

# ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 14th September 2025

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## TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

To sin is to turn away from God. Which of us can say that we have never strayed from God? But Jesus, the Good Shepherd, comes looking for us and is overjoyed when he finds us.

**Theme of the Weekend Readings:** God seeks out sinners to forgive them.

**First Reading:** Moses intercedes with God for leniency for the people because they rebelled.

**Second Reading:** Paul insists that Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

**Gospel:** Through telling three parables Jesus justifies his concern for sinners.

### Weekend Masses:

Sunday 21st September:

9.30am Mass in Mullinarrigle

11.00am Mass in Rosbercon

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

Please book all **Baptisms, Anniversary Masses and other Church related ceremonies** with Anne in the Parish Office, situated in the Parochial House. The phone number is 051-421515. The office hours are Monday to Thursday 10:30 am to 2:30 pm. **The Community Employment Office will continue to be located at Raheen, Rosbercon.** Phone 051-425093: Office Hours Monday to Thursday, 9:30 am—12:30 pm E Mail: [Rosbercon.Parish@gmail.com](mailto:Rosbercon.Parish@gmail.com) Website: [www.rosberconparish.ie](http://www.rosberconparish.ie)

### Recent Death

Maurice McCarthy, Tinnakilly, Rosbercon

### Months Mind

Ann Doyle, Hugginstown and Shanbogh

### Anniversaries

Jo and Ag Malone, Hoodsgrove

James Forristal, Shanbogh

John Hayes, Fethard on Sea

Dora and Ritchie Power, Ballybeg

We welcome into our Christian Community **Heidi Rose Freeman**, daughter of James and Susan, Listerlin, who was baptised in the St. David's Church, Mullinarrigle, on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025.

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.

**A Message from Fr Dan:** The Season of Creation: It began in the most unlikely of places: with a teenager refusing to go to school. But over the last four years, a remarkable wave of climate activism has spread across the globe, inspired by the Swedish teenage, Greta Thunberg, who caught the imagination of teenagers around the world, including here in Ireland.

Their 'climate strike' gave many older people hope, when it brought thousands of teenagers out on to the streets of towns and cities around Ireland, as they demanded a different ecological future. We know that the Lord often uses the wisdom and energy of youth to bring about change. Certainly, our young people are our leaders on this most important issue. The Government, which admits that it has been slow on the issue of climate declared a climate emergency in May, 2019 making Ireland only the second country in the world to do so.

This growing grassroots appetite for change has come at just the right time. The summer brought no comfort from scientists, whose investigations continue to suggest the problems we face are far and more serious than we had thought. Heat and flood records were broken across the world. The Arctic ice shelf has melted this year at an alarming rate. Pope Francis' document on climate, *Laudato Si'* is an illuminating work. The pope's thinking is impressive, imaginative, and robust. Francis's account of the many factors at play in climate breakdown and the many ways in which it will devastate lives is evidence-based, intricately argued, and motivated by a vision that is pro-life in the fullest meaning of the term. As a Papal encyclical *Laudato Si'* is an authoritative text within the Catholic Social tradition.

In the summer of 2019, Pope Francis met with Greta Thunberg. He encouraged her to continue her work and assured her that the climate strikes had his support. Many in the Irish church recognise that in recent decades there has been a failure to connect the faith with the younger generations. Yet here, there is a clear and direct overlap between the mission of the church and the passion of the young. The Pope sees that care for our world is not just one more good deed that we might choose to take up, but is integral to Christian faith. He insists that as 'we come together to take charge of this home which has been entrusted to us,' we are not responding to some temporarily 'hot' topic in the culture, nor are we motivated by selfish self-interest, because of the threat we face. Rather, we care for the earth because we know 'that all the good which exists here finds an echo in God's kingdom'

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## Mass Intentions for Sunday, 21<sup>th</sup> September 2025

### Listerlin 9.30 a.m.

Tom Ryan, Listerlin **Months Mind**  
Ned and Biddy Roche, Glenpipe  
Stephen and Peggy Walsh, Smithstown  
Annette Kavanagh, Smithstown  
Larry Walsh, Smithstown

### Rosbercon 11.00 a.m.

Patrick Dooley, Hoodsgrove and London  
John Griffin, Assumption Terrace

### St. Mary's Cathedral, Kilkenny Restoration Fund 2025/2026

St. Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund Draw will now go ahead for an Eleventh Year. Bishop Niall Coll has asked me to thank the people of Rosbercon for their ongoing support. He is also requesting your support for **Year Eleven of the Diocesan Draw**. There will be 12 monthly draws, September 2025-August 2026, on the last Wednesday of each month in the Chapter Room at St Mary's Cathedral. The annual prize fund is € 60,000 and the subscription is € 10.00 per month or € 120.00 per annum. The first draw takes place on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2025. Tickets are available from Fr. Dan or Anne by phoning the Parochial House, Phone 051-421515: Monday- Thursday, 10:30 am-2:30 pm.

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

### Collection of Parish Funds 7th September 2025:

Offertory Collection: €336.00  
Weekly Envelopes: €694.00  
Parish Debt on 10th September 2025: €11,853.60

### Reflection

All of us can experience moments of great joy  
Because in his goodness God allows us to taste on earth  
the joys of the world to come.

However, moments of joy, no matter how wonderful,  
will never satisfy the human heart.  
What we long for is a permanent state of happiness.  
But that is unattainable here.  
So, what must we do?

Like desert travellers we must go forward  
from one oasis to another  
with the conviction that God has a homeland  
prepared for us at the end of our journey.

This conviction will make it possible for us  
to travel onwards with love in our hearts  
and an unquenchable longing in our souls

**Just a Thought:** 'Draw close to God and he will draw close to you'. James 4:8. One of the gifts we have inherited from our Celtic ancestors is a vivid sense of the presence of God in our lives. Those of us who remember our parents and grandparents praying, know that they had a prayer to cover every chore of the day. They had little time for long formal prayers. Instead, each action was done in partnership with God and became a prayer. 'My life is God's precious gift to me. I live enclosed in God and my God is enclosed in me'.

**Wisdom:** "Don't let yesterday take up too much of today".

**Humour:** Little Philip was spending the weekend with his grandmother after his first week in infant school. His grandmother decided to take him to the park on Saturday morning. The sun was shining and everything looked beautiful. His grandmother commented, 'Doesn't it look like an artist painted this scenery? Did you know God painted this just for you?' 'Yes' replied Philip, 'God did it and he did it left-handed'. This confused his grandmother so she asked him 'What makes you say God did this with his left hand?' 'Well,' said Philip, 'we learned in school that Jesus sits on God's right hand'.

**September:** We welcome September, month of fruitfulness, month of harvesting, month of returning to school and college. Summer holidays are over. Teachers, pupils and students have to again focus on learning. A good start is half the work. Let us pray for our teachers and educators who help young people achieve their full potential. The ancient Irish believed that there were 'three things you can never get back: a day absent from school, a Sunday without Mass and a day away from one's trade'. Learning is no burden! Be with us Lord during the month of September.

### ◆ EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

**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.

### ◆ ST JOSEPHS ATHLETIC CLUB

The club will hold the annual Richie Young Memorial Race on Sunday 28th September at 11a.m.  
Start and Finish at the Pink Rock  
Runners 5k and Walkers 3k  
In aid of the **Solas Cancer Support Centre**

### ◆ COFFEE MORNING

Bewley's coffee morning in aid of the Irish Hospice Foundation will take place in the Community Hall Glenmore on Friday 19th September from 10 to 12. Please support if you can.

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