

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 4TH MAY 2025

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Third Sunday of Easter

In spite of the fact that he denied him, Jesus did not write off Peter, but confirmed him as chief shepherd of his flock. Jesus doesn't write us off when we fail. He gives us a chance to cancel out our failures by love.

Theme of the Weekend Readings: Two weeks into the Easter Season we joyfully continue to worship God who raised Jesus, Our Saviour from the dead.

First Reading: Peter and the Apostles are reprimanded for teaching about Jesus.

Second Reading: St. John describes his vision of Heaven.

Gospel: Jesus' third appearance to his followers is described.

Weekend Masses:

Sunday 11th May: 9.30am Mass in Mullinarrigle
11.00am Mass in Rosbercon

Weekday Masses:

Rosbercon

Wednesday 7th May: No Mass

Friday 9th May: No Mass

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

Recent Deaths:

Mary Prior (Neé Keevey), Dublin and New Ross

Maura O'Neill (Neé Cottrell), Brownsford, Inistioge

Months Mind:

Billy Croke, Brownsford

Anniversaries:

Matt and Anne Flynn, School House Road

Tom Kennedy, Ballykenna

Mary Doherty, Moulersstown

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.

We welcome into our Christian Community **Ada Marie Walsh**, daughter of Richard and Eibhlís, née Ahearne, Glenballyvalley, who was baptised in Tullogher Church on Sunday 27th April 2025.

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

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.

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. If you see a Trócaire box in a house, we respectfully ask that you be so kind as to bring it to the church or to the Parochial House. Your generosity to the poor is much appreciated.

A Message from Fr Dan: May, God bless it, is a wonderful month. May, traditionally the month of the cuckoo and the swallows, the month of flowers and wildlife. In the ancient Irish Calendar May or 'Bealtaine' is the first month of summer. May is the month of new beginnings, often celebrated in folklore and proverbs. The Celtic year was divided into two halves, darkness and light. November or 'Samhain' began the period of darkness. May or 'Bealtaine' was the beginning of the Season of Light.

We welcome the month of May, the month devoted to Our Lady. The home in Nazareth reminds us that the most important thing that people can do in a family is to mind each other. Love in the life of a family always tries to understand and when it can't, love makes allowances and when allowances aren't enough, love forgives.

Someone once remarked that we have to learn to be good fathers or good mothers or even good children. It is something that we have to work at daily. Having children doesn't make one a mother or father any more than having a piano makes one a musician!

Help us, Lord, in these times to do each day a little more than we think we can. Help us to love a little more than we think we can. Help us to forgive a little more than we think we can.

Lord be with us during this month of May. Rescue us from our anxiety about the future and from our regrets of the past. Help us to find joy in the life we have been given, even when that life is very challenging!

From the Ennis Parish Newsletter – Adapted.

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Mass Intentions for Sunday, 11th May 2025:

Rosbercon: Sunday 11th May at 11.00am:

Teresa Murphy, Tinneranny

Thomas and Teresa Hendrick, Flower Hill, Rosbercon

Gerry Hennessy, Marshmeadows and Glensensaw

Bridget O'Neill, Ballyknock

Michael Curran, Hoodsgrrove

Dick Gaule, Slievecorragh

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.

Collection of Parish Funds 27th April 2025:

Offertory Collection: €432.00

Weekly Envelopes: €358.00

Trocaire: €1245.00

Parish Debt on 30th April 2025: €13,353.60

Wisdom – Hold fast to dreams, for if dreams die,

Life is a broken-winged bird that cannot fly;

Hold fast to dreams, for when dreams go,

Life is a barren field, frozen with snow.

Humour: When asked why she always bowed her head when Satan was mentioned, the old woman replied 'It costs nothing to be polite.'

Blessed Edmund Ignatius Rice: On Monday the 5th May 2025, we will celebrate the feast of Blessed Edmund Rice. Edmund was born in Callan, Co Kilkenny on the 1st June, 1762. His people were farmers and he had seven brothers and two step sisters. As a young man, Edmund was apprenticed to his uncle who had a business in Waterford. Edmund was shocked by the poverty he saw in the city and did what he could to help those who were suffering. After the death of his wife at a young age, Edmund sold his business and devoted the rest of his life to helping the poor through education. He opened his first school in Waterford in 1802 and went on to found both the Christian Brother and the Presentation Brothers. The contribution of these brothers to education in Ireland and across the world is immense and continues today. We give thanks for the presence of the brothers, who through their prayer, care of the poor and promotion of education give such wonderful witness to the power of the Risen Christ.

To make you Smile: Father: 'Son, you hate me.' Son: 'Father, I love you.' Mother: 'Don't contradict your father.'

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.

Tullogher Rosbercon Development Draw 2022 – 2025

Winners of April 2025 Draw (held on 29th April 2025)

1st Prize of €250 Emily & John Conway, Ballyknock

2nd Prize of €100 Mark & Rose Saunders, Ballyneale

3rd Prize of €100 Billy Croke, Brownsford

4th – 7th Prize of €50

4 Anthony Cotterell, Ballykenna

5 Brian & Martina Furlong

6 John Barron, Cooleen

7 Garret Phelan, Listerlin

There will be an **Information Evening on the Pilgrimage to Lough Derg** on Friday, 9th May 2025, in St Patrick's Pastoral Centre, Loughboy. Bishop Niall invites you to come along to learn more about our **Jubilee Year of Hope** Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lough Derg, which will take place from 30th May – 1st June 2025. All welcome

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.

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. 12 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

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.

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