

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 13th July 2025

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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Today we will hear again the great parable of the Good Samaritan. In this parable Jesus tells us that God wants us to care for one another. The priest and the Levite refused to help the man who got beaten up. Sins of omission may be our worst sins, yet we don't always think of them as sins.

Theme of the Weekend Readings

We are challenged in today's Mass to look after others following the example of the Good Samaritan.

First Reading

We are to observe God's laws and commandments. They are not beyond our strength.

Second Reading

Saint Paul assures his followers that Christ's work of redemption is complete.

Gospel—The story of the Good Samaritan.

Weekend Masses

Sunday 20th July 9:30 am Mass in Mullinarrigle
11:00 am Mass in Rosbercon

Weekday Masses

Rosbercon

Wednesday 16th July 10:00 am Mass
Friday 19th July 10:00 am Mass

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

Anniversaries

Ann Doherty, Listerlin
Kathleen Mackey, Mullinakill
Michael Fleming Snr., Shanbough
John and Mary Rochford, Shanbough

God's Providence

So, do not look forward in fear
To the changes, and chances of life.
Rather look forward with full hope,
that – as situations arise – God, who cares for us,
will help us through them all.

Do not look forward in fear
To what may happen tomorrow;
The same everlasting Father,
who cares for us to-day,
will take care of us tomorrow and every day.

For, God will either shield you from suffering,
or He will give you the strength to bear it.
Be at peace then and put aside all anxious thoughts,
let God's will be your peace

Saint Francis de Sales

A Message from Fr. Dan: Making the best use of our time

Many people are overworked. While holding down a job, they are also rearing children and caring for a home. Many have a number of other commitments. So, it is very important that we make the best use of the time available to us. Here are a few helpful suggestions:

- ◆ Work out what are the most important and urgent tasks you have to accomplish each day. Identify which ones must be done now and what can be left until later.
- ◆ Spend the morning on your most important tasks. Get them completed first.
- ◆ To remain fresh and focused take a short break between tasks. The human brain needs time to adjust before a new task is undertaken.
- ◆ Keep focused on the task in hand. Avoid answering texts or the phone or browsing on the web. Most calls can wait until you have completed the work in hand.
- ◆ Many of us are perfectionists. We put off tasks until we can do them perfectly. Because most of us have many tasks on our list, we need to concentrate on getting them done as best we can.
- ◆ We need to keep our work programme straight and simple. This means not taking on new tasks or helping a colleague until we have some spare time.
- ◆ Many people multitask. They work on two or more projects at the same time. This often prevents important and urgent work getting completed on time because of lack of focus.
- ◆ Use a diary or online calendar to arrange meetings, organize events, set reminders or check your availability on a given date. Diaries and calendars have been used for years to manage time effectively.
- ◆ Experts tell us that we can live much happier and more productive lives by taking some time each day to sensibly organize our time.

From the Ennis Parish Newsletter

To make you Think: Take time to think, it is the source of power. Take time to read, it is the foundation of wisdom. Take time to play, it is the secret of staying young.

Take time to be quiet, it is the moment to seek God. Take time to be aware, it is the opportunity to help others. Take time to love and be loved, it is God's greatest gift.

Take time to laugh, it is the music of the soul. Take time to be friendly, it is the road to happiness. Take time to dream, it is what the future is made of. Take time to pray it is the greatest power on earth.

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Mass Intentions for Sunday, 20th July 2025

Rosbercon: Sunday 20th July at 11:00 am

Jimmy and Maeve Hanrahan, North Street, New Ross

George Peters, Slievecorragh

Tom Mullally, Ballyeden

Margaret, Edward and Mary Brigid Mullally and all deceased members of the Mullally family.

Collection of Parish Funds 29th June & 5th/6th July 2025

Offertory Collection € 768.80

Weekly Envelopes € 840.70

Cemetery Masses € 2,660.50

Parish Debt on 9th July 2025 € 11,853.60

Many thanks to all who contributed to the Annual Summer Envelope Collection for the support of Fr. Dan. Outstanding envelopes should be handed in at Mass or to the Parochial House.

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.

Date of Remaining Outdoor Mass in Rosbercon Parish, 2025

Sunday, 24th August: - St. Moling's Well

This Mass will be celebrated at 2:00 pm.

Reflection: 'Priest'

Uncle Tom was a priest. He was a practical man, but Latin was Greek to him. He died just after his retirement. His heart gave way as he was digging out the site for his new retirement house!

He was more an electrician than a preacher, he began all his speeches by saying, 'I'm not one for speeches' and he was right about that.

He did not really have much to teach his parishioners, they had their own troubles with their births, with their loves and deaths, and he did not have the words for such things.

But he learnt how to repair electric wires and he visited people in their home and mended short circuits and defective fuse boxes; he screwed lamps into place and wherever he had been, there was Light.

Humour: The children were lined up in the school canteen for lunch. At the head of the table was a large tray of apples. A teacher wrote a note and posted it on the apple tray: "Take only ONE. God is watching". Moving along the lunch line, at the other end was a large tray of chocolate chip cookies. A girl wrote a note, which she put next to the tray of cookies, "Take all you want. God is watching the apples!"

Wisdom: "Confidence comes not from always being right but from not fearing to be wrong."

Eleanor Roosevelt

To make you Smile: You know you're getting old when you stoop down to tie your shoelaces, and wonder what else you can do when you're down there.

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

Reflection: Beatitudes for Carers

The Good Samaritan was someone who cared.

Blessed are those who care;

They let people know that they are loved.

Blessed are those who are gentle; they help people to grow,
As the sun helps the buds to unfold.

Blessed are those who listen; they lighten many a burden.

Blessed are those who know how to let go;

They have the joy of seeing people find themselves.

Blessed are those who, when nothing can be said or done,

Do not walk away, but remain to provide

A comforting and supportive presence.

They help the suffering to bear the unbearable.

Blessed are those who recognise their own need to receive,

They are able to give all the better.

And blessed are those who give without hope of return

They give people an experience of God.

♦ ST. JOSEPH'S ATHLETIC CLUB

The club will hold its Annual Pink Rock 10k Run and Walk on Sunday 27th July. The run will start at 12:00 noon and the walk will start at 11:30 am. The fantastic local atmosphere and picturesque South Kilkenny (and a hint of Wexford) countryside means that the event is always a big hit with runners and walkers who take part. Post-race refreshments & chatter will be available at the Rosbercon Sports Centre. **This is a chip timed, AAI approved event.** For more information and registration please visit stjosephsac.ie or contact Rocky Mernagh on 086-8449066.

♦ FRAOCHAN SUNDAY ON TORY HILL

Members of the South Kilkenny Historical Society will join locals and others, on Sunday July 13th, for the annual climb of Tory Hill on Fraochan Sunday. This ancient tradition pre-dates Christianity and is associated with the ancient festival of Lughnasa. Mass will be celebrated, near the summit, at 3:00 pm. Due to the limited availability of parking and to assist those not familiar with the area, a meeting point has been arranged for 1:30 pm at Mullinavat Church Car Park, where it is suggested that people would car pool if possible.

♦ 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.

♦ 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.

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