

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 19th October 2025

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TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

On this Sunday, prayer and faith are very closely connected. It's because we have faith that we pray. At the same time prayer sustains our faith. We need to pray, not just when we are in trouble, but as often as possible.

Theme of the Weekend Readings

We celebrate the goodness of God who answers our prayers, sometimes in ways we cannot understand.

First Reading

Moses holding up his hands in prayer gains victory for his people.

Second Reading

St. Paul reminds his follower Timothy to preach the good news.

Gospel

Jesus tells a story to show us the importance of persevering in prayer.

Weekend Masses

Sunday 26th 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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Anniversaries

Mary and John Knox, Brownstown
Ellen Kennedy, New Ross
Mary Murphy, Millbanks
Charlie and Nuala Kehoe, School House Road
Marie Sheridan, Waterford
Gerry Canis Edward Fitzgerald, Pwllheli, Wales and late of Tinnakilly.

Wisdom: "Always keep your face towards the sunshine – and shadows will fall behind you".

Walt Whitman

A Message from Fr. Dan: 'Love one another as I have loved you', says Christ. The way of Jesus is made known to us by the teachings and practices of the Catholic Church. In presenting the way of Jesus to us, the Church has given us lots of rules and regulations and practices to help us to know what Jesus is like and what he wants us to do so that we can live good lives, by loving God and loving our neighbour.

We have to be careful, however, that the rules and regulations do not take on a life of their own. This had happened in the Jewish faith at the time of Christ. The religious leaders in Judaism at the time of Christ were the Pharisees and Sadducees. They presented the teachings of Moses to the people but as happened later in the Church their rules and regulations took over. Keeping rules was seen as being faithful and loving of God. And so, washing in certain ways and washing after coming from the market place was essential. People knew immediately that you were a religious person if you observed the rules to the letter.

Jesus however was a person full of common sense. He spoke to the people about their God and his love for them. He spoke to them of how they could love their God by loving their neighbour. Good and decent living was much more important than keeping rigidly to rules and regulations.

Because Jesus spoke with authority many people followed him, and still do. In our Church today we, too, have lots of rules and regulations and traditions. These can take on a life of their own. The keeping of these rules can be seen as Christian and loyal and all important.

Christ, spelled out clearly the most important rule that we must observe. We must love our God with all our heart and soul and also love our neighbour as ourselves. We must care for ourselves and our neighbour by being just and honest, by being forgiving and compassionate, by not being greedy or envious. **That is the way of Christ.**

(Adapted from Ennis Parish Newsletter)

Prayer when Visiting a Graveyard

May perpetual light shine upon the faces of all who rest here.
May the lives they lived unfold further in spirit.
May all their past travail find ease in the kindness of clay.
May the remembering earth mind every memory they brought.
May the rains from the heavens fall gently upon them.
May the wildflowers and grasses whisper their wishes into light.
May we reverence the village of presence in the stillness of this silent field.

John O'Donohoe.

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Mass Intentions for Sunday, 26th October 2025

Mullinarrigle: Sunday 26th October at 9:30 am

Nicky Woods, Ballymartin

Rosbercon: Sunday 26th October at 11:00 am

Jack Barron, Tinneranny

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

The October Station and November Offering Envelopes have been distributed to the homes of the parish. We thank the envelope distributors for their work on our behalf. Part of the October Station collection supports the retired priests and the priests of the Diocese whose income has to be supplemented.

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.

World Mission Day, Sunday 19th October 2025: 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

A Candle was Lighting: I visit the Churches of the parish regularly. I am in the Church in Rosbercon every day. Candles are always burning in the candelabras. This is always the case and for some reason the candles burn brighter in these days of late autumn. Lighting candles is a sign of living faith. It is wonderful to see people coming in ones and twos, and sometimes with children, to light candles. It is so uplifting, when in Church, to watch people come to light a candle, say a prayer, ask a favour or maybe say 'thanks'. There is a special atmosphere about a Church that is constantly visited.

Reflection

The end of our Story as described by Pope Francis

We are all small and defenceless before the mystery of death. However, what a grace if at that moment we safeguard in our hearts the flame of faith.

Jesus will take us by the hand, as he took Jairus' daughter by the hand, and will repeat to each one:

"Tal'itha cu'mi"; "Little girl, arise!" (cf. Mk 5:41).

I invite you, now, to close your eyes and think about that moment: of our death.

Each of us think about our own death, and imagine that moment that will come,

when Jesus will take us by the hand and tell us: "Come, come with me, arise".

There, hope will end and reality will abide, the reality of life.

Jesus himself will come to each of us and take us by the hand, With his tenderness, his compassion, his love.

This is our hope in the face of death.

For those who believe, it is a door that is thrust open wide; for those who doubt, it is a glimmer of light that filters through an exit that is not quite completely closed.

But for all of us it will be a grace, when this light, of the encounter with Jesus, illuminates us.

♦ TULLOGER CAMOGIE CLUB—HALLOWEEN DISCO

Tullagher Camogie Club are hosting an end of year disco and fancy dress in the Parish Hall on the afternoon of Sunday 26th October from 3:00 pm—5:00 pm. DJ Mick will be in attendance to keep the youngsters entertained. There'll be prizes for the best dressed and a shop will also be available. All are welcome.

♦ 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

♦ NEW ROSS DRAMA WORKSHOP PRESENTS.....

A Night of One Act Comedies;

"Dead Man's Bell's by Méabh de Brún—directed by Kate O'Keeffe.

"A Dog's Life" by Pam Valentine—directed by Peggy Hussey
On Wednesday 22nd October and Thursday 23rd October at 07:30 pm nightly, in St. Michael's Theatre, New Ross. Admission € 15.00. For more information please contact St. Michael's Theatre on 051-421255. For ticket bookings please visit St. Michael's Theatre Website.

♦ SOUTH KILKENNY HISTORICAL SOCIETY LECTURE

'A Hundred Years of Ireland's National Police Force, 1925 - 2025'

Speaker: Conor Brady (former Editor of the *Irish Times*)

Date: Thursday, 30th October 2025

Time: 8:00 pm

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

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