

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 12th October 2025

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TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

We are gathered to celebrate the Eucharist. The word Eucharist means 'thanksgiving'. In celebrating the Eucharist, we are giving thanks to God for all the blessings he has conferred on us, especially through Jesus, his Son.

Theme of the Weekend Readings

The Gospel story of the Ten Lepers reminds us of the wonder of gratitude.

First Reading

The Syrian Naaman returns to give thanks to the Jewish Prophet Elisha.

Second Reading

Contains a summary of the Good News of our salvation.

Gospel

The story of the healing of the ten lepers, and the return of just one to say thanks.

Weekend Masses

Sunday 19th October 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
Email: rosberconparish@gmail.com
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Recent Death

Thomas Cunningham, Castleblaney, Monaghan

Anniversaries

Seamas Mullally, Listerlin
Paddy Malone, Ballygriffin
John Dowling, Tinnakilly

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

A Message from Fr. Dan: Looking forward to Mission Sunday:

A week from now on the 19th October we will be celebrating Mission Sunday. Mission Sunday reminds us each year of our missionaries working in the countries of Africa and Asia and across the world caring for the poor and the marginalised. They need our prayers and support. We think especially of those who work with the victims of war, poverty and hunger.

Pope Leo emphasises how mission is central to the role of the Church. The Pope has spoken of the major contribution that the various missionary societies of men, women and lay people have made to the ongoing task of bringing the good news of salvation to the world. We in Ireland can take special pride in what Irish Missionaries have achieved. In the Diocese of Ossory, in the parish of Rosbercon we rejoice in what our own priests, brothers, sisters and lay personnel have given. We think too of the prayers, support and finances that our people have offered over the past 100 years in missionary engagement.

Pope Leo reminds us this year that that the mission of Christ is ongoing, embracing all peoples of every creed and religious denomination. Since Vatican II the Church's mission to the world has become more inclusive. Pope John XXIII and the Popes who came after him, emphasise that mission is to the world. The Church in modern times sees itself as working to bring about the Kingdom of God especially in areas where there is widespread abuse of human rights and where growth of capitalism and industrialization have marginalized the native peoples.

The mission of the Church cannot be separated from the problems of the world – the great divide between the 'haves' and the 'have nots' and the massive refugee problem resulting from religious persecution and poverty. Global warming, even now, is posing such a threat to the wellbeing of Planet Earth. We cannot ignore the 33% of the world's population living below the poverty line. We celebrate the efforts of the missionaries, who are working to confront these enormous challenges. Those who support them are missionaries themselves. The weekend after next will remind us again of the depth of Ireland's missionary heritage. The success of our Missionaries will always rely on the prayers and generosity of the Irish people.

From the Ennis Parish Newsletter (Adapted)

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Mass Intentions for Sunday, 19th October 2025

Rosbercon: Sunday 19th October at 11:00 am

Ellen Kennedy, New Ross

Mary Murphy, Millbanks

Charlie and Nuala Kehoe, School House Road, Rosbercon

Marie Sheridan, Waterford

Collection of Parish Funds

28th September & 5th October 2025

Offertory Collection € 996.60

Weekly Envelopes € 1,520.45

Parish Debt on 8th October 2025 € 10,353.60

October Station Envelopes and November Offering

Envelopes will be distributed to the homes of the Parish this week. 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.

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 25th February 2026

Sacrament of Confirmation in Rosbercon

Saturday 2nd May 2026—First Eucharist in Rosbercon

Saturday 16th May 2026—First Eucharist in Listerlin

World Mission Day, Sunday 19th October 2025

On this Sunday each year Pope Leo appeals for spiritual and financial support for our overseas missionaries. In the poorer and more remote countries of Africa, Latin America and Asia, it is the missionaries who are on the front line. Our support of our Missionaries will provide them with essential aid to help them to relieve suffering and distress. Thank you for your generosity.

Taizé Youth Programme 2026—A youth trip to Taizé in France organised by Ossory Youth will take place from Sunday 28th June to Sunday 5th July 2026. A week in the Taizé Community is an opportunity for reflection and contemplation and a little step back from daily life. But bringing people together is also the essence of Taizé and it is a week of meeting young people from different countries and cultures where new friendships are made. Tens of thousands of young people from around the world, including 25 from Kilkenny, will make the trip to Taizé next year. The programme, which runs from November 2025 to July 2026 is open to Transition year and 5th year students. Closing date for applications is Friday 24th Oct.

For additional information, including cost and application forms, contact Patrick Bookle, Ossory Youth at (056) 7761200, (087) 2129006 or pbookle@ossoryyouth.com

Wisdom: “For all the sad words of tongue or pen, the saddest are these – It might have been.”

Take Care

In the journey to the light,
the dark moments should not threaten.

Belief requires that you hold steady.

Bend, if you will, with the wind.

The tree is your teacher,
roots become more firm in fragile soil.

Your gentle dew will come to sooth us.

In our misery and rage it is easy

to cry out against all others;

We must persevere on the journey towards
the sharing of all human hope and cries.

We need to reclaim our shared humanity.

Hold firm. Take care. Come home together.

President Michael D Higgins (Adapted)

Humour: When the new euro came to Ireland and the old money died, all the old notes and coins went to heaven. The coins were all welcomed and given fine accommodation. The notes were given far simpler quarters and complained to St. Peter. He replied, ‘I’ve seldom seen any of you around the church!’

♦ ST. JOSEPH'S ATHLETIC CLUB

SPLIT THE POT WINNERS

The winners of the St. Joseph's Split The Pot are as follows;

3rd July—€ 120.00—Denise Doyle

17th July—€ 139.00—Eleanor Ryan

7th August—€ 127.00—Seamus Power

22nd August—€ 124.00—Colm O' Leary

4th September—€ 120.00—Ellie Falvey

25th September—€ 118.00—Eddie Manning

♦ 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

♦ 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.

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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