

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 8th June 2025

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PENTECOST SUNDAY

Pentecost Sunday marks the end of the Easter Season. As we gather for Mass on this Pentecost Sunday, let us be mindful that it is through the Holy Spirit that Christ is present among us.

Theme of the Weekend Readings

The Holy Spirit descends upon the Apostles and Disciples.

First Reading The story of the descent of the Holy Spirit.

Second Reading

Each one of us is called to live a Spirit-filled life.

Gospel

Jesus assures us that the Holy Spirit will keep us faithful.

Weekend Masses

Sunday 15 th June	9:30 am Mass in Mullinarrigle
	11:00 am Mass in Rosbercon

Weekday Masses

Rosbercon

Wednesday 11 th June	10:00 am Mass
Friday 13 th June	10:00 am Mass

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

During the coming weeks we will pray for the welfare of all **students taking examinations**. May the Holy Spirit be their strength and guide their minds at this time.

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.

Months Mind

Joseph Murphy, Brownsford

Anniversaries

Doyle Family, Waterford Road

John Joe Lewis, Assumption Terrace

Mary Saunders, Ballyknock

John A Hamilton, Ballyneale

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.

We welcome into our Christian Community **Éala Siobhán Wilkinson**, daughter of John and Christina, Belleville, who was baptised in the Church of the Assumption, Rosbercon on Saturday 31st May 2025.

A Message from Fr. Dan: Pentecost—The Coming of the Spirit

This weekend's celebration of Pentecost is a beautiful feast. Scripture tells us that over two thousand years ago the Holy Spirit descended on the Apostles, accompanied by miraculous signs of mighty winds and tongues of fire. The descent of the Spirit is the final act of our salvation which God had promised. From Old Testament times there was an expectation that God would send his Spirit to his people. So, the coming of the Holy Spirit reminds us that God fulfils his promises, even if it takes time!!

The sound of the wind and the flame that accompanies the Spirit represent the creative breath of God and fire was also associated with the purifying presence of God. The wind and the fire tell us that God is about to do something 'new' or even that God is creating something new. The experience of the Spirit this weekend changes what is old and stale within us to something new.

Why does God send the Holy Spirit to us? God sent the Holy Spirit to his followers because the early Church needed God's Spirit. The first disciples were in hiding after their experience of the crucifixion of Jesus. They were terrified that what had happened to Jesus would happen to them. Only the power of the Holy Spirit would get them over their fear.

In answer to their prayer, God sent the Holy Spirit, to embolden them to go out and preach the story of Jesus and to remind the people of the love of God. Pentecost reminds us that God will fulfil his promises, even if it takes time. His presence this weekend is powerful and re-creates the old into something new as he responds to our needs today. So, let us all pray, *Veni Sancte Spiritus*, Come Holy Spirit.

Reflection—Prayer for Exams

O God of Wisdom, I thank you for the knowledge gained and the learning experiences I have received. I come to you this day and ask you to illuminate my mind and heart
Let your Holy Spirit be with me as I take my exams,
guiding my thoughts and giving me insight so that I can perform to the best of my ability.

Please grant me the strength to handle the pressure of these final days, the confidence to feel secure in my knowledge, and the ability to keep an appropriate perspective through it all. Help me to keep in mind on what is truly important, even as I focus my mind and energy on these tests.

Finally, may I sense your peace in knowing that I applied myself to the challenges of this day. I ask this through Christ Our Lord.

Amen

Humour—'Some people live their life and they worry about their destination. I enjoy the trip. Wherever you're going is where you'll end up. Don't worry about that. Enjoy the scenery on the way – Noel Gallagher.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Rosbercon: Sunday 15th June at 11:00 am

Paddy and Winnie Barron, Tinnaranny

Gerry Cash, Hewittsland

Jim Vereker, Assumption Terrace

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.

St. Mary's Cathedral, Kilkenny Restoration Fund 2024/2025

The Diocesan Draw for May took place on Wednesday, 28th May 2025. Please check the Church Noticeboards for the full results of the draw.

Prayer

Ár nAthair atá ar neamh, go naofar d'ainm,

Go dtaga do ríocht, go ndéantar do thoil

Ar an talamh mar a dhéantar ar neamh.

Ár n-arán laethúil tabhair duinn inniú,

Agus maith dúinn ár bfiacha,

Mar a mhaithimidne dár bhféichiúna féin,

Agus ná lig sinn i gcathú, ach soar sinn ó olc.

Amen

Reflection: A Wise King:

In ancient Ireland a king was expected:

To be a listener in the woods; to be a gazer at the stars.

To be silent in the wilderness; to be talkative in company.

To be silent where secrets were concerned; to be mild in the Mead Hall.

To be stern in battle; to be gentle towards allies.

To be a physician of the sick; to respect the old.

To be strong towards the powerful; to be weak with the feeble.

Not to speak of anyone in their absence; to give but not to ask.

Through cultivating these habits, the young prince became a worthy king.

Brian Darcy (Adapted)

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.' *Saint Paul*

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

What is Home

Most people have forgotten nowadays what a home can mean,
though some of us have come to realize it as never before.

Home is a kingdom of its own in the midst of the world,
a haven of refuge amid the turmoil of our age, a sanctuary.

A home is not founded on the shifting sands of private or public life
but has its peace in God.

For it is God who gives a home its special meaning and dignity,
its nature and privilege, its destiny and worth.

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.

◆ 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 information please contact 087—2183300 and also available on Eventbrite.

◆ GOLF CLASSIC

Tullougher Rosbercon & Glenmore GAA golf classic is on in New Ross golf on Friday 27th June. All support appreciated.

Team of 4 €160.00 including food

Sponsor a tee box or a Green € 100.00

Sponsor a prize (amount is at your discretion)

◆ 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 21st 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. - Let's walk for hope. Let's walk *The Longest Day*.

To make you Smile: 'In baiting a mouse trap with cheese, always leave room for the mouse'. Saki (1870-1916)

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