APRIL 2025

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### Fifth Sunday of Lent

In today's Gospel we hear again the immortal words of Jesus in relation to the woman caught in adultery: 'Let the one who is without sin cast the first stone.' As we call to mind our failings, we might remember especially the harsh and unfair judgments we sometimes pass on others.

**Theme of the Weekend Readings:** This weekend we begin to think seriously about the upcoming Holy Week and Easter Ceremonies.

**First Reading:** We are called upon to let go of the past and to start life afresh.

**Second Reading:** Saint Paul urges us to persevere in our search for the prize of knowing Christ.

**Gospel:** Jesus becomes the protector of the woman taken in adultery.

#### Weekend Masses:

Sunday 13th April: 9.30am Mass in Mullinarrigle  
11.00am Mass in Rosbercon

#### Weekday Masses:

Rosbercon

Wednesday 9th April: 10am Mass

Friday 11th April: 10am Mass

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

#### Anniversaries:

Katie and Tom Murphy, Ballyfoyle and deceased members of the Murphy and Doherty families.

John Barron, Brownsford

Annie Ryan, Ballyconnaught

James Hoban, Ballykenna

Nickey Murphy, Millbanks Grove

Katty Vereker, Assumption Terrace

Kitty, Jimmy, Jack and Tommy Cassin, Rosbercon

Nick O'Brien, Rosbercon

**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.

Next weekend we are celebrating **Passion/Palm Sunday**. Palm will be blessed in the Churches of the parish before the weekend Masses.

### Holy Week Programme 2025

#### Rosbercon Church:

Wednesday of Holy Week: Mass 10.00 a.m.

Holy Thursday: 7.00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper.

Good Friday: 3.00 p.m. Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday: 8.00 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass.

Easter Sunday: 11.00 a.m.

#### Mullinarrigle Church:

Easter Sunday: 9.30 a.m. Mass of the Resurrection

#### Tullogher Church:

Good Friday: 8.00 p.m. Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday: 6.00 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass

We welcome into our Parish Community Reggie James Cody, son of James and Christine, Ballycurran, who was baptised in the Church of the Assumption, Rosbercon on Saturday 29th March 2025.

**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.

#### 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

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

**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.

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## Mass Intentions for Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2025:

**Rosbercon:** Niall Coughlan, Mullinavat and Shanbogh

**A Message from Fr Dan:** Holy Week 2025: This has been a Lent overshadowed by the uncertain political situation across the world especially in the Ukraine and in the United States. On the first Holy Week, Jesus experienced all the horrors of life, culminating in his crucifixion and death. The waving palm branches, the joy and the Hosannas of Palm Sunday became the pain, the torture and the crucifixion of Good Friday.

The celebration of Holy Week, the most sacred time in the Church's year, begins on Palm Sunday with the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. We remember that the people involved in the first Holy Week were people like us. The suffering of Jesus is mirrored across the world today when people are degraded, persecuted or deprived of their freedom. Nearer home when we hurt or disappoint others, when we fail to live up to our responsibilities, in our small way, we contribute to the suffering of the world.

Holy Week is an opportunity for us to change our lives as we celebrate the death and resurrection of Christ. We, along with our fellow human beings, are guilty of failure, shortcomings and what was called 'sin' in the old terminology. As a race we are destroying the planet that sustains us and worldly affairs are conducted without any reference to God.

On the Cross Jesus took the sins of the world upon himself. He absorbed all the suffering of the world and transformed it into the wonder and beauty of the Resurrection. In this way he showed how perfect his love was. His death on the cross gives us new life. We pray to experience that life and to imitate Christ's love and his trust in God our Father. The saving mysteries that took place during Holy Week two thousand years ago, for us and for our salvation, convince us of Jesus' love for us. We respond to that love by continuing to persevere in faith and hope.

**Wisdom:** Sometimes the smallest step in the right direction ends up being the biggest step of your life. Tip toe if you must but take that step.

**Humour:** There are only two days in the year that nothing can be done. One is called yesterday and the other is called tomorrow. So, today is the right day to live, love, believe, and do.

### Greek Elegy written for Heraclitus on his death:

They told me, Heraclitus, they told me you were dead,  
They brought me bitter news to hear and bitter tears to shed,  
I wept as I remembered how often you and I  
Had tired the sun with talking and sent him down the sky.  
And now that you are lying, my dear old Carian guest,  
A handful of grey ashes, long, long ago at rest,  
Still are your pleasant voices, your nightingales awake;  
For Death, he taketh all away but them he cannot take.

William Cory

## 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.**

## Tullogher/Rosbercon Vintage Club

Will hold their vintage show and field day on Sunday 27th April at the Rosbercon Parish Centre.

A great family day out !

Celebrating 47 years of Ford fiesta.

## Tullogher Rosbercon Development Draw 2022 – 2025

### Winners of March 2025 Draw

**(held on 25th March 2025)**

1st Prize of €250

Jackie & Shane Delahunty, Ballycurran

2nd Prize of €100

Seamus Power, Ballybeg

3rd Prize of €100

Greta Doherty, Raheen

4th – 7th Prize of €50

Katie & Paul Kinsella, Tullogher

Martin Woods, Ballymartin

Seamus & Geraldine Phelan, Smithstown

James Grennan, Ballycurran

**Next Draw: April 2025**

**8:30 pm on Tuesday, 29th April 2025**

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 the 4th April at the Youth Centre Nunnery Lane at 11am. All Welcome!

**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.

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