

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 5th October 2025

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TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

To want to serve comes naturally to each one of us. The most important quality to bring to our service is love. We pray for a spirit of love as we come to celebrate Mass together.

Theme of the Weekend Readings: Our faith in God sustains us. We pray that our presence at Mass this weekend will be of lasting benefit in our lives.

First Reading: The Old Testament Prophet calls to God for help and God asks that he be faithful.

Second Reading: The wonder of God's spirit in our lives.

Gospel: The Gospel reminds us of the importance of having faith.

Weekend Masses:

Sunday 12th October: 9.30am Mass in Mullinarrigle
11.00am Mass in Rosbercon

Weekday Masses:

Rosbercon:

Wednesday 8th October: 10am Mass

Friday 10th October: No Mass

All Masses from Rosbercon Church will be streamed live through our webcam on www.rosberconparish.ie

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel every Wednesday morning from 10:30 am to 12:00 noon. All are welcome to attend.

Months Mind

John Cullinane, Shanbogh

Anniversaries

James Power, Glenballyvalley

Bridget, Billy and Michael Croke, Brownsford

Bernadette Phelan, Tullogher

Seán Phelan, Curraghlane

Mikie and Tommy Doolan, Curraghmore

Eily Murphy, Ballyreddy

John, Alice, Jimmy and Tom Murphy, Ballyreddy

John and Margaret Hickey, Waterford

Peggy Power, Shanbogh

Pat Dooley, Garrenbehay

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

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.

A Message from Fr Dan: Saint John Henry Newman: On Thursday 9th October, the Church will celebrate the feast of Cardinal Newman. John Henry Newman was born in London on the 21st February, 1801. He was the eldest of six children, three boys and three girls. His father was a banker and Newman was educated locally before entering Trinity College, Oxford. A brilliant student, he delighted in reading his Bible and, following a period in Oxford, he was ordained an Anglican priest.

At that time in Newman's life, while he saw the Catholic Church as being in error, he worried about the lax nature of the Anglican faith. Newman wrote extensively aiming to make the Church of England more disciplined and sounder in its doctrine. He had a huge influence, but this did not prevent him being much criticised. In 1842, Newman withdrew from public life to live a monastic life, writing and reflecting until, three years later, he was received into the Catholic Church. Ordained a priest in 1846, he wrote many articles, books, poems and prayers. Most of us will be familiar with his hymn, 'Lead Kindly Light', and prayer, 'O Lord, support us all day long until the shadows lengthen, the evening comes, the fever of life is over and our work is done. Then in your mercy grant us a safe lodging, a holy rest and peace at the last.'

At the invitation of the Irish Bishops, Newman came to Dublin to found the Catholic University of Ireland which later evolved into University College Dublin. Newman was deeply interested, and involved, in education. His writings defended Church doctrine and social justice. He was a man of deep faith and spirituality and his writings reflect the depth of his spiritual life.

In 1879 Pope Leo XIII honoured England by making John Henry Newman a Cardinal. He died in 1890 and on the 13th October 2019, Pope Francis presided at his Canonization. A number of Cardinal Newman's sayings have entered our daily speech: 'To live is to change, and to be perfect is to have changed often'. 'Growth is the only evidence of life' and 'I shall be an angel of peace, a preacher of truth in my own place, while not intending it, if I do but keep his commandments'.

From the Ennis Parish Newsletter (Adapted)

Wisdom: "Our prayer should be for blessings in general, for God knows best what is good for us."

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Mass Intentions for Sunday 12th October 2025

Mullinarrigle: Sunday 12th October at 9:30 am

Seamus Mullally, Listerlin

Rosbercon: Sunday 12th October at 11:00 am

John Dowling, Tinnakilly

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.

God is with us: Liam Lawton composed the beautiful hymn 'The Clouds' Veil' which we hear sung regularly by the Parish Choirs. The words of the opening verse can be of great help to us, reassuring us that God is with us especially in times of fear and anxiety: *Even though the rain hides the stars, even though the mist swirls the hills, even when the dark clouds veil the sky, God is by my side. Even when the sun shall fall in sleep, even when at dawn the sky shall weep, even in the night when storms shall rise, you are by my side. God is by my side. God is by my side*

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

To make you Smile: Two old Dublin ladies were talking about saints. One of them leaned across the fence and said, 'Mary, you know my husband is a pure saint.' To which Mary replied, 'Well Bridget you are lucky, because mine is still alive.' I suppose that's what makes a saint anyway. You have to be dead first. *Fr Brian Darcy*

Just a thought.... You cannot compare.... "No one else has access to the world you carry round within yourself; you are its custodian and entrance. No one else can see the world the way you see it. No one else can feel your life the way you feel it. Thus, it is impossible to ever compare two people because each stand on such different ground." *John O'Donoghue*

St Mary's Cathedral, Kilkenny Restoration Fund 2025/2026: The Diocesan Draw for September took place on Wednesday, 24th September 2025. Please check the Church Noticeboards for the results of the draw.

Reflection: True Glory

Some people have an excessive need of approval from others.
The great luminaries of stage and screen
Glow under the adulation of their fans.
But when the curtain goes down, and the lights fade,
They often feel empty and lonely.
They realise that they are valued
Not for themselves, but for their talent.
Lord, grant that I may not get carried away
When people praise me, or when I am criticised.
Help me not to become downcast when people ignore me.
Grant that I may have a lamp in my own heart,
A lamp which will enable me to see my own worth
And the dignity you have given me,
Which no one can take away from me.

Prayer for Forgiveness.

'O Lord, remember not only the men and women of good will, but those of ill will.

But do not remember all the sufferings they have inflicted upon us;

Remember the fruits we have bought, thanks to this suffering - our comradeship, our loyalty, our humility, our courage, our greatness of heart which has grown out of all this, and when they come to judgement, let all the fruits which we have borne be their forgiveness.'

Prayer found pinned to the jacket of a small Jewish child found dead in the Camp of Ranevstobok during WW11

◆ 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

◆ TULLOGHER ROSBERCON GAA DEVELOPMENT DRAW

September 2025 Draw:

1st Prize of €250 Jimmy Cummins, Tullogher

2nd Prize of €100 Jim Power, Brownstown

3rd Prize of €100 John and Margaret Barron, Curraghlane

4th – 7th Prize of €50

John Murphy, Ballyreddy

Paddy Ryan, Listerlin

Anthony Cotterell, Ballykenna

Mary & John Conway, Ballyknock

Annual Draw

1st Prize of €250 John Barron, Cooleen

2nd Prize of €100 Eoin O'Leary, Brownstown

3rd Prize of €50 Michael Lyng, The Rower

Next Draw: October 2025 (first Draw in the first year of 2025-2028 series)

8.30 pm on Tuesday, 28th October 2025

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