

# ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 6th July 2025

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## FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Jesus sent out his disciples to bring peace and healing to the people and to announce the good news of salvation. He calls on us to share that peace with one another. We turn to the Lord at Mass and ask for the gift of peace.

### Theme of the Weekend Readings

This weekend we are challenged to have a Christian attitude to the world and to share our peace with others.

### First Reading

The prophet Isaiah gives a message of peace and hope to his followers.

### Second Reading

Saint Paul tells us that the Cross is one thing all Christians share.

### Gospel

Our Lord sends out seventy two disciples to be messengers of peace to the towns and villages.

### Weekend Masses

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July 9:30 am Mass in Mullinarrigle  
11:00 am Mass in Rosbercon

### Weekday Masses

#### Rosbercon

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 10:00 am Mass  
Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July 10:00 am Mass

All Masses from Rosbercon Church will be streamed live through our webcam on [www.rosberconparish.ie](http://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.

### Recent Death

John Mackey, Curragmore, Saltmills and Glenmore

### Anniversaries

Michael Hanrahan, Tullogher  
Brian O'Neill, Snr., Tinneranny  
Deceased members of the Feeney Family, School House Road

We welcome into our Christian Community **Taryn Ashleigh Conway**, daughter of Edward and Sianna, Listerlin, who was baptised in Mullinarrigle Church on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2025.

**Wisdom:** Sometimes the smallest step in the right direction ends up being the biggest step of your life, tiptoe if you must, but take that step.

**A Message from Fr. Dan: Our Sister, Mother Earth:** Popes, on occasion, write letters to Christians across the world. These letters are known as Papal Encyclicals. Pope Francis wrote a very powerful Encyclical Letter, titled ***Laudato Si': On the Care of our Common Home*** in July 2019. The Pope wrote this letter in the light of the grave crisis that now faces the earth and the whole of humanity, because of terrible destruction of the environment brought about by blind human greed.

In his letter the Pope presents Saint Francis of Assisi as a model of how we might pull back from the brink. The Pope recalls how Francis reminds us that the earth is our common home and is like a sister, with whom we share our life. The earth is a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us. Saint Francis writes, "Praise be to you, my Lord, through our Sister, Mother Earth, who sustains and governs us, and who produces various fruit with coloured flowers and herbs".

The pope goes on "Guided by the Holy Spirit, Saint Francis lived in simplicity and in wonderful harmony with God, with others, with nature and with himself; he recognized an inseparable bond between concern for nature, justice for the poor, commitment to society, and interior peace." He saw "nature as a magnificent book in which God speaks to us and grants us a glimpse of his infinite beauty and goodness.

Just as happens when we fall in love with someone, whenever he would gaze at the sun, the moon or the smallest of animals, he burst into song, drawing all other creatures into his praise of our most loving Creator." He can teach us that "rather than a problem to be solved, the world is a joyful mystery to be contemplated with gladness and praise."

*From the Ennis Parish Newsletter (Adapted)*

### In Memory Of My Mother

You will have the road gate open, the front door ajar  
The kettle boiling and the table set  
By the window looking out at the sycamores  
And your loving heart lying in wait

For me coming up among the poplar trees.  
You'll know my breathing and my walk  
And it will be a summer evening on those roads,  
Lonely with leaves of thought.  
We will be choked with the grief of things growing,  
The silence of dark-green air  
Life too rich - the nettles, docks and thistles  
All answering the prodigal's prayer.

You will know I am coming though I send no word  
For you were lover who could tell  
A man's thoughts – my thoughts – though I hid them –  
Through you I knew Woman and did not fear her spell.

*Patrick Kavanagh (Died 15<sup>th</sup> November 1945)*

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## Mass Intentions for Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> July 2025

Mullinarrigle: Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July at 9:30 am

Anne Doherty, Listerlin

Behind every great man is an exhausted woman'.

*Lady Fairbairn (1994)*

**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

#### The Slow Work of God

Above all, trust in the slow work of God.

We are quite naturally impatient.

We want to reach the end without delay...

We should like to skip the intermediate stages.

We are impatient of being on the way to something unknown,  
Something new

And yet it is the law of all progress:

That there are many stages of instability...

And these may take a very long time....

And so, it is with us.

Our ideas mature gradually;

Let them grow, let them shape themselves,

Without undue haste

Don't try to force them on,

As though we could be today what time

Will make of us tomorrow

Only God can say what this new spirit

Gradually forming within us will become.

Give Our Lord the benefit of our believing

That his hand is leading us, shaping us.

Help us to accept the anxiety

Of feeling ourselves in suspense and incomplete

**To make you Smile:** A priest said to a bride who was holding up a sozzled groom at the altar: 'Take him away and bring him back when he's sober.' 'But father' she replied 'when he's sober, he won't come.'

'Husbands are like fires: they go out when not attended to'.

*Za Za Gabor (b.1919)*

**Humour:** The difference between a wise man and a clever man is that the clever man will find a way to extricate himself out of a situation which the wise man would never have got into.

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

### \*\*QUOTE OF THE WEEK\*\*

The one thing that you have that nobody else has is you. Your voice, Your mind, Your story, Your vision.

*Neil Gaiman*

### ◆ LISTERLIN VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT SCHEME

Kilkenny County Council is proposing to provide sustainable transport infrastructure for pedestrians, cyclists, elderly and disabled users to comfortably and safely walk and cycle between residences, the church, public house, shop and school in Listerlin, as part of the Village Improvement Scheme. The main junction in the village is proposed to be upgraded to improve visibility and the provision of footpaths to provide adequate connectivity throughout the village, as part of a traffic calming/management and safety improvement scheme. In this regard, a follow up information evening is being held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July between 7:30 pm and 9:00 pm at Paddy Ryan's pub, Listerlin. All are welcome.

### ◆ FRAOCHAN SUNDAY ON TORY HILL

Members of the South Kilkenny Historical Society will join locals and others, on Sunday July 13<sup>th</sup>, 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. 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.

### ◆ ST.JOSEPH'S ATHLETIC CLUB—SPLIT THE POT WINNERS

The winners of the St. Joseph's Split the Pot are as follows:

**3rd April**—€ 134.00—Maggie Helen O Connor

**17th April**—€ 121.00—Breda O Neill

**1st May**—€ 111.00—Teresa Sonnett

**15th May**—€ 124.00—Anne Barry

**6th June**—€ 132.00—Pat Murphy

### ◆ 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

### ◆ TULLOGHER ROSBERCON GAA DEVELOPMENT DRAW

The winner of the Tullogher Rosbercon Development Draw which took place on Tuesday 1st July 2025:

1st—€250 Michael Bookle, Mullinakill

2nd €100 Tom and Laura Murphy, Brownsford

3rd—€100 Patrick Grennan Jnr., Ballycurran

4th—€50 Paddy Grennan, Ballycurran

5th— John Hartley, Brabstown

6th— Pat Doyle, Glenpipe

7th— Rosbercon Parish

The next draw will take place on Tuesday 29th July 2025 at 08:30 pm.

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