

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 29th June 2025

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FEAST OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of St Peter and St Paul. Peter was the first apostle to be called by Jesus and he enjoyed a special role among the followers of Jesus. Even Peter's name was given to him by Jesus. St Paul, on the other hand, never met Jesus. Paul dedicated his early life to getting rid of Jesus' followers. After his miraculous conversion he preached the Christian message with great energy. Like Peter, Paul was martyred in Rome under the Emperor Nero.

Theme of the Weekend Readings

We honour Saints Peter and Paul, the two 'Founding Fathers' of the Church.

First Reading: Peter escapes from prison through God's intervention.

Second Reading

Paul reflects on the life he has lived in God's service.

Gospel

Peter professes his faith in Christ and is named head of the Church.

Weekend Masses

Saturday 5 th July	7:00 pm Mass in Tullogher
Sunday 6 th July	9:30 am Mass in Mullinarrigle
	11:00 am Mass in Rosbercon

Weekday Masses

Rosbercon

Wednesday 2 nd July	10:00 am Mass
Friday 4 th July	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 Cemetery Masses continue this week in **Rosbercon Old Cemetery on Tuesday 1st July** and in **Mullinarrigle Cemetery on Friday 4th July**. It is important that we remember our dead and pray for them. As the prayers for a Christian funeral state, 'we believe that all the ties of friendship and affection which knit us together throughout our lives do not unravel with death'.

Recent Deaths

James Dooley, Garrenbehy

Anniversaries

Peggy Long, Ballyveria

Margaret Martin, New Ross

John and Peggy Connick, Millsbank and Dowsley's Barn

Mollie and Patrick Long, Ballybeg and late of Curraghmore

A Message from Fr. Dan: Our Father who Art in Heaven

The Our Father is the first prayer that many of us learned. It is still many people's favourite prayer. It was given to us by Jesus and it is the prayer that Jesus prayed many times in his own lifetime. The Our Father was given to the Apostles in the midst of Jesus' final journey to Jerusalem where he suffered and died.

The Our Father is a very complex prayer and contains depths of spirituality. In the first part of the prayer, we ask that God's Kingdom would come, that his will be done and that he would give us our daily bread.

A very important teaching of the Our Father is that God will "Forgive us our Trespases, as we forgive those who trespass against us." Just as there can be no life without food, there can be no life without forgiveness. Without forgiveness our world would be a place of hatred, revenge and retaliation. It would be a world full of fear and dread. Without forgiveness we cannot let go of hurt and resentment. With forgiveness we return to the same one road and we continue to travel together. The world of forgiveness is a world where there is a renewal of life, peace and hope. When we forgive others who have wronged us, we are open to God's mercy towards us and we become channels of God's mercy towards others. We give to others the gift of forgiveness that God has given us.

The Our Father continues, 'Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil' When we pray not to be led into temptation, we ask God not to put us to the test. A test in the bible is a trial to see how faithful we are. God tested Abraham when he asked him to sacrifice his only son, Isaac. In this part of the Our Father we are asking God to save us from moments in life when we are tempted to choose something other than our loyalty to God. We conclude the Our Father by asking God to deliver us from evil. The Our Father is the most beautiful prayer that we have. Every time we pray the Our Father, we reflect on how we all belong to the one human family.

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We welcome into our Christian Community **Nyah Grace Mernagh Hunt**, daughter of Martin and Rachel, Newtown Commons, who was baptised in Rosbercon Church on Saturday 21st June 2025.

Mass Intentions for Saturday and Sunday, 5th/6th July 2025

Tullogher: Saturday 5th July at 07:00 pm
Michael Hanrahan, Tullogher

Rosbercon: Sunday 6th July at 11:00 am
Brian O'Neill, Snr., Tinneranny

Collection of Parish Funds 15th & 22nd June 2025

Offertory Collection	€ 768.80
Weekly Envelopes	€ 840.70
Cemetery Masses	€ 2,660.50
Parish Debt on 25th June 2025	€ 11,853.60

The Annual Summer Collection: Envelopes for the support of Fr. Dan have been distributed to the homes of the parish. Envelopes may be handed in at Mass or to the Parochial House. Many thanks for your continued support.

Thoughts for Summer: Remember to spend some time with your loved ones. Remember to say a kind word to someone who looks up to you. Remember to give a warm hug to the people closest to you. Remember to say 'I love you' to your partner and loved ones. Remember to hold hands and cherish the moment. Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take but by the moments that take our breath away!

Reflection: Blessed are we in times of darkness.

At times in life, we will all experience confusion and darkness.

This should not over worry us.

It is in our emptiness that we are filled.

It is in our confusions that we are guided.

It is in our weakness that we are strengthened.

It is in our failings that we are forgiven.

It is in our hunger that we are fed.

We believe that God has a homeland prepared for us where all our hungers will be satisfied and all our hopes will be fulfilled.

So, we travel onwards with joy in our hearts and a spring in our steps.

And with a great desire to live life to the full.

To make you Smile

"Saints are all right in Heaven, but they are hell on earth".

Cardinal Cushing, Archbishop of Boston

Wisdom

Don't start every day with a broken piece of yesterday. Every day is a fresh start. Every day is a new beginning. Every morning you wake up is the first day of your new life.

Saint Peter's Pence collection: A gesture of support to Pope Leo in His mission:

This Sunday, 29th June, the Church around the world celebrates the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul. This day will also see the traditional Peter's Pence collection take place at Mass. As with every year, every offering, large or small, will support the Holy Father Pope Leo XIV in his ministry and in his charitable activities in response to emergencies and needs around the world.

For every member of the Catholic Church, contributing to the Peter's Pence collection is a gesture of communion and participation in the Pope's mission to proclaim the Gospel, promote peace, and spread Christian charity. As Peter's Pence is a concrete way to support Pope Leo in his mission of service to the universal Church, your contribution is gratefully received and appreciated.

Reflection: A Prayer at the end of the day.

Grant, O Lord, that each evening before we go to sleep, we may reflect on the day that is coming to a close.

We ask that every unkind word or deed may be forgiven and every uncharitable thought set right.

We pray that our good and generous deeds may go down into the depths of our being.

May each day of our lives be blessed and sanctified.

Lord, make us ready for our final birth into eternity.

May we look forward with love and hope

to meeting Christ our Saviour and

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to meeting God our Heavenly Father.

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

♦ **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.

♦ **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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