

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 27th July 2025

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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Jesus says to us what he said to his disciples: 'Ask and you shall receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.' In this way he is urging us to pray to God with confidence and persistence in all our needs.

Theme of the Weekend Readings

We can ask God for help whenever we need to because God is concerned about us.

First Reading

God heeds Abraham's plea on behalf of the people.

Second Reading

St. Paul assures us that we are cherished by God because Christ suffered on our behalf.

Gospel

When we pray persistently for God's help, that help is given to us.

Weekend Masses

Saturday 2 nd August	7:00 pm Mass in Tullogher
Sunday 3 rd August	9:30 am Mass in Mullinarrigle
	11:00am Mass in Rosbercon

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

Recent Deaths

Margaret Murphy, nee Connors, Tinnakilly
Alice Walsh, nee Cummins, Nenagh, Tipperary and Tullogher

Anniversaries

James Dooley, Garranbehy—**Months Mind**
Walter and Maura Ryan, Listerlin
Margaret Malone, Listerlin
John and Mary Grennan, Ballycurran
Kitty Lawlor, School House Road

We welcome into our Christian Community, **Seán Charles O'Shea**, son of Matthew and Margaret, Brownstown, who was baptised in the Church of Assumption, Rosbercon, on Saturday 19th July 2025.

We also welcome into our Christian Community, **John James Keith Conway**, son of Conor and Anna, Ballinlea, who was baptised in the St. David's Church, Mullinarrigle, on Tuesday 22nd July 2025.

Prayer: God of love, we thank you for our wonderful grandparents. They bring such joy and happiness into our lives. Thank you for all the special times that we have with them. Please watch over them, protect them and care for them now. May they know your goodness and love always.

(From the Ennis Newsletter – Adapted)

A Message from Fr. Dan: **World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly 27th July 2025:** In July 2021 Pope Francis established a World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, which was celebrated for the first time on Sunday, 25th July 2021 when Pope Francis celebrated Mass in Rome.

During the Mass, Pope Francis reminded us that grandparents and the elderly deserve our respect and praise. Among the greatest people we are likely to meet in our lives could be our own grandparents. Throughout their lives they had to endure war, shortages, scarcity and hours of hard tedious work. Times were tough in many different ways. Grandparents sacrificed everything to take care of their families and gave their children better lives than they themselves had. For their grandchildren they are caregivers, teachers and playmates. They are trusted advisors for their adult children who are now parents themselves.

For many families, grandparents provide regular child care. In some cases, they are primary caregivers to their grandchildren. They are a valuable resource because they have so many stories and experiences from their own lives to share. Children understand more of who they are and where they come from, through their connection with their grandparents. Grandparents can get away with a little spoiling, which gives them a special place in a child's heart, and they tell the best stories!! On Friday, 26th July we celebrated the Feast of Saint Joachim and Saint Anne, parents of Our Lady and grandparents of Jesus.

Prayer of Pope Francis for Grandparents

Dear Grandmother, Dear grandfather,
May our Lord, Jesus Christ be always close to you.
We thank you for all you have contributed to life and for the gifts you continue to give to your families
And to our community.

We pray that your closeness to God will bring you
The health and the strength you need to continue
Your journey on the road of life.

May you continue to enjoy your life, your work,
And your prayers.

May your memories always be happy and may you
Achieve your dreams for the future.

One day we will all be united in God's Kingdom,
Through Christ Our Lord, Amen

Humour

A Farmer was driving his John Deere tractor along the road with a trailer load of fertiliser. Tim, a little boy of eight, was playing in his yard when he saw the farmer and asked, "What have you got in your trailer?" "Manure," the farmer replied. "What are you going to do with it?" asked Tim. "Put it on my strawberries," answered the farmer. Tim replied, "You should come and eat with us, we put ice-cream on our strawberries."

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Mass Intentions for Sunday, 2nd/3rd August 2025

Tullogher: Saturday 2nd August at 7:00 pm

Tim and Joan Roche, Curraghlane

Mullinarrigle: Sunday 3rd August at 9:30 am

Purcell Family, Smithstown

Pat Walsh, Listerlin

Sr. Annette Walsh, Smithstown

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

Reflection

An Anniversary Prayer

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 happiest day of your past.

May your hands be forever clasped in friendship

And your hearts joined forever in love.

Your lives are very special,

God has touched you in many ways.

May his blessings rest upon you

And fill all your coming days.

Collection of Parish Funds 13th & 20th July 2025

Offertory Collection € 750.55

Weekly Envelopes € 1,312.00

Cemetery Masses € 117.95

Parish Debt on 24th 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 can be handed in at Mass or to the Parochial House.

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 Cemeteries of our parish are sacred places which hold the remains of our beloved dead. Many thanks to all those who care for their graves. Your work is very much appreciated.

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 as follows:

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 6.00p.m. in the Church of the Sacred Heart, Moneenroe, Clogh, after which the Statue will leave the Diocese of Ossory.

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

Discovering one's own riches

In my life I have lived on the shady side of the road

I have watched my neighbours' gardens across the way

Revelling in the sunshine.

I felt I was poor and needed my neighbours' help

And from door to door, I went in my need

Asking for help.

The more people gave me from their abundance,

The more I became aware of my beggar's bowl.

Till one morning I awoke from my sleep

At the sudden knocking at my door

And you came and asked for alms.

I broke open the lid of my chest at your request

And was startled to find within that I possessed wealth.

◆ TULLOGHER ROSBERCON GAA CLUB

Tullogher Rosbercon GAA Club would like to welcome Marble-City Cycles to the Parish on Saturday 2nd August. The GAA Club facilities is a refreshment stop for the event. **We are appealing to all road users on the day to express caution.** Thank you for your co-operation.

◆ 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.

◆ CROSS TRAINER FOR SALE

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

◆ COIS NORE'S CANCER SUPPORT OUTREACH SERVICE

Cois Nore's Cancer Support Outreach Service - Supporting 5 Towns in Co. Kilkenny Weekly

The Cois Nore Outreach service will be providing some of their services out to local areas where people with cancer and their families can access them more easily within their own town.

Cois Nore will be based in local community facilities **each week from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon in the 5 following areas:**

Monday, Ballyragget

Dr. Hogan's Rooms, The Square, Ballyragget.

Tuesday, Callan

Droichead FRC, Mill Street.

Wednesday, Castlecomer

The Old Court House Kilkenny, Street, Castlecomer.

Thursday, Thomastown

Thomastown Community Hall

Friday, Urlingford

The Mill, Family Resource Centre, Main St, Urlingford

Drop in for cancer support for you or the family, or find out how to avail of the free services available at the Cois Nore Centre in Kilkenny City. All are welcome.

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