

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 10th August 2025

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NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

We are servants of God and of one another. We endeavour to give the best service we can!

Theme of the Weekend Readings

We are challenged in this weekend's Gospel to be ready for Christ's return.

First Reading

These are the words used by the Jews to celebrate how God saved them at the First Passover.

Second Reading

Abraham and Sarah are held up as examples of faith.

Gospel

Stand ready, we are told, for we do not know when Christ will return.

Weekend Masses

Sunday 17th August 9:30 am Mass in Mullinarrigle
11:00 am Mass in Rosbercon

Weekday Masses

Friday 15th August— The Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady
9:30 am Mass in Mullinarrigle
11:00 am Mass in Rosbercon

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

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

Recent Deaths

John Cullinane, Shanbogh
Mairead Jupp, Rosbercon

Anniversaries

Jackie Stacey, Shanbogh

The Gardener

Have I lived enough? Have I loved enough?
Have I considered Right Action enough?
Have I come to any conclusion?
Have I experienced happiness with sufficient happiness?
Have I endured loneliness with grace?

I say this, or perhaps I'm just thinking it.
Actually, I probably think too much.
Then I step out into the garden,
where the gardener who is said to be a simple
man, is tending his children, the roses.

Mary Oliver

A Message from Fr. Dan: Celebrating Matt Talbot: Matt Talbot was born in Dublin on the 2nd of May in 1856. He was the second eldest of twelve children. He lived at home with his mother for a number of years in the North Strand area. He left school at the age of twelve and went to work in a wine merchant's shop and by the age of thirteen he was a hopeless alcoholic.

At the age of 28, disgusted with the life he was living, Matt took the pledge and never again touched alcohol for the remaining forty years of his life. His first years of sobriety were especially difficult but regular prayer and daily attendance at Mass gave him strength to persevere. In time he developed a deep faith and became known for his life of prayer, fasting and service.

Matt understood that every person who has an addiction of any kind is a beloved child of God. That is their true identity. He knew that nothing could change the truth that he was a beloved child of God. He also knew that alcohol and other drugs create uncertainty and dependence in a person's life. Drugs, including alcohol make the addicted believe that they need them to be confident, to function and cope with life.

Even in the depth of his addiction Matt Talbot never forgot the truth that he was created by God and that God has a plan for his life. Through his prayer and life of service he came to see that God is more powerful than any addiction. He went to Jesus with his addiction and found freedom. He lived for forty years without alcohol until his sudden death on his way to Mass on Trinity Sunday, 7th June 1925.

We ask him to intercede for us so that we will always believe that the power of God is the greatest power in the world and it can overcome everything.

(From the Ennis Newsletter – Adapted)

To make you Smile

An elderly lady was invited to an old friend's home one evening for dinner. She was impressed by the way her friend preceded every request to her husband with endearing terms such as; honey, love darling etc. The couple had been married for 60 years and clearly, they were still very much in love. While the husband was out of the room the lady friend leaned over to her hostess to say 'I think it's wonderful after all those years that you still call your husband all those loving names'. The elderly lady replied, 'I have to tell you the truth. His name slipped my mind about ten years ago and I'm scared to death to ask the cranky old so and so what his name is!'

The Last Laugh

'I made hay while the sun shone. My work sold. Now, if the harvest is over And the world cold, give me the bonus of laughter as I lose hold'.

John Betjeman

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Collection of Parish Funds 27th July and 3rd August 2025
Figures to follow at end of the month.

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

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.

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, 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.

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

The Diocesan Draw for July took place on Wednesday, 30th July 2025. Congratulations to Matt O'Brien who won 9th Prize of € 100.00. Please check the Church Noticeboards for the results of the draw.

Reflection

Heavenly Glory

While out for an evening walk, I emerged from an area where the streets were lit by bright lamps, and came into an open, dark area.

It was then that I discovered that the sky was full of stars.

And I thought to myself:

How easily and how effectively the earthly lights extinguish the heavenly ones

Lord, help us to seek the things that make us rich in your sight, and grant that the glitter of this world may not dim our hopes of heavenly glory.

Wisdom

He who loses wealth loses much; he who loses a friend loses more; but he that loses his courage loses all.

Humour

A man dining with some friends rose when the brandy was being brought in. 'Now gentlemen,' he said 'are we to drink like men or beasts?' With one voice came the answer 'like men.' 'Right,' said the man, 'let's get drunk;' the beasts always know when they have enough.'

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

◆ **ROSBERCON TULLOGHER, ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

Our St. Vincent De Paul Chapter has been in existence in our Parish going back 65 years or more. Those who worked to the best of their ability to assist Parishioners in need. Our present small committee operates in the strictest confidence in all areas of our Parish. The work is not excessive by any means and we respond where genuine assistance is required. However we need to attract new members to ensure our continuance. Should any Parishioner wish to join us you will be most welcome. For more information on joining Tullogher Rosbercon Chapter St. Vincent De Paul please contact any of our committee members and by doing so will contribute to the wellbeing of our Parish. Committee Members; Richard McElwee, Mary B Conway, Seamus Waters, Bríd Vereker, Catherine Cottrell and Margaret Saunders.

◆ **'THE MAN BORN TO BE KING'**

Lake Productions will present "The Man Born to be King" on the 9th, 10th and the 11th September 2025, in the Black Abbey Church, Kilkenny. The religious play will be presented in conjunction with the Black Abbey in celebrating their 800th Anniversary. To book tickets go to www.eventbrite.ie and search for "The Man Born to be King".

◆ **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

Retail Assistant required for the St Vincent de Paul Charity shop in New Ross. 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.

◆ **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 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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