

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 20th July 2025

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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Jesus visited the house of Martha and Mary. Martha attended to the details of hospitality while Mary sat at the Lord's feet and listened to him. During Mass we have an opportunity to spend some time in the presence of the Lord. Let us enliven our faith in his presence among us.

Theme of the Weekend Readings

This weekend we are challenged to be a hospitable, welcoming people and to be attentive to the needs of each other.

First Reading

Abraham and Sarah are rewarded for their hospitality with the promise of a son.

Second Reading

The life of Christ is available to all who believe in his death and resurrection.

Gospel—Jesus is welcomed at the home of Martha and Mary.

Weekend Masses

Sunday 27 th July	9:30 am Mass in Mullinarrigle
	11:00 am Mass in Rosbercon

Weekday Masses

Rosbercon

Wednesday 23 rd July	10:00 am Mass
Friday 25 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.

Fr. Dan will be away on sabbatical from the 29th July until 29th November, 2025. Fr. Anthony O'Connor will cover the weekend Mass and the administration of the Sacraments. Phone 087-2517766.

Anniversaries

Jimmy and Maeve Hanrahan, North Street, New Ross
George Peters, Slievecorragh
Tom Mullally, Ballyeden
Margaret, Edward and Mary Brigid Mullally, Ballyeden
Simon Kennedy, Ballymagill

Just a Thought

This life is yours: 'Take the power to choose what you want to do and do it well. Take the power to love what you want in life and love it honestly. Take the power to walk in the forest and be part of nature. Take the power to control your own life, no one can do it for you. Take the power to make life happy'.

A Message from Fr Dan: The Kingdom of God: God sent Jesus, his beloved Son, into the world for the purpose of establishing the Kingdom of God on earth. Jesus did this through his teaching, his healing and the example of his life. After his resurrection Jesus left it to us, his followers, in every generation, to establish God's influence in every walk of life.

The Kingdom was very much on the mind of Jesus throughout his life. Altogether, in the New Testament, there are about one hundred and fifty references to the Kingdom. Jesus explained in the Parable of how he sows seeds of goodness all the time and assures us that the seeds will come to fruition in good soil. In other places, the Kingdom is referred to as a hidden treasure, a precious pearl, a father welcoming home a lost son, a healing miracle and even as the calming of a storm at sea. Once the Kingdom in place, 'all will be well, and all manner of things will be well.'

How do we establish God's Kingdom today? It might be to struggle for greater human justice, or to try to provide daily bread for the poor, or to defend human rights. It could be to have a more loving family life or to care for the plight of refugees.

In the gospel stories Jesus tells us that the presence of God is all around us. God is especially present at Mass where he offers his people the body of Christ as spiritual food. God's presence is with us in our work, in our decisions, in our education, and in all our activities that contribute to human well-being.

We do our best to co-operate with God in bringing about the best world that can be achieved. God the Father inspires us. Jesus accompanies us and the Spirit of God guides us. In this work of God, we all travel together.

(From the Ennis Newsletter – Adapted)

'A Flower Mister': A wealthy young man was on his way to work when he heard an old lady selling flowers saying to him, 'A flower Mister!'. He brushed her aside but was afterwards troubled about this, as it appeared to him on reflection that he had lost his composure.

On subsequent days he began to notice the old lady less even though she still disturbed his usual calm control. She, with her gentle smile in spite of her age and occupation confronted him with something that disturbed him. She was such a contradiction of all he stood for, his cold brusque manner, his youth and his successful career.

As time went by he noticed he was less irked by her and that he made it his business to pass her way each day. It was as if he needed to listen to something important, she was saying to him. Then one day he found himself planning a surprise for her and so on his way to work he met her smile with a rose he had gone to great trouble to buy as it was the first of the new season. It also marked the beginning of a new season in his own heart.

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Mass Intentions for Sunday, 27th July 2025

Mullinarrigle: Sunday 27th July at 9:30 am

Walter and Maura Ryan, Listerlin

Margaret Malone, Listerlin

John and Mary Grennan, Ballycurran

Rosbercon: Sunday 27th July at 11:00 am

James Dooley, Garranbehy **Months Mind**

Kitty Lawlor, School House Road

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

The Cemetery Masses for Rosbercon Parish have now been completed. Many thanks to all who attended the Masses and who decorated your graves. 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'.

Bishop Coll Welcomes the Blessed Statue of the Sacred Heart to the Diocese of Ossory.

In this *Jubilee Year of Hope 2025*, the Pilgrim Statue of the Sacred Heart, blessed by Pope Francis on 8th January 2025, as it continues its pilgrimage throughout Ireland, will visit the Diocese of Ossory in July and August.

Bishop Coll extends an invitation to all to join with him in the celebration of a **Mass of Welcome, on Sunday, 20th July 2025 at 5:30 pm in St. Mary's Cathedral**, where the Statue will remain until Sunday, 27th July 2025.

Monday, 28th July – 3rd August 2025

Church of the Sacred Heart, Ferrybank, Waterford.

Monday, 4th - 16th August 2025

Church of the Sacred Heart, Moneenroe, Co. Kilkenny.

Saturday, 16th August 2025

Bishop Niall will celebrate Mass at 6:00 pm in the Church of the Sacred Heart, Moneenroe, Clogh, after which the Statue will leave the Diocese of Ossory.

Blessing of Saint Furse, Irish Monk, 597A.D.

The arms of God around my shoulders,
The touch of the Holy Spirit upon my head,
The sign of Christ's cross upon my forehead,
The sound of the Holy Spirit in my ears,
The fragrance of the Holy Spirit in my nostrils,
The vision of heaven's company in my eyes,
The conversation of heaven's company on my lips,
The work of God's Church in my hands,
The service of God and neighbor in my feet,
A home for God in my heart,
And to God, the Father of all, my entire being,
Amen.

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

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.

Reflection: In His Presence

Lord, I place myself in your presence.

After the strain and turmoil of the day

I rest quietly here, as a little boat,

which has been tossed by the waves

and buffeted by the wind

rests secure in a sheltered harbour.

Here my projects lose their power over me.

A healing process begins.

My fragmented self is reassembled,

and I am made whole again.

In your presence, I experience my true worth

which consists, not in doing, but in being.

I surrender myself into your hands.

I am at peace

Humour: Four-year-old Robert opened the big bible which had been in his family for years. Absolutely fascinated, he flicked through the old pages. Suddenly, something fell out of the bible. Robert picked up the object and looked at it. What he saw was an old dry leaf that had been pressed in between the pages. "Mum, look what I've found", the boy called out. "What have you got there dear?" With astonishment in the young boy's voice, he answered, "I think I've found Adam's underwear!"

◆ **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.

◆ **ST. JOSEPH'S ATHLETIC CLUB—PINK ROCK RUN/WALK**

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 and 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.

◆ **CROSS TRAINER FOR SALE**

Hammer Pro Line Cross trainer for sale. For more information please contact 086—3939936.

Wisdom: 'When you learn, teach. When you get, give'.

Maya Angelou

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