

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 22nd June 2025

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THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST CORPUS CHRISTI

We are the people of God journeying in faith towards the Promised Land of eternal life. We need food for our journey. We receive this food in the Eucharist. Christ nourishes us with the Word of God and the Bread of Eternal Life.

Theme of the Weekend Readings

To-day we celebrate our Creator's kindness in giving us the body of Christ to be our spiritual food.

First Reading

Thousands of years before the birth of Christ, Melchizedek, King and Priest, blesses Abraham using bread and wine.

Second Reading

Paul tells us the story of what happened at the Last Supper.

Gospel

Jesus feeds five thousand with five loaves and two fishes.

Weekend Masses

Sunday 29 th June	9:30 am Mass in Mullinarrigle
	11:00 am Mass in Rosbercon

Weekday Masses

Rosbercon

Wednesday 25 th June	10:00 am Mass
Friday 27 th June	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.

Cemetery Masses

The following cemetery Masses take place this week, Tuesday, Shanbogh Cemetery and Thursday, **Rosary** in the Old Cemetery, Listerlin.

We welcome into our Christian Community **Korra Padraigín Susan Britz**, daughter of Branden and Shaunagh, Rosbercon, who was baptised in Rosbercon Church on Saturday 14th June 2025.

Corpus Christi, Body of Christ: Throughout Ireland there are countless Mass Rocks where people gathered to celebrate Eucharist and to break the bread of life for each other. Those places are holy ground made sacred by the faith and love of the people who gathered there. We remember our ancestors for the love they had for the Eucharistic presence of Jesus among them.

A Message from Fr. Dan: This weekend, we celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi, the Body of Christ: When Jesus was about to leave the world to return to his Father, he assured his followers, and us, that he would never leave us. Jesus instituted the Eucharist so that he would continue to be with us. He asked that we **Do this in Memory of Me:** In this way, Jesus is present at every Mass. He is very close to us.

At Mass, Jesus gives himself to us, as he did during his lifetime. We remember the story how Jesus, at the end of a tiring day, would not send his followers away hungry. He fed his people with five barley loaves and two fish. Jesus took the loaves and the fish, blessed, broke and gave them to the apostles to distribute to the people. In the hands of the apostles the bread kept on increasing.

The lesson that Jesus wants us to learn is that he constantly nourishes us with the bread of Life in the Mass. In today's gospel story, Jesus repeats his act of giving when on Holy Thursday night, He took the bread, blessed, broke it and gave it to his disciples saying "This is my body which is given for you. Do this in memory of me". These words mean that at each Mass, Jesus changes the bread and wine into his Body and Blood.

Every Sunday we gather as a community to celebrate Mass together. We listen to God's word; we pray and are nourished in Holy Communion. Jesus wants us to continue living the Eucharist in our daily lives. In our giving to others, in our respect, through acts of kindness, generosity, and goodness we live the love of Jesus. It is our presence at Mass that strengthens us to prayer and to serve. That is what Jesus asks us to do when we are sent forth at the end of Mass.

From the Ennis Parish Newsletter, (Adapted)

Diocese of Ossory – Annual Corpus Christi Procession: Bishop Coll invites you to join him in the Annual Corpus Christi Procession on Sunday June 22nd, gathering at 3:00 pm at the Capuchin Friary. The procession will walk via James's Green and St. Mary's Cathedral for a time of prayer and reflection and will conclude at the Black Abbey Church with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. In this Jubilee Year of Hope, this is a special opportunity for our diocese to come together in public witness to the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Bishop Niall extends a special invitation to all children who received their First Communion and who were Confirmed this year. Let us walk together in faith and unity. All are welcome.

Prayer

God help us to live slowly:

To move simply:

To look softly:

To allow emptiness:

To let our hearts be creative for us:

Amen

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Mass Intentions for Sunday, 29th June 2025

Mullinarrigle: Sunday 29th June at 9:30 am

Peggy Long, Ballyvaria

Margaret Martin, New Ross

Rosbercon: Sunday 29th June at 11:00 am

John and Peggy Connick, Millbanks and Dowsley's Barn

Rest in Peace: Those we love don't go away. They walk beside us every day. Unseen, unheard but always near; still loved, still missed and very dear.

Dates for you Diary

Dates of Cemetery Masses in Rosbercon Parish, 2025

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.

Reflection

May your mornings bring joy and your evenings bring peace.

May your troubles grow few as your blessings increase.

May the saddest day of your future

Be no worse than the saddest day of your past.

May your hands be clasped in friendship

And your hearts joined in love.

Our lives are very special

God has touched us in many ways.

May his blessings rest upon us

And fill all our coming days.

Reflection

Pierre, in Tolstoy's novel, War and Peace, discovered in his wife's love for him what was really good about himself. He had already experienced in an earlier marriage how fickle his own love was. After seven years of married life, Pierre had a firm and joyful consciousness that he was not a bad fellow, and he felt this because he saw himself reflected in his wife. In himself he felt all the good and bad mingled together, and obscuring one another. But in his wife, he saw reflected only what was really good; everything not quite good was left out. And this result was reached not by way of logical reflection, but by way of a mysterious, direct reflection of himself.

Humour: A Primary school teacher was walking around observing her classroom of children while they were drawing pictures. As she got to one girl who was working diligently, she asked her what was she drawing. The girl replied "I'm drawing God." The teacher paused and said, "but no one knows what God looks like." Without looking up from her drawing, the girl replied, "they will in a minute!"

Wisdom: "A friend is one to whom one may pour out all the contents of one's heart, chaff and grain together, knowing that the gentlest of hands will take and sift it, keep what is worth keeping and with a breath of kindness blow the rest away."

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

Reflection: Eucharist Communion Reflection

Lord Jesus, you came to live among us. Bless our hands with giving and receiving.

Lord Jesus, you offered yourself to set us free; Help us to speak the language of love.

Lord Jesus, you change the bread and wine; Help us to change our attitudes towards others.

Lord Jesus, you fulfilled the ancient promises. Help us to journey to the Promised Land.

Lord Jesus, you gave the gift of your life; Bless the small sacrifices we make each day.

Lord Jesus, you give us food for nourishment each day; Bless our generosity and our sharing with others.

Lord Jesus, you call us to communion; Bless our relationships with compassion and forgiveness. Lord Jesus, you stayed with us across the years; Stay with us now to the end of our journey.

To make you Smile: When Peter Sellers survived his first heart attack in 1979, Spike Milligan sent him a telegram: 'You swine. I had you insured'. "You do not find the happy life. You make it."

Camilla Eyring Kimball

◆ 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.

◆ 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. For more information please contact 086—3642592.

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

** QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

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