

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 30th November 2025

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1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Advent is a time of watchfulness. We are waiting for the final coming of Christ at the end of time. Since this time is hidden from us, we maintain a state of watchfulness. During Advent the Church invites us to come to the House of God, so that God may teach us his ways and help us to walk in the light.

Theme of the Weekend Readings

The Church's New Year begins this weekend. Advent is a time of preparation for Christmas.

First Reading—Isaiah regrets that God's people stray.

Second Reading

Paul thanks God for the graces the people have received.

Gospel—Jesus tells us to be on our guard.

Weekend Masses

Saturday 6 th December	7:00 pm Mass in Tullogher
Sunday 7 th December	9:30 am Mass in Mullinarrigle
	11:00 am Mass in Rosbercon

Weekday Masses

Rosbercon

Wednesday 3 rd December	10:00 am Mass
Friday 5 th December	10:00 am 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.

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—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

Christmas Reconciliation Services: Confessions for Christmas will be heard after the weekend Masses in Tullogher, Mullinarrigle and Rosbercon on Saturday/Sunday, 6th/7th December and after the remaining weekend Masses of Advent.

Recent Deaths

Eamonn "Ned" Murphy, Ballynooney, Mullinavat

Anniversaries

Margaret "Peg" Ryan, Guilcough Béag
Kate Lee, Kilbrahan
Luke Hennessy, Glensensaw
John Dooley, Rosbercon
Joan Hennessy, Rosbercon
Josephine O'Connor, Rosbercon Hill
Lucy Dillon, Rosbercon

A Message from Fr. Dan: Advent: This weekend we celebrate the First Sunday of Advent. The word 'Advent' means 'coming'. The celebration of Advent is particularly welcome to those who know themselves to be poor, and who look forward to something greater to come. The season of Advent lasts for four Sundays leading up to Christmas.

The first two Sundays in Advent look forward to Christ's second coming, and the third and fourth Sundays look back to Christ's first coming at Bethlehem. The Church celebrates Advent each year to prepare us to celebrate Christ's coming as an infant in Bethlehem over two thousand years ago. To help us in our Advent preparation we use the Advent Wreath. The wreath is a circle, which has no beginning or end. Our lives began at birth but like the wreath they will have no end because our destiny is to share in the life of God in the Kingdom of Heaven forever.

The wreath is made of fresh plant material, because Christ came to give us new life through His passion, death, and resurrection. The four candles represent hope, faith, joy, and peace. Three candles are purple, symbolizing penance, preparation, and sacrifice; the pink candle is for joy and highlights the third Sunday of Advent, when we rejoice because our preparation is now half-way finished. A fifth white candle is placed in the middle and is lit on Christmas Day to celebrate Jesus' birth.

The white candle stands for Christ, who entered this world to scatter the darkness of evil and show us the way to light and joy. The progression of lighting candles each weekend of Advent shows our increasing readiness to meet our Lord. We invite all our people to be aware of the meaning of the Advent wreath and to say a short prayer when they visit the Church. This prayer will help us to focus on the true meaning of Christmas.

Prayer for Advent: 'Almighty God, grant your people the wonder of meeting Christ at his coming this Christmas, so that having shared His life on earth we may one day share with him the Kingdom of Heaven'.

From the Ennis Parish Newsletter (Adapted)

Advent Encircling Prayer

Circle me Lord
Keep protection near; keep danger afar.
Circle me Lord.
Keep hope within; keep doubt without.
Circle me Lord.
Keep light near; keep darkness afar.
Circle me Lord
Keep peace within; keep strife without.
Circle me Lord
Keep love within; keep hate without.

Advent Poem

Dear God,
As we wait for Christmas Day,
help us love and pray each day.
Fill our hearts with peace and light,
And guide us to do what's right.

Amen

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Mass Intentions for Saturday/Sunday, 6th/7th December 2025

Tullogher: Saturday 6th December at 7:00 pm
Maura and Mikey Phelan, Tullogher Post Office

Mullinarrigle: Sunday 7th December at 9:30 am
Nora Woods, Ballymartin

Rosbercon: Sunday 7th December at 11:00 am
David Wilson, Ardross
Nan and Eddie Wilson, Castlemoyle, New Ross
Pat O'Neill, Tinneranny

We thank all who have contributed so generously to the October Stations and November Offerings. Outstanding envelopes may be handed in at Mass or to the Parochial House.

We thank all who attended **The Special Remembrance Mass** in Rosbercon Church on Thursday 20th November. It was a lovely way to come together to remember our loved ones who died in the last year. The Mass was organised by the Parish Pastoral Council.

Scoil Mholainge Listerlin NS with the support of **Listerlin NS Parents Association**, will host a 'Santa Meet and Greet' this Saturday 29th November between 10:00 am-2:00 pm in the School Hall in Scoil Mholainge, Listerlin. All are welcome: families, friends and extended community. Parents of toddlers/preschool children can book to see Santa through school office: office@listerlinns.com. All money raised is going towards outside cover and sensory stations for outdoor classroom. Thank you all for your support.

Tullogher Rosbercon GAA Club are holding their Annual General Meeting in the Clubhouse on Friday 5th December starting at 8:00 pm. All are very welcome to attend.

Reflection: Fire, by Pope Francis

At the opening of the Amazon Synod, October 2019

A fire does not burn by itself;
It has to be fed or else it dies;
It turns into ashes.
If everything remains as it was,
If we spend our days content
That 'this is the way things have always been',
Then the gift vanishes,
Smothered by the ashes of fear,
And by the anxiety of defending the 'status quo'

Humour: A mother and her four year old daughter were out walking. The little girl picked something from the ground and put it in her mouth. The mother took the thing away and asked her not to do that again. 'Why not' asked the child. 'Because it has been on the ground and you don't know where it came from'. The little girl looked at her mother in admiration and asked 'Mum, how do you know all this stuff, you are so smart'. 'All mums know this stuff; it's on the mum test,' said the mother. The little girl thought for a while and said 'Oh, I get it', 'If you don't pass the mum test you have to be a dad. Exactly said the mother!

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

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Christmas isn't a season. It's a feeling.

Edna Ferber

◆ THE NEW ROSS ACTIVE RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION

The New Ross Active Retirement will have their general meeting on Friday, 5th December in the Youth Centre, Nunnery Lane, New Ross at 11:00 am. The Christmas Party will be after the meeting. All new members are welcome.

◆ ST. JOSEPH'S ATHLETIC CLUB SPLIT THE POT

The winners of St. Joseph's Split The Pot are as follows;
9th October—€ 131.00—Jack Duggan
23rd October—€ 122.00—Stephen Fenten
Bonus Prize—Ollie Mulligan
6th November—€ 129.00—Breda Hennessy
20th November—€ 119.00 Charolette Walsh and Seamus Murphy
Tickets can be purchased at Paddy Ryan's Bar, Listerlin, Listerlin Fuel and Grocery Store, Listerlin, The Glen Bar, Glenmore or Online at Tinyurl.com/stac-Split The Pot

◆ SHANBOGH NATIONAL SCHOOL ENROLMENT

We are currently accepting enrolment applications for the school year 2026/2027. For an application form, please visit our website at www.shanboghns.ie. For more information please call 051—880308 or email shanboghns@gmail.com. Closing date for completed applications is Wednesday, 31st December, 2025.

◆ SOUTH KILKENNY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

A Night of Reminiscing with Bridie Kineavy
Friday, 5th December

Time: 7:00 pm

Venue: Rhu Glenn Hotel, Slieverue.

Cost: € 30.00 including food - Beef or Chicken wrapped in Bacon, dessert and tea or coffee.

Throughout the 1960s and 1970s Bridie and her family welcomed the festive lights of Christmas on the remote isle of Inis Treabhair in Connemara. The island was known for its Yuletide traditions, and she grew up listening to the tales of the ancients under starlit skies. Raised during an era of simplicity and wonder, Bridie will share family moments and island traditions from a time when electricity had not reached the shores and serve as a poignant reminder of the enduring importance of family, community and the magic of childhood.

For bookings and further information please contact;

Brigid Barron, Blossom Hill, Kilmacow
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Mary Ryan, 'Gort Glas', Carrigeen
(086 3790655, maryearyan@gmail.com).

◆ MICHAEL ENGLISH CONCERT

Michael English and guest artist Louise Morrissey will be appearing in concert in Campile Hall on Sunday 29th March 2026 at 8:00 pm. An ideal Christmas present. For more information and tickets please contact 087-2183300. Tickets are also available on Eventbrite.

◆ TULLOGHER/ ROSBERCON VINTAGE CLUB

The Tullogher Rosbercon Vintage Club will hold their Annual Christmas Dinner Dance on Saturday 6th December at New Ross Golf Club. Music by Pat Cooney. Tickets € 25.00. For tickets and more information please contact Bob 086-1060689.

◆ 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

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