

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 7th September 2025

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TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

We measure people's commitment to a cause by the sacrifices they are prepared to make for it. We cannot hope to be genuine followers of Christ without making sacrifices. What does it mean for me to be a Christian?

Theme of the Weekend Readings

Following Christ has its rewards and it also makes demands on us.

First Reading—We need the gift of wisdom in life.

Second Reading—Paul shows concern for a former slave.

Gospel

We are reminded of the need to be single minded in life.

Weekend Masses

Sunday 14th 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

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 Website: www.rosberconparish.ie

Recent Deaths

Patricia Fortune, Shanbogh

Ann Murphy, Cork

Anniversaries

Michael Phelan, Tullogher, Old Post Office

Andy Murphy, Brownsford Castle

Stephen and Josephine O'Connor, Rosbercon Hill

Fitzgerald Family, Cooleen

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 31st August 2025.

There will be a meeting of the **Rosbercon Parish Finance Committee** on Tuesday 9th September 2025 at 7:30 pm in the Parochial House.

A Message from Fr. Dan: A Prayer as our Schools Reopen

Loving God, we ask you to wrap our school family in a cloak of love and protection as our schools reopen at this time.

Bless our Boards of Management and Staff as they continue the work that they have already begun to ensure a welcoming and safe environment for all. Bless our parents as they again entrust their children to our schools. Help us to work together to help the children and young people to become the very best that they can be.

Above all, God of Love, we ask you to extend your hand of blessing on our pupils as they joyfully reunite with their friends and with the school community. May they continue to progress in their studies and always know that they are safe, secure and protected.

We know that much is different this year, but we are confident that through the efforts of so many dedicated people, God's love and care for each of us will never change. May we show the same love and care for one another in all we do and say this year. Amen.

September Prayer

I thank you, Lord, God Our Father,
for all that was good during the Summer –
for the love my family gave me,
for the company of friends,
and for the sunshine on warm days.

I thank you for the people who cared for me,
At those times when I felt sad and down at heart.

Now I ask for your help as I begin a new school year,
and I pray your blessing on every day in this school.

Show us how to work together for the good of all.
May we share our talents and abilities to the full
and grow in knowledge, wisdom and happiness.

During this school year,
let us become builders of your ways
and instruments of your peace
in our part of the world.

We ask this school year blessing,
Trough Jesus Christ Our Lord,
Amen

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Mass Intentions for Sunday, 14th September 2025

Rosbercon: Sunday 14th September at 11:00 am

Anne Doyle, Hugginstown and Shanbogh—Months Mind

James Forristal, Shanbogh

Jo and Ag Malone, Hoodsgrove

Collection of Parish Funds 24th & 31st August 2025

Offertory Collection € 521.00

Weekly Envelopes € 694.00

Parish Debt on 3rd September 2025 €11,853.60

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

The Diocesan Draw for August took place on Wednesday, 27th August 2025. Please check the Church Noticeboards for the results of the draw.

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 24th 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.

Reflection

'O that today you would listen to his voice, harden not your hearts'

To adopt a hard heart-hearted attitude is to maim oneself.

A hard heart is a closed heart, so it can't receive.

A hard heart inevitably becomes a barren heart.

A soft heart, on the other hand, is a blessing.

A soft heart can receive and can respond.

Lord, grant that softened by the rain of your grace,

and warmed by the sun of your love,

Our hearts may be turned from a desert into a garden.

Just a Thought

My life is a gift of God, given not in years, but a day at a time. Today is the day the Lord has made for me, and he plans it to be the most important day of my life. Yesterday is gone, never to return and tomorrow and all that it holds is still secret. Only today is mine and on this day, I offer my life to God with all my prayers, works, joys and sufferings. Dear Lord, receive my gift graciously!

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

♦ TULLOGHER ROSBERCON DEVELOPMENT DRAW

The winners of the Tullogher Rosbercon Development Draw are as follows;

1st—Jason Murphy, Slievecorrig

2nd—Simon Kennedy, Ballykenna

3rd—Seamus Power, Ballybeg

4th—Willie John Murphy, Brownsford

5th—Dick and Jane Murphy, Brownsford

6th—Paddy Gaule Jnr., Slievecorrig

7th—Sean and Esther Kennedy, Glenpipe

The next draw will take place on Tuesday 30th September 2025 at 08:30 pm.

♦ WOODSTOCK TO SOUTH EAST GREENWAY LINK

Kilkenny County Council is currently in the early stages of developing a Greenway between Woodstock Estate near Inistioge, Co. Kilkenny and the South East Greenway at New Ross, Co. Wexford.

We welcome your feedback on the project study area, where appropriate options for the Greenway will be developed and assessed.

In-Person Event between 3:00 pm and 7:00 pm on Monday 8th September 2025 in Cois Abhann, Inistioge, R95 CX52. All welcome to attend.

For more information please visit our website www.woodstocktosegreenway.ie

♦ '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

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.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

The one thing that you have that nobody else has is you.

Your Voice,

Your Mind

Your Vision

Your Story.

Neil Gaiman

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