

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 2nd November 2025

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ALL SOUL'S DAY

During the month of November, we remember our loved ones who have gone before us and we pray for them. They pray for us. Where they have gone, we hope to follow. To remember our beloved dead, in the presence of God is wholesome and natural.

Theme of the Weekend Readings

God's love for us is evident in today's readings.

First Reading—The Lord will destroy death forever.

Second Reading—Paul writes of God's love for us.

Gospel

Jesus arrived at the village of Nain during the burial ceremony of the son of a widow, and raised the young man from the dead.

Weekend Masses

Sunday 9th 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

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 Website: www.rosberconparish.ie

Recent Deaths

Sr. Agnes Phelan, smg, formerly of Coolnaleen, Glenmore

Anniversaries

Bridie and William Walsh, Listerlin

Thomas Murphy, Tinneranny, Rosbercon

Mary Bridget Mullally, Ballyeden

Tom Bradley, New Ross

Carol Walsh, Garranbehy

John Handrick, Assumption Terrace

Just a Thought: Celebrating our Dead: We are not powerless in the face of the loss of those we love. Our prayers and our acts of remembrance assist our loved ones on their journey back to God. November each year reminds us to remember our dead. The kindness and friendship of those who loved us, and who is now with God, still influences our lives. We share that love with others and our love may yet be passed on to generations yet unborn.

A Message from Fr. Dan: Praying for our Dead: What happens when a person dies? We have many consoling images and beautiful stories that shield us from the reality of death. But what is that reality. Beliefs and views vary. Many modern-day humanists believe and proclaim that we cease to exist at the moment of death. Nothing remains but our memory of our dead and perhaps some inspiration drawn from their lives. Many Jewish groups believed this in Jesus' day. Many world religions have some belief of the spirit being set free from the body to live on in some way.

Our church teaches that our bodies are a vital part of what we are. The body and soul become separated at death to await resurrection where they will be reunited and raised up to live eternally in an altogether new creation. For each individual, how they lived in this life, their goodness and their prayer together with God's mercy will have an impact on the life to come. Of course, at this point we are talking mystery.

Many people ridicule the idea of resurrection. They think in terms of the resurrection being merely a resuscitation, a mere return to bodily life as we experienced it on earth. But that's not the Catholic position. As Jesus points out, our risen bodies, like his risen body will be different than they are now. Our bodies now are mortal, vulnerable and fragile liable to aging, illness, accidents and death. In the resurrection, we will be like the angels. Our bodies will no longer be mortal or vulnerable meaning that our own efforts at survival will no longer be necessary.

In eternal life, we believe that we will be an altogether new creation. Our lives and the lives of all people will be perfected beyond our wildest dreams in the communion of saints. God makes all things new as the Scriptures tell us. Suffering, sin, pain and death will be no more. God will be all in all. When we die, we do not cease to exist but we awake to the immortality of our souls and to the resurrection of the body and to eternal life in the world to come.

Where there is soul there is beauty; where there is soul there is love

Where there is soul there is life; where there is soul there is hope.

(From Ennis Parish Newsletter) Adapted.

A November Thought: One day.... One day, you will lose someone you can't live without, and your heart may be broken. You may never completely get over the loss of your beloved. However, our beloved dead live on in our hearts as also in God's kingdom. Even though your heart may not heal, you will come through. Your heart may never heal completely and may still hurt from time to time. But you can learn to dance again even though you dance with the limp!

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Mass Intentions for Sunday, 9th November 2025

Rosbercon: Sunday 9th November at 11:00 am

Dolly Hennessy, Hoodsgrove

Maggie O Connor, Tinnakilly

Matt O Connor, Tinnakilly

Tom Murphy, Ballyfoyle

Katie Murphy, Ballyfoyle and deceased members of the Murphy and Doherty families

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

Listerlin NS Parents Association will hold their annual Church gate collection for Listerlin National School this 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.

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.

Reflection: A Poem for November:

But once I pass this way, and then no more.

But once – and then the silent door swings on its hinges;

Opens.... closes, and no more I pass this way.

So, while I may, with all my might,

I will give sweet comfort and delight,

to all I meet upon the pilgrim Way.

For no one travels twice the great Highway,

That climbs through darkness up to light,

Through night and day.

John Oxenham

Wisdom: 'As tools become rusty, so does the mind. A garden uncared for soon becomes smothered in weeds and a talent neglected withers and dies.'

Halloween Humour: Nora Bone was delivering a new plastic skeleton to the Doctor's Office. As she waited at the main desk, Nora was aware that the waiting room, full of patients, were staring at her. So, she smiled and said "I am bringing him into Doctor Henderson". An old lady said sympathetically, "My dear! Isn't it a bit late for the Doctor?"

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

◆ 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

◆ ST. MOLING'S CHAPTER ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ROSBERCON TULLOGER

We wish to thank the New Ross Credit Union for their recent generous donation. The Credit Union regularly donates to many deserving charitable groups and organisations within its Common Bond area. Quite a number of local individuals have served in the Credit Unions continued success over the years and to date.

◆ NEW ROSS ACTIVE RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION

The New Ross Active Retirement will have their general meeting on Friday the 7th November at 11:00 am in the Youth Centre, Nunnery Lane, New Ross. All welcome.

◆ BEAM SERVICES CHRISTMAS FAIR – PAULSTOWN DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

Crafters are invited to take part in the Christmas Fair at Beam Services Bagenalstown. When Thursday 27th November 2025 For more information and bookings please contact Ali 0832042878 / ali.jones@beamservices.ie

◆ NEW FREE COUNSELLING SUPPORTS FOR MEN LAUNCHED

A suite of new talk therapies and counselling supports and services specifically tailored for men are now available. Aimed at targeting men who would not normally engage or participate in counselling and support services to give them the skills to manage and provide support for mental health crisis.

- New free services launched at the Ploughing Championships
- Over 15,000 free counselling sessions to be provided to men annually
- New pathways developed to simplify access to support to respond to the specific needs and preferences of men
- Supports to be made available through GPs and through a national campaign targeting men, with all information on yourmentalhealth.ie/men

Information is also available at: <https://www2.hse.ie/mental-health/services-support/men/>

◆ COIS NORE OUTREACH CENTRE – 5 TOWN 5 VISITS

The Cois Nore Outreach Centre will be visiting from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm weekly the following towns;

Monday: Castlecomer Community Hall.

Tuesday: Callan, Droichead FRC.

Wednesday: Ballyragget, Dr. Hogan's Rooms.

Thursday: Thomastown Community Hall.

Friday: Urlingford, Mill FRC.

Phone 087 4833 941 or email: outreach@coisnore.ie for an appointment or drop in during the above times.

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