

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 26th October 2025

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THIRTIETH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Jesus told a story about a Pharisee and a tax-collector who went into the temple to pray. The Pharisee boasted that he was not weak and sinful like other people. It is in our weakness, however, that Jesus comes to us as the tax-collector discovered.

Theme of the Weekend Readings

We are happy that God takes notice of us and listens to our prayer. Filled with trust we bring our prayer to God.

First Reading—The Lord hears the prayer of the poor person.

Second Reading

St. Paul is coming to the end of his life and looks forward to a place in the heavenly kingdom.

Gospel

Jesus tells the story of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector.

Weekend Masses

Saturday 1st November 7:00 pm in Tullogher

Sunday 2nd November 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

Listerlin NS Parents Association will hold their annual Church gate collection for Listerlin National School over the weekend of 1st and 2nd November (covering all 3 Masses). They are asking for your continued support, all money going towards covering the outside classroom / sand pit / sensory stations, which will benefit all children within the school.

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 2.30pm. **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

Anniversaries

Nicky Woods, Ballymartin

Jack Barron, Tinneranny

Jack Hartley, Brabstown

Tommy and Joe Phelan, Ballyfoyle

We wish every blessing to **Mary Kate Reilly, Dundalk** and to **Rocky Ward, Castlegannon**, who were married in the Church of the Assumption, Rosbercon, on Friday 17th October 2025. We pray that Our Lord will bless their marriage and grant them happiness.

A Message from Fr. Dan: All Saints: Somehow, it's difficult for us to imagine saints as ordinary people. We would not think of a saint as wearing a uniform, an apron or a pair of overalls. A kitchen apron or a nurses' uniform do not fit into how we imagine saints would look. Saints should be a bit unusual! Indeed, many of the canonized saints were very unusual indeed.

On Saturday, 1st November, All Saints Day, we celebrate the feast of the vast majority of Saints, some of whom you have met yourself. Sit back for a moment and remind yourself of some of those saints, the really good people you have known and there were many. The poor in spirit, members of your own family, people you have worked with, a neighbour or someone you have simply met by chance. They had their faults and weaknesses but their love and thoughtfulness shone through their lives. Their holiness may not have been noticeable but they were loyal and faithful. Their lives were full of kindness and generosity and they prayed to the best of their ability. They made their own way to God and wherever it was possible to practice the love of Christ, they did so unstintingly.

Many people become saints through the mystery of suffering. The patient sick who are not embittered are an example to us all. The heart-broken spouse whose world has collapsed through the death of a life partner; the single parent buying shoes for their children when they really needed shoes themselves; the person living alone who struggles to serve the community and keep going despite their loneliness. There are so many others we have known who lived 'years without event', whom we felt privileged to have known.

On Saturday, we will remember the Feast of the Saints. We hope to do something special to celebrate in a happy way. We feel the joy of knowing that our loved ones have gone home to God, to see Him as he is. They have fought the good fight, they have finished the race, they have kept the faith. The winter season with the clocks going back fits the mood of November. During the weeks ahead, the names of those who died in the past year will be given a place of honour in our churches.

(From Ennis Parish Newsletter) Adapted.

The Presence of God: Our parents and grandparents and the generations that have gone before us were very aware of the presence of God in their lives. They believed that God was always near and interested in them. They prayed at different times of the day when they remembered God's presence. Their prayers were short and simple, offering their work to God and asking for his help. Examples of their prayer have come to us from folklore; 'Lord hold my hand when I flounder in deep water', or 'Mary, stay with us when troubles abound' or 'A hundred thousand welcomes, Lord. Let me make my home with you, Amen'.

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Mass Intentions for Saturday/Sunday, 1st/2nd November 2025

Mullinarrigle: Sunday 2nd November at 9:30 am

Bridie and William Walsh, Listerlin

Rosbercon: Sunday 2nd November at 11:00 am

Thomas Murphy, Tinneranny, Rosbercon

Mary Bridget Mullally, Ballyeden

Tom Bradley, New Ross

Carol Walsh, Garranbehy

John Handrick, Assumption Terrace

Collection of Parish Funds 12th & 19th October 2025

Offertory Collection € 645.90

Weekly Envelopes € 1,045.70

Parish Debt on 22nd October 2025 € 10,353.60

We thank all who have contributed so generously to the October Stations. Outstanding envelopes may be handed in at Mass or to the Parochial House. We thank our parishioners for the continued loyalty and generosity.

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 November issue of the **Ossory Times Magazine** is available this week. Please feel free to take a copy from the back of the Church.

November Masses for the Holy Souls: It is good to remember that Jesus came to earth, but he did not stay. Rather "he went to prepare a place for us". November is the month when we remember our dead and pray that we will be ready to join them in peace when "God's bus finally makes that stop for us".

Masses will be offered during the month of November for all who are on the list of the dead in our parish. We invite you to place the names of those you would like to have remembered in the boxes before the altars of Rosbercon, Mullinarrigle (Listerlin) or Tullogher Church. Masses will begin on Sunday 2nd November, All Souls' Day.

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

To make you Smile: 'Winning is everything. The only ones who remember you when you come second is your wife and your dog'.

Damon Hill (born 1960)

Humour: A little girl asked her mother, "Where did people come from?" Her mother answered, "God made Adam and Eve and they had children and that's how all mankind was made." A couple of days later, she asked her father the same question. Her father answered, "Many years ago there were monkeys, which the human race evolved from." The confused little girl returned to her mother and said, "Mammy, how is it possible that you told me we were created by God and Daddy said we came from monkeys?" Her mother answered, "Well dear, it is very simple. I told you about my side of the family and your father told you about his!!

Reflection

The Total Gospel

To separate the two great commandments is not possible

And is contrary to the Gospel.

Yet, this can easily happen.

Those who have faith often lack love,

And those who love often see no need for faith.

Thus our lives are divided.

Jesus spoke of the two great commandments.

The first that we should love God.

The second that we should love our neighbour and ourselves.

We learn to love God by loving ourselves and others.

Loving God and caring for the neighbour are two sides of the one coin.

If we want a full and integrated life we need both.

Jesus showed us how to love in his own life.

Wisdom: "It is not what you eat, but what you digest, that makes you strong. It is not what you earn, but what you save, that makes you rich. It is not what you learn, but what you remember that makes you wise."

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

♦ ST. MOLING'S CHAPTER ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ROSBERCON TULLOGHER

The St. Moling's Chapter St. Vincent De Paul Rosbercon Tullogher wish to express their most sincerest appreciation to the local Vintage Club for both the recent and prior years of generous donations. Every cent received is exclusively expended on our Parish, primarily in the form of food assistance.

♦ TULLOGHER CAMOGIE CLUB—HALLOWEEN DISCO

Tullogher 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

♦ 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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