

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 21st September 2025

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TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Of all the idols people worship, money is probably the most common. Jesus says 'You cannot be the servant both of God and of money.' We are here because we want to recognise our God, not just with our lips, but with our hearts.

Theme of the Weekend Readings

The proper use of our worldly goods.

First Reading

The Prophet condemns the injustice of the rich of his day.

Second Reading

Paul reminds us to offer prayers for everyone.

Gospel

Jesus does not condemn the steward who provided for his future.

Weekend Masses

Sunday 28th September 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

Months Mind

Tom Ryan, Listerlin

Paddy Lackey, Brownstown

Stephen Sinnott, Newbawn and Rosbercon

Anniversaries

James Waters, Shanbogh

John Griffin, Assumption Terrace

Johanna Foley, Manchester and Brownstown

Patrick Dooley, Hoods Grove and London

Ned and Biddy Roche, Glenpipe

Patrick Doyle, Glenpipe

Larry Walsh, Smithstown

Stephen and Peggy Walsh, Smithstown

Annette Kavanagh, Smithstown

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
Email: rosberconparish@gmail.com
Website: www.rosberconparish.ie

A Message from Fr. Dan: The Kingdom of God: Christ came among us to bring salvation and freedom to our world and to our lives. He lived among us for thirty-three years. His public ministry lasted only three of those years. He had a vision and a dream for humanity. He summed up his vision in one short sentence, 'what I command you is that you love one another'. During his years of public ministry, he endeavoured to see that his apostles, his followers and the ordinary people bought into his vision. He knew that his message of love and forgiveness would not become a reality overnight. A vision of love is always a 'slow burner'. It's a case of one step forward, two steps backward! He once compared his kingdom to a mustard seed. It is the smallest of all seeds. Yet if sown in good ground, the seed will grow into a fine shrub.

We are Christ's brothers and sisters, his followers. In our lifetime it is up to us to sow the seeds of the kingdom hoping that future generations will reap a harvest. We have to choose good seed and prepared the ground properly so that the seed will take root and grow. But how do we hand on the faith to the next generation. Our young people are living in a world that is losing the faith, not attending Church and going its own way. They see materialism everywhere and they are influenced by what they see around them. To them the Church appears old fashioned, just keeping going, just holding the fort. They see the Church as not addressing their needs or their concerns.

So, what can be done. We know that young people are in a better place today than they have ever been in history. They are well educated and with social media they have the ability to communicate with each other as never before. They are enthusiastic and idealistic as young people always are. To connect with young people requires that we take a radical look at what the church is offering to its followers today.

As yet, we don't know the way forward. It is a work in progress but we know that things will have to change. Many individuals and many groups in the Church are sowing new seeds. However, the seeds are slow to sprout. Nothing is going to change overnight. We need to be open to what is new and not be afraid of things being different. In our own time we keep looking forward and planning. There is no going back. Like the Apostles, in their time, we must launch out into the deep. At the same time, we have to wait in patience and leave many things to the providence of Almighty God.

From the Ennis Parish Newsletter (Adapted)

Wisdom: "I sought my soul, the soul I could not see.
I sought my God and God eluded me.
I sought my brother and found all three"

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Mass Intentions for Sunday, 28th September 2025

Mullinarrigle: Sunday 28th September at 9:30 am
John Furlong Smithstown

Rosbercon: Sunday 28th September at 11:00 am
Michael Molloy, Tinneranny
Patrick Heffernan, Ballyneale
Monica Condon, Houghton Place, New Ross

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, Sept 25-Aug 26, 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 24th Sept 2025. Tickets are available from Fr. Dan or Anne by phoning the Parochial House, Phone 051-421515: Mon- Thurs, 10:30 am—2:30 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.

Reflection: Forgiveness

When we forgive, we free ourselves of the burden of bitterness, and we free the other person of the burden of guilt.

But our forgiveness must come from the heart, which means it must be true, sincere and warm.

A cold forgiveness is not much use.

Forgiveness should start now.

Putting it off only deepens the wound, prolongs bitterness, and postpones happiness.

Life is short, time is fleeting.

Today is the day to forgive.

Lord, deliver us from the poison of bitterness, and give us the grace to forgive from the heart those who have offended us.

Then we will know the warmth of your forgiveness.

Just a Thought: Who do you say that I am? Jesus asks this question of his followers. The gospel writers in their fashion attempted to answer this most fundamental question. They said that Jesus was: Son of God, Son of Man, Divine Physician, king, prophet, bridegroom, light of the world, the vine, the high priest, the first born of creation, the bright morning star.... What concerns Jesus now is what your answer is to this question! Can we say with Saint Peter, 'You are the Christ the Son of the living God'.

Humour: The old believe everything; the middle-aged suspect everything; the young know everything!

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

◆ **ROSBERCON PARISH HALL UPGRADES**

Some recent upgrades have been undertaken at the Parish Hall and Sports Grounds.

The car park has been professionally lined to allow for 50 safe car parking spaces. The roof of the main hall has been power washed to enhance the overall appearance of the building. This work would not have been possible without grant funding from Kilkenny County Council. We very much appreciate their continued support.

◆ **ST. CANICE'S NATIONAL SCHOOL ENROLMENT**

St. Canice's National School, Rosbercon is now taking applications for enrolment for Junior Infants 2026. An application form for enrolment is available by phoning the school at 051 422813 or by emailing secretary@stcanicesns.com

◆ **SOUTH KILKENNY HISTORICAL SOCIETY LECTURE**

A rare breed: The Irish and their animals through history

Speaker: John O'Halloran

Date: Friday, 26th September 2025

Time: 8:00 pm

Venue: Mullinavat Parish Hall (opposite St. Beacon's church)

◆ **ST. JOSEPHS ATHLETIC CLUB**

The club will hold the annual Richie Young Memorial Race on Sunday 28th September at 11:00 am

Start and Finish at the Pink Rock

Runners 5k and Walkers 3k

In aid of the Solas Cancer Support Centre

◆ **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.

To make you Smile

If you are not sure that you qualify as a true senior citizen, check the following:

Everything hurts and what doesn't hurt doesn't work.

You look forward to a dull evening.

You need glasses to find your glasses.

You sit in your rocking chair but you can't make it work.

Your house is too big and your medicine cabinet is too small.

Your children begin to look middle aged.

You get winded playing cards and your address book only contains the names of medical specialists.

You feel like the morning after ...but you haven't been anywhere.

You have so many answers but no one is asking you any questions.

Fr. Brian Darcy

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