

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 11TH MAY 2025

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

In today's Gospel Jesus, the Good Shepherd says to us 'I know my sheep. They listen to my voice and follow me.' Let us reflect for a moment on our response to the love and care of Jesus, the Good Shepherd.

Theme of the Weekend Readings: At Mass we gather round Christ, the Good Shepherd, who cares for each one of us personally.

First Reading: Paul and Barnabas, on their first missionary journey, are accepted by the pagans but resisted by the Jews.

Second Reading: St. John's vision of people persecuted for their faith, being rewarded in Heaven.

Gospel: People listen to the voice of Jesus, the Good Shepherd.

Weekend Masses:

Sunday 18th May: 9.30am Mass in Mullinarrigle
11.00am Mass in Rosbercon

Weekday Masses:

Rosbercon

Wednesday 14th May: 10am Mass

Friday 16th May: 10am Mass

All Masses from Rosbercon Church will be streamed live through our webcam on 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:

Jackie Stacey, Shanbogh, Rosbercon

Joe Murphy, Brownsford Lower, Inistioge

Anniversaries:

Teresa Murphy, Tinneranny

Thomas & Teresa Hendrick, Flower Hill, Rosbercon

Margaret Fleming, Shanbogh

Gerry Hennessy, Marshmeadows & Glensensaw

Bridget O'Neill, Ballyknock

Michael Curran, Hoodsgrove

Dick Gaule, Slievecorragh

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.

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.

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

Trocaire Boxes and Envelopes: We hope to send your Trocaire contributions to the Diocesan Office by mid-May. So far, we have received €1,245.00 for which we thank you most sincerely. If you see 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 poor is appreciated.

St Mary's Cathedral, Kilkenny Restoration Fund 2024/2025: The Diocesan Draw for April took place on Wednesday, 30th April 2025. Please check the Church Noticeboards for the full results of the draw.

A Message from Fr Dan: Priests: This Sunday, we are celebrating Vocation Sunday, a day of prayer for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. The gospel reminds us that Jesus saw himself at the 'Good Shepherd'. The Good Shepherd is a very powerful image of the personal love and care that Jesus has for each person. Faith is central to the friendship between the Good Shepherd, and the members of His flock. It was Jesus who said, "The harvest is great but the labourers are few. Pray that the Lord of the harvest will send labourers into His harvest".

There are certain men whom God has chosen and who have chosen God and they are priests. We need the love and service of our priests. We need priests to teach us the good news of our salvation; We need them to teach us God's message. We need priests in our families, in our work and to help us to find meaning in our lives. We need priests to call us to pray and to guide us to worship our Father. We need priests to celebrate Mass and to give us the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We need priests to help us to value the Mass and to be in communion with God and with each other. We need priests to lead us not only by what they say and do, but also by the example of their lives.

Priests bear witness to what is unique in the world, the love of God and Jesus Christ for each one of us. The faith of priests, their concern and care give us an inkling of God's love and care. Lord, help us to have an intelligent appreciation and a sincere respect for priests, especially the priests whose job it is to care for the people of our diocese. Help us always to appreciate them and to pray for them.

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Mass Intentions for Sunday, 18th May 2025:**Mullinarrigle:** Sunday 18th May at 9.30am:

Denis and Katty Power, Darbystown & all deceased members of the Power and Tobin families

Rosbercon: Sunday 18th May at 11.00am:

Maisie, Frank & Thomas O'Neill, Charleton Hill

Dates for your 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.

To make you Smile: Having undergone a quadruple heart bypass, Eric Sykes, British Comedian commented, "It wasn't the bypass that was the problem. It was getting the planning permission!".

Reflection: An Irish Blessing:

May the road rise to meet you,
 May the wind be always at your back,
 May the sun shine warm upon your face,
 The rains fall soft upon your fields.
 May the light of friendship guide your path
 May the laughter of children grace the halls of your home.
 May the joy of living trip a smile from your lips,
 A twinkle from your eye
 And when eternity beacons
 At the end of a life heaped high with love,
 May the good Lord embrace you
 With the arms that have nurtured you
 The whole length of your joy-filled days.
 May the gracious God hold you in the palm of his hand.
 And may the Spirit of Love
 Find a dwelling in your hearts.

Humour: A man fell over a cliff. He thought he was falling to this death but his fall was broken by a branch growing out of the side of the cliff. There he was swaying on the branch and he began to pray. O God, are you up there? God said 'Yes I am'. The man said I trust you God, save me. God said 'if you trust me let go of the branch'. The man said 'Is there anyone else up there?'

Wisdom: Though we live in a world that dreams of ending
 That always seems about to give in
 Something that will not acknowledge conclusion
 Insists that we forever begin. *Brendan Kennelly*

South Kilkenny Historical Society Coach Trip to Clonmel and Fethard, Co. Tipperary

Coach Trip to Clonmel and Fethard, Co. Tipperary on Saturday, May 31st 2025. Cost - €70 for members and €75 for those who are not paid up members for 2025. The cost includes coach hire, entrance to Clonmel Museum, guided tours of Clonmel and Fethard and an evening meal at Barne Lodge, Clonmel. It does not include the cost of lunch. The coach will depart Main Street, Mullinavat at 8.30am, returning at approximately 10pm.

For further information on booking places for the Coach Trip please contact Brigid Barron, Blossom Hill, Kilmacow, Co. Kilkenny (087 9507295, brigidbarron@hotmail.com) or Mary Ryan, 'Gort Glas', Aglish, Carrigeen, Co. Kilkenny (086 3790655, maryearyan@gmail.com). A €20 non-refundable deposit, per person will apply.

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

Glenmore Pantomime Society Join us for Our Open Workshops. We are thrilled to kick off our next exciting project by inviting you to special workshops - a chance to meet the production team, get a feel for the show and find out how you can get involved. Friday 23rd May Adult Workshop 7 to 9pm. Includes refreshments €10.00, open to all adults interested in being part of the production.

Saturday 24th May and Sunday 25th May Youth Workshop from 10am to 4pm both days. For young people aged 8 to 18. €40.00 per child. Concessions for more than 2 from the one family. twelve hours of creativity, activities, and introductions to the world of show. Booking is essential as places are limited. Come along, meet the team and find out how you can be part of something amazing.
 Please email glenmorepantosociety@gmail.com

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