

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 24th August 2025

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TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Jesus said, 'People will come from north and south, from east and west, and take their places in the Kingdom.' We give thanks to God and ask that we may be found worthy in God's Kingdom.

Theme of the Weekend Readings

Our God is a gracious God, who opens the doors of his Kingdom to all.

First Reading

The prophet Isaiah dreams of a time when all nations will accept God's message.

Second Reading

Suffering is a way of being trained to do what is right.

Gospel

Salvation is open to all but we have to work to achieve it.

Weekend Masses

Sunday 31st August 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.

St. Moling's Well Pattern Mass takes place next Sunday, 24th August at 2:00 pm. Please pray that the weather will be favourable. Many thanks to the Saint Moling's Well Committee for their wonderful work in preparing the grounds and the shrine for the Mass. Please note the time of the Mass.

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

Stephen Sinnott, Kilbraney, Newbawn and Rosbercon

Anniversaries

Richard and Rose Dollard, Smithstown

Anna Kearney, Smithstown

Jim and Nora Cody, Smithstown

Jimmy Bookle, Mullinakill

Jim Vereker, Jnr., Assumption Terrace, Rosbercon

Bridie Gaule, Slievecorrig,

We welcome into our Christian Community baby Maddison Bridget Richardson, daughter of Adam Richardson and Kirstie Davis of Assumption Terrace who was baptised in the Church of the Assumption Rosbercon on Sunday 10th August.

We wish every blessing to Aishling O'Neill, Brownstown and Sean Kirwan, New Ross and NSW Australia, who were married in the Church of the Assumption Rosbercon on Friday 15th August 2025. We pray that the Lord will bless their marriage and grant them happiness.

A Message from Fr. Dan: The Holy Well Part 2: What will be the significance of Holy Wells like that of Saint Moling into the future? What will be the place of Holy Wells in future catholic devotion?

At Saint Moling's well the people are able to worship God through the mediation of Saint Moling who lived his life in Mullinakill, leaving a mark of his saintly activities on the landscape in the form of a well that he called up. Blessing oneself with water from the well or bringing water home connects a person with God himself. God cannot be identified with the well water nor is the well water itself divine, but through the action of Saint Moling a person can contact God through their devotion to the well.

The consecration of the well at Mullinakill by Saint Moling is celebrated each August by the pattern that takes place at the well. The pattern day is one of the major feast days in the life of the parish. Saint Moling is our local saint, one of us, who first brought the faith to our community. The continued existence of holy wells and their use for devotional purposes is one of the many signs that Christian practices are far from dead in Ireland. We hope and pray that for many years to come Saint Moling's well will continue to attract pilgrims seeking healing of body and soul. As we advance into the twenty first century, we are very happy to have a shrine of such beauty and tranquillity in our parish.

Just a Thought

"Religions are not for separating people from one another. They are meant to unite"

Gandhi

"In the most surprising way, I discovered God in the solitude of a prison cell"

Nelson Mandela

"Pope Francis is creating a new energy in a disturbed world"

Angela Merkel

"Don't worry about anything but in your prayers ask God for what you want, always asking with a grateful heart".

Saint Paul

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR SUNDAY, 31ST AUGUST 2025

Mullinarrigle: Sunday 31st August at 9:30 am

Jim Conway, Listerlin

Jim Ryan, Guilcough Beg

Rosbercon: Sunday 31st August at 11:00 am

Kathleen Brennan, Waterford

Thomas Dowling, Shanbogh

Collection of Parish Funds 10th and 17th August 2025

Figures to follow at end of the month.

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.

Slow me down Lord

Slow me down Lord.

Ease the pounding of my heart by the quieting of my mind.

Steady me with the vision of the eternal reach of time.

Give me, amid the confusion of my days

the calmness of the everlasting hills.

Break the tension of my nerves

with the soothing of the streams.

Help me to know the restoring power of sleep.

Teach me the art of taking one-minute holidays.

Slow me down to look at a flower;

to chat with a friend,

to read a few lines from a book.

Slow me down Lord.

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Reflections

Harvest Prayer

Loving Father, you have given us many things

All good things come from your hands.

We often take your goodness for granted

And often fail to say thanks.

Help us to realise that we do not own the earth

But are its custodians.

Thank you for the richness of our soil

And the opportunity to work the land.

May we harvest abundantly

And in gratitude share the fruits of our labour.

We give you glory and thanks

Through Christ Our Lord

Humour

It isn't what you have done that you regret, it's what you haven't done!

To make you Smile

After a meeting attended by the late Denis Healy, Deputy Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, his wife Edna said to him, 'We can go now, Denis. I don't think there's anyone else you haven't insulted.'

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

In the film Shirley Valentine, the main character Shirley laments her stay at home life which is mostly spent in the kitchen of her home. Her husband Joe is out working all day and her two children have left home;

"I've led such a little life and even that will be over pretty soon. I've allowed myself to lead this little life when inside me there is so much more and it's all gone unused, and now it never will be. Why do we get all this life if we never use it? Why do we get all these feelings, and dreams and hopes? That's where Shirley Valentine disappeared, She got lost in all this unused life.

◆ **MEAL ON WHEELS, NEW ROSS**

The Meals on Wheels would like to thank everyone for their generous contribution to their Church gate collection. We raised over € 2,800.00. We would also like to remind everyone that our services are available 5 days per week for anyone who wants the best quality 3 course meal delivered daily.

◆ **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 well being of our Parish. Committee Members; Richard McElwee, Mary B Conway, Seamus Waters, Bríd Vereker, Catherin 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 OPPORTUNITIES**

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.

Retail Assistant required in the St. Vincent De Paul Shop, New Ross. Duties include customer service, stock control and some cleaning.

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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