ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 28th September 2025

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TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Jesus tells the story about a rich man who refused to share even the crumbs from his table with a starving beggar who sat at his gate. One great evil in the world today is the terrible indifference towards one's neighbour. All of us stand in need before God.

Theme of the Weekend Readings

We gather to praise God's goodness for giving us a fruitful harvest and to ask his mercy for our shortcomings.

First Reading

The Prophet, Amos, warns the wealthy about their selfishness.

Second Reading

St. Paul instructs his young follower, Timothy.

Gospel

The Gospel reminds us that wealth can insulate us from seeing the needs of others.

Weekend Masses

Saturday 4th October 7:00 pm in Tullogher

Sunday 5th October 9:30 am Mass in Mullinarrigle

11:00 am Mass in Rosbercon

Weekday Masses

Rosbercon

Wednesday 1st October 10:00 am Mass Friday 3rd October 10:00 am Mass

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

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.

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 10.30am 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.

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Recent Deaths

Theresa Dobbyn, Dunkitt, Kilmacow

Months Mind

Patrica Fortune, Shanbogh

Anniversaries

John Furlong, Smithstown Paddy Lawlor, Glenpipe Michael Molloy, Tinnaranny Paddy Heffernan, Ballyneale Monica Condon, Houghton Place

A Message from Fr. Dan: Saint Francis of Assisi: In these times of climate change and global warming, many people are becoming interested in the life of Saint Francis of Assisi whose feast day is on the 4th October. Pope Francis dedicated his papacy to Francis of Assisi. The Pope once remarked: "Some people want to know why I wished to be called Francis. For me, Francis of Assisi is the man of poverty, the man of peace, the man who loves and protects creation."

Many people associate Saint Francis with his love of animals and birds, and indeed of all creation. On one occasion it was reported that Francis preached to the birds, when the people were not interested in what he had to say! Francis saw every living creature, human, animal and indeed all of creation, as brother and sister. He saw God in everything and indeed all of God's creation was a companion to Francis. In the Canticle of Brother Sun, composed by Francis, we see this sense of companionship celebrated: Francis speaks of - Brother Sun, Sister Moon, Brother Wind, Sister Water, Brother Fire, Mother Earth and Sister Bodily Death. Francis had a unique awareness of the mystery of God present in the world.

The United Nations Conference on 'Uniting the World to tackle Climate Change' will be held in Belém, Brazil, from the $10^{th}-21^{st}$ November 2025. We pray that as the nations of the world reflect on global warming and caring for creation, they will embrace the vision of St. Francis; to see God in everything around us and to realise that we are all created in the image and likeness of God Himself. Like Francis of Assisi, we too are called to be people of peace, love and of joy, caring for ourselves, one another, and the world around us. May the Lord give the world his Peace!

(From the Ennis Parish Newsletter, Adapted)

Wisdom: Not all wounds are obvious. Walk gently in the lives of others.

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Mass Intentions for Saturday/Sunday, 4th/5th October 2025

Tullogher: Saturday 4th October at 7:00 pm

James Power, Glenballyvalley

Bridget, Billy and Michael Croke, Brownsford

Bernadette Phelan, Tullogher Seán Phelan, Curraghlane

Mikie and Tommy Doolan, Curraghmore

Mullinarrigle: Sunday 5th October at 9:30 am

Eily Murphy, Ballyreddy

John, Alice, Jimmy and Tom Murphy, Ballyreddy

Rosbercon: Sunday 5th October at 11:00 am John Cullinane, Shanbogh, **Months Mind** John and Margaret Hickey, Waterford Peggy Power, Shanbogh

Collection of Parish Funds 14th/21st September 2025Offertory Collection€ 1,193.35Weekly Envelopes€ 1,597.65Parish Debt on 25th September 2025€ 10,353.60

October Station Envelopes and November Offering Envelopes will be distributed to the homes of the Parish shortly. The November Offering Envelopes contain a sheet for the names of your deceased family and friends. The names of your dead will be placed in the Memorial Box in front of the altar for the month of November. The usual distributors are asked to oblige and we thank them for doing this work on behalf of the parish.

Hymn in honour of Our Lady: O Mary of graces and mother of Christ; May you direct me and guide me aright. And may you protect me from Satan's control; And may you protect me in body and soul.

And may you protect me by land and by sea; And may you protect me from sorrows to be; A strong guard of angels above me provide; May God be before me and God at my side. Amen.

The Golfer's Prayer

Almighty God, as we play through our 18 holes of life, We pray that You will give us a drive that's both long enough to reach our goals, and yet straight enough to keep us out of trouble.

Help us avoid the traps and hazards of life; Nevertheless, should we find ourselves in them,

Give us the tools, skills and desire to escape them with no penalty.

May we always stay in bounds.

Help us to be willing to stand by - and not play through – those in genuine need.

May we always play with honour.

And finally, when we've putted out on the 18th green

We pray that we will have demonstrated

the integrity of our character,

So that You will judge us worthy enough,

To join Your threesome and play eternally on Your Heavenly course.

Amen

To make you Smile: 'Clothes make the man. Naked people have little influence on society'.

Mark Twain (1835-1910)

Humour: The teacher asked her class to sketch a picture of their favourite Bible stories. She was puzzled by Sam's picture, which showed four people sitting in a plane, so she asked him which Bible story it was meant to represent. 'The flight to Egypt', said Sam. 'I see and this must be Mary, Joseph and the baby Jesus,' the teachers said, 'but who is the fourth person? 'Oh, that's Pontius – the Pilot', replied Sam!

Many thanks to all who contributed to the **Annual Summer Envelope Collection for the support of Fr Dan.** Many thanks to all our parishioners for your continued support.

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

Reflection: How wealth is judged

A week ago, the sycamore tree was loaded with gold. However, instead of sitting back and enjoying it The tree began to give it away.

At first it was just a leaf here and a leaf there, Whenever the wind asked for a contribution. But soon it was giving it away in fistfuls without being asked,

And without a thought for a wintry tomorrow. Wealth is judged, not by the amount that is accumulated, But by the amount that is given away. The only wealth that is worth having Is the wealth of the heart.

To close one's heart is to begin to die;

To open it is to begin to live.

♦ NEW ROSS ACTIVE RETIREMENT AGM

New Ross Active Retirement will have their general meeting on Friday the 3rd October at 11:00 am in the Youth Centre Nunnery Lane, New Ross.

♦ 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. 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

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