

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 25th May 2025

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus said to his apostles 'Peace I leave with you, my own peace I give you.' We can't give peace to others if we don't have it ourselves. Jesus was able to give his peace to others because he had it himself. The Lord will give us too his peace.

Theme of the Weekend Readings

The message of Jesus and the gift of the Holy Spirit bring peace to our lives as we look forward to Summer.

First Reading

A dispute in the early church is settled. The gifts of the Holy Spirit are for everyone.

Second Reading

St. John describes his vision of the Heavenly Jerusalem.

Gospel

The Lord speaks of the gifts he leaves to his people. His gifts are peace and the Holy Spirit.

Weekend Masses

Sunday 1st June 9:30 am Mass in Mullinarrigle
11:00 am Mass in Rosbercon

Weekday Masses

Rosbercon

Wednesday 28th May 10:00 am Mass
Friday 30th May 10:00 am 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 10:30 am to 12:00 noon. All are welcome to attend.

The Crowning of Our Lady will take place on the 25th May. There will be a Rosary Procession leaving Ballybricken Green at 3pm and proceeding to St. Saviour's Church, Bridge Street, Waterford for the Crowning and a short Prayer Service, finishing afterwards with Benediction. All are welcome.

Anniversaries

Bernard and Jimmy Malone, Brownsford
Anna and Martin Woods, Ballymartin
Con, Rena and Michael Ryan, School House Road
Cathy Doran, Maiden Lane, New Ross
Andy Kane, Shanbough
Pat Fortune, Shanbough

Many thanks to all who took part in the in **the Holy Communion Ceremonies** in Mullinarrigle last weekend; Special thanks to the Teachers, Choir, Readers and to those who decorated the Church. We wish all the children happiness in their lives.

A Message from Fr. Dan: Building Bridges; There is an ancient story told of two brothers, John and James who owned farms side by side. Over 50 years they worked their fields' together, shared knowledge and produce, and lent a helping hand to one another in times of need. One day, a foolish argument broke out between the brothers and caused a rift between them. This was the first serious disagreement the brothers ever had in all of their time together.

The rift began over a small misunderstanding, which can sometimes happen. However, the dispute was not resolved and dragged on over a period of time. With time there was an angry exchange of words, followed by weeks of silence. Things took a very bad turn when James, the younger brother changed the stream's path, making it into a solid border between the two farms.

The elder brother, John, was furious and he resolved to make the barrier between the two farms even more permanent. He went to see an old bearded carpenter who was a friend of the family for many years. He said to the carpenter, "You have known us over fifty years. Have you seen what my brother has done to the stream between our farms. By diverting the stream, James has damaged my farm and I want to teach him a lesson. You see those trees over by the barn? I want you to turn them into a 10-foot-tall fence. I never want to see his face again."

The old carpenter thought quietly to himself for a few minutes, remembering his friendship with both brothers and eventually said: "I see". The elder brother helped the carpenter carry his tools to the wood, and then drove into town. When he came home in the evening, the old carpenter had finished his work. The elder brother walked down to the stream and was stunned by what he saw. He couldn't say a single word. Where the fence, he ordered should have been standing, a new bridge now stood. It was a well-constructed bridge, a work of art, with carved banister. At the same time, the younger brother happened to come to the same spot. When he saw the bridge he ran across and embraced his older brother, and said: "You're something special... building a bridge, after all I've said and done!"

While both brothers were hugging, the old carpenter collected his tools and started walking home. The brothers turned to him and said "Please, stay for a while as we are going to have a bit of a celebration.". But the carpenter just smiled and said enjoy your celebration and realize how much you love one another. You have learned to forgive and appreciate what you have. That is enough for me.

Love is a popular Word: 'If I speak the languages of men and of angels, but don't have love, I have become a sounding brass or a clanging cymbal, ...If I give all my goods to feed the poor, and if I give my body to be burned, but don't have love, it profits me nothing.' St. Paul

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Change—The past cannot be changed, but the future can be. No disagreement should spoil a loving relationship. It is just a matter of learning how to build our bridges.

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 7:30 pm and Sunday Masses at 2:00 pm

Please note the change of time for evening services.

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

Reflection: The 'Loser's' Blessing

Lord, bless the folk who never quite got there;

The people who intended something fine.

The folk who might have lived a better, nobler existence;

The ones who somehow always failed to shine.

The people who tried to keep their temper;

And yet who seemed to lose it all the more.

The one's who haven't made their name in business;

Who should be rich but always will be poor.

The folk who aren't as clever as they might be;

Who aren't as good and feel their efforts vain.

Lord, bless all these -and me among them

And give us all the heart to try again.

Fr. Ronan Drury RIP

Reflection in a Well

Once a young boy stood watching a gypsy
as he drank from a well in the town square.

After drinking, the man continued to gaze into the well.

The boy approached the gypsy and asked:

'Who lives down there?' 'God does' answered the gypsy.

'Can I see him?' asked the boy. 'Sure, you can,' said the gypsy.

Then, taking the boy into his arms, he lifted him up

so that he could see down into the well.

All the boy could see, however,

was his own reflection in the water.

'But that's only me,' he cried in disappointment.

'All I see is me.' 'Ah' replied the gypsy,

'Now you know where God lives.

He lives in you.'

To make you Smile: 'Giving up smoking is the easiest thing. I've done it a hundred times'.

Mark Twain

Rosbercon Parish Safeguarding Representatives are Brid Vereker and Anne O' Sullivan. If you have a Safeguarding concern, contact Brid 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 27th September 2025. For tickets or more informations please contact 087—2183300 and also available on Eventbrite.

◆ **GLENMORE PANTOMIME SOCIETY**

Glenmore Pantomime Society would like you to join them for 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 7:00 pm to 21:00 pm. 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 10:00 am to 16:00 pm 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

◆ **Activities Assistant required 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.

◆ **SOUTH KILKENNY HISTORICAL SOCIETY COACH TRIP**

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 - € 70.00 for members and € 75.00 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 8:30 am, returning at approximately 10:00 pm.

For further information on booking places for the Coach Trip please contact Brigid Barron, Blossom Hill, Kilmacow, Co. Kilkenny (087 9507295, brigidbaron@hotmail.com) or Mary Ryan, 'Gort Glas', Aglish, Carrigeen, Co. Kilkenny (086 3790655, maryearyan@gmail.com). A € 20.00 non-refundable deposit, per person will apply.

◆ **TULLOGER CAMOGIE CLUB**

Tullagher Camogie Club would like to sincerely thank all who helped ensure last month's sponsored walk was a huge success. In total there was € 3,312 raised which will go a long way to assist in the running of our club this year. Míle buíochas to the girls and their parents, the committee for all the preparations beforehand and on the day of the walk as well as Stephen and Lorna Cotterell and Pierce Handrick for facilities provided on the morning. As it would be impossible to thank all individually please accept this acknowledgement as a sign of our immense gratitude.

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