

# ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 1st June 2025

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## FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

On this day we celebrate the glorification of Jesus, our Brother, when the Father raised him up in glory. Jesus wants us to share in his glory. Let us reflect for a moment on the glory to which we are called.

### Theme of the Weekend Readings

Christ ascends into Heaven.

### First Reading

Saint Luke describes the Ascension in the Acts of the Apostles.

### Second Reading

Jesus enters Heaven after his death and resurrection and assures our entry there too.

### Gospel

The very last words of Saint Luke's Gospel describe the ascension of Jesus and the joy of his followers.

### Weekend Masses

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| Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> June | 7:00 pm Mass in Tullogher     |
| Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> June   | 9:30 am Mass in Mullinarrigle |
|                               | 11:00 am Mass in Rosbercon    |

### Weekday Masses

#### Rosbercon

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| Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June | 10:00 am Mass |
| Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> June    | 10:00 am Mass |

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 10:30 am to 12:00 noon. All are welcome to attend.

### Anniversaries

James Waters Snr., Shanbough  
Kate Waters, Shanbough  
Jim Ryan, Guilcough

We welcome into our Christian Community **Lily Ellen Hartley**, daughter of Patrick and Sarah, Brabstown, who was baptised in St. David's Church, Mullinarrigle on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2025.

### What is Home?

Home is the place that God establishes for us in the world,  
A place, where peace, quiet, respect, acceptance,  
and, to crown them all, happiness, may dwell,  
whatever else may pass away in the world.

**Wisdom:** "Work is the greatest thing in the world, so you should always save some of it for tomorrow."

**A Message from Fr. Dan: The Ascension of the Lord**—This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension, when Jesus Christ in the presence of his followers, ascended into Heaven. People often ask the question, 'but where is Heaven?'. In the past we had a rather simplistic idea, that earth was here and heaven was somewhere up there in the clouds. We thought of heaven as almost a physical place and people often asked how so many people could fit there?

We are now more aware that the size of the Universe is beyond what the human mind can grasp or even imagine. Like God the Universe is total mystery. No amount of travel will bring us to Heaven!

Christ, our God, came among us in human form to teach us the way to live and in this way to find Heaven. He asked his followers to bring his message to the ends of the earth. After two thousand years of Christianity, we still struggle to live from day to day and to remain healthy. We can achieve little on our own.

God recognizes our limitations and our helplessness. So, he sent Jesus to guide and help us. Jesus came as one like us to show us the way to God and to lead us to God. After his life, death and resurrection he ascended to the Father. He assures us that he is not leaving us alone. Where he has gone, we hope to follow. He has gone 'to prepare a place for us.' So, we are not to be troubled. As Jesus said, 'there are many rooms in my Father's house'.

It's a question of faith. Jesus tells us that we now possess the glory of God as his gift and when our earthly life is over, he will come to meet us and welcome us home to God's kingdom. In the meantime, we live in hope.

For our earthly life, we live under the power of the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us. We are Christ's presence in the world, tending the garden of the Lord. We enjoy his gifts of nature, the Eucharist, the Scriptures and the love of our family and our community. Where two or three of us gather in his name he is with us in a special way.

### Prayer before Exams

*(a prayer for guidance and inspiration for upcoming exams)*

Father, Be with me as I take my exams.

Keep my mind alert and my memory sharp.

Calm my nerves and help me concentrate.

I know that you walk with me,

Guiding my path and inspiring my heart.

I pray that I would feel you with me,

And that your friendship would soften the pressure I feel.

I pray that I would pass my exams and go on to new things with you.

Thank you for your peace and your love in my life.

Thank you for your kindness and care for me.

Amen.

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## Mass Intentions for Saturday and Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> June 2025

**Tullogher:** Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June at 7:00 pm  
Joseph Murphy, Brownsford

**Rosbercon:** Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June at 11:00 am  
Doyle Family, Waterford Road

### Dates for you Diary

#### Dates of Cemetery Masses in Rosbercon Parish, 2025

Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> June—Ballyneale Cemetery  
Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> June—Rosbercon New Cemetery  
Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> June—Shanbogh Cemetery  
Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> June—Listerlin Old Cemetery (Rosary-No Mass)  
Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> July—Rosbercon Old Cemetery  
Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> July—Mullinarrigle Cemetery  
Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> August—St. Moling's Well

#### All Evening Masses at 7:30 pm and Sunday Masses at 2:00 pm

Please note the change of time for evening services.

#### Collection of Parish Funds 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> May 2025

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| Offertory Collection                     | € 1,433.30  |
| Weekly Envelopes                         | € 1,121.70  |
| Trocaire to date                         | € 1,520.00  |
| Parish Debt on 28 <sup>th</sup> May 2025 | € 13,353.60 |

**To make you Smile:** 'Never put off till tomorrow what you can do the day after tomorrow'. *Mark Twain (1835-1910)*

#### Reflection: I shall not go to HEAVEN when I die.

I shall not go to heaven when I die.  
But if they let me be  
I think I'll take the road I used to know  
That goes to Shanagarra and the sea  
And I shall hear the west wind blow  
And I shall hear nothing but the curlew's cry  
And the waves talking in the sea below  
  
I think it will be winter when I die.  
For no one from the North could die in spring.  
And all the heather will be dead and grey.  
And the bog cotton will have blown away,  
And there will be no yellow on the whin.  
But I shall smell the peat  
And when it's almost dark I'll set my feet  
Where white track goes glimmering to the hills,  
and see far up a light...  
Would you think heaven would be so small a thing?  
As a lit window on the hill at night?  
And I come stumbling from the gloom,  
Half-blind, into the fire lit room  
Turn, and see you and there abide.  
If it were true  
And if I thought they would let me be.  
I almost wish it were tonight I died.

*Helen Waddell*

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

#### ◆ **RONAN TYNAN and CIARAN POWER CONCERT**

Dr. Ronan Tynan and Ciaran Power in concert also featuring New York pianist Bill Lewis in Campile Hall on Saturday night the 27<sup>th</sup> September 2025. For tickets or more informations please contact 087—2183300 and also available on Eventbrite.

#### ◆ **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. For more information please contact 086—3642592.

##### **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. For more information please contact 086—3642592.

#### ◆ **TULLOGHER ROSBERCON DEVELOPMENT DRAW**

The Tullogher Rosbercon Development Draw took place on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2025. The results are as follows:

1st—Pat and Margaret Ryan, Guilcough  
2nd—Brendan Culleton, Ballalog  
3rd—Don Dowling, Shanbogh  
4th—Willie Purcell, Kilbrahan  
5th, Maurice Aylward, Shanbogh  
6th—Richie Dollard, Smithstown  
7th—Martin Woods, Ballymartin

The next draw takes place on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2025 at 08:30 pm.

#### ◆ **TEAC TOM—KILKENNY SUICIDE PREVENTION CHARITY**

##### **WHAT TEAC TOM DOES?**

Teac Tom, part of the Thomas Hayes Trust, provides immediate, no-wait mental health support & suicide prevention services. From counselling to a 24-hour phone line, Teac Tom is here when it matters most. - If you or someone you know needs support, call **Teac Tom 24/7 on 056 779 6592**.

##### **- YOU ARE NEVER ALONE.**

##### **WALK THE LONGEST DAY FOR TEAC TOM**

*Every day* can feel like the longest day for someone struggling with their mental health. On 21<sup>st</sup> June, gather your group, club, or workplace for a 30-minute walk to support Teac Tom. every € 10.00 donated goes to directly funding Teac Tom's vital mental health and suicide prevention services. - To get your group involved, email [events.teactom@gmail.com](mailto:events.teactom@gmail.com). - Let's walk for hope. Let's walk *The Longest Day*.

##### **VISIT THE CATHEDRAL CAFÉ – COFFEE WITH A CAUSE**

Located in the beautiful St. Mary's Cathedral, the Cathedral Café is a warm, volunteer-run space where every coffee & slice of cake supports Teac Tom's life-saving work. Open Saturdays from 10:00 am–4:00 pm & Sundays from 10:00 am–1:00 pm, it's the perfect spot to relax and give back - All profits go directly to Teac Tom's mental health services. Drop by next time you're in Kilkenny City and Enjoy a cuppa that truly makes a difference.

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