

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 9th November 2025

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THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

The Cathedral of Rome is dedicated to our Saviour, under the intercession of John the Baptist and John the Evangelist. All of us are baptised into Christ; all of us receive the word of life through the Scriptures; all of us belong to the body of Christ; the Church and we all eat the one bread and drink the one cup. Our local communion – constituted by faith, community, scripture and the sacraments – is part of a greater family, under the Bishop of Rome, who “presides over the whole assembly in charity”.

St. Ignatius of Antioch

Theme of the Weekend Readings

We believe in eternal life after death.

First Reading

The Prophet Ezekiel tells us of his time in the Temple.

Second Reading

St. Paul tells us that ‘we are the temple of God’.

Gospel

Jesus answers those who doubt the resurrection of the dead.

Weekend Masses

Sunday 16th 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

Anniversaries

Dolly Hennessy, Hoodsgrove
Maggie O’Connor, Tinnakilly
Matt O’ Connor, Tinnakilly
Tom Murphy, Ballyfoyle
Katie Murphy, Ballyfoyle
Mary Sinnott, Tinneranny
Maura and Mikey Phelan, Tullogher Post Office
John McDonald, Kilvinogue, Thomastown
Thomas and Mary Maher, Derrylackey
Betty Walsh, Assumption Terrace, Rosbercon

A Special Remembrance Mass will be offered for those who died in the last year (Nov 2024 – Nov 2025). The Mass will be offered by Fr. Liam Taylor in Rosbercon Church on Thursday 20th November at 7:30 pm. The Mass is being organised by the Parish Pastoral Council who will be in touch with the families of the deceased. We emphasise that **all parishioners** are invited to this Mass.

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”.

To make you Smile: November

No warmth, no cheerfulness, no healthful ease,
No comfortable feel in any member –
No shade, no shine, no butterflies, no bees,
No fruits, no flowers, no leaves, no birds,
November!

Thomas Hood (1799-1845)

A Message from Fr. Dan;

The film Kramer V Kramer which I saw for the first time in 1980 made a deep impression on me. Made in 1979 the story of the film centres on a family with one child. The husband, Ted, is a very successful designer in a company where he is about to be made a partner. The price he has to pay for his success is that he must devote all his time, energy and resourcefulness to his work. Joanna, his wife and Billy, his son seldom see him. Even when he is at home Ted is preoccupied with his work. When Joanna complains, Ted offers her any money she wants to spend on herself and on their son.

One day Joanna can take it no longer and decides to leave Ted. She leaves their son with Ted until she can find a job and a place to stay. Ted cannot believe that Joanna really wants to go. Only after she has gone does the reality of what has happened really strike him. He tries to take care of Billy and at the same time devote as much time as he can to his work. Soon it becomes clear that both his work and Billy are being neglected. Billy, who is missing his mother, becomes troublesome and the company Ted works for start to give him a hard time as they notice that his work is deteriorating.

Ted is faced with a crisis. He must choose between his relationship with his son or his success in his job and the affluence it brings him. Ted chooses to make Billy his main concern and a charming relationship develops between father and son. Ted has to pay a great price for this relationship. He loses his job and then he has to carry a huge financial and emotional burden when Joanna seeks custody of their child in the courts.

We see a strange twist of fate when Ted, in the process of losing his claim to his child, re-establishes his relationship with Joanna. At the end of the film, we are left with the feeling that Ted’s crisis has been an invitation to make his relationship with Joanna and Billy a priority and we hope he can continue on down the road he has chosen.

But why

But why – of all things he is Lord.
By heavenly hosts adored,
Seeks he for love from such as I?
Oh why?

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Mass Intentions for Sunday, 16th November 2025

Rosbercon: Sunday 16th November at 11:00 am

John Walsh, Waterford Road

Noel Banville, Shanbogh

Collection of Parish Funds 26th October & 2nd November 2025

Offertory Collection € 863.00

Weekly Envelopes € 1,272.00

Parish Debt on 5th November 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.

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 Augustinian Friars along with the teaching staff of the Good Counsel College invite you to join us in the celebration of Mass for all our deceased members of staff, past students, and family members, on Thursday 13th of November at 7:00 pm. Refreshments to follow in the College dining room. Fr Michael Collender OSA

St. Mary's Cathedral, Kilkenny Restoration Fund 2025/2026

The second draw for St. Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund took place Wednesday 29th October in the Chapter Room at St. Mary's Cathedral. See noticeboards for details.

Just a Thought: Our Homeland is in Heaven

Belief in life after death is woven into the fabric of our Christian faith. Our Christian practices, Masses, and private prayers are all centred on the belief that those who have preceded us into death continue to embrace a new experience. Yet when we try to describe what lies before us in death we become uncertain. What we do know is that our future life with God is not only superior to this life but also unimaginably different. The Scripture tells us that 'Eye has not seen or ear heard what God has prepared for those who love Him'. 'From the tree of life each leaf must fall – the green, the gold, the great and small, each in God's own time he gathers them all together.'

Humour

A little girl was sitting on her grandfather's lap as he read her a bedtime story. From time to time, she would take her eyes off the book and reach up and touch his wrinkled cheek. She was alternately stroking her own cheek, then his again. Finally she spoke up "Grandad, did God make you?" "Yes, sweetheart," he answered, "God made me a long time ago". "Oh," she paused, "Grandad, did God make me too?" "Yes, indeed," he said, "God made you just a little while ago." Feeling their respective faces again, she said, "God's getting better at it, isn't he!"

Wisdom

"Opportunity may knock once but temptation bangs on the door forever."

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

Reflection: Surviving Failure

Can a man grow from the dead clod of failure
Some consoling flower
Something to wear as a buttonhole in Heaven?
Under the flat, flat grief of defeat maybe
Hope is a seed.
Maybe this is what he was born for,
This hour of hopelessness
Maybe it is here he must search
In this hell of unfaith
Where no one has a purpose
Where the web of meaning is broken threads
And one man looks at another in fear.
O God, can a man find you where he lies with his face downwards
And his nose in the rubble that was his achievement?
Is the music playing behind the door of despair
O God, give us a purpose.

Patrick Kavanagh

◆ TULLOGHER/ROSBERCON VINTAGE CLUB

The Tullogher Rosbercon Vintage club held a presentation night recently in Paddy Ryan's Bar in Listerlin, to distribute funds from their Field Day and Tractor Run. A total of € 13,600 was given out on the night, to the following group's;

Breast Cancer Ireland—€ 5,500.00

Rosbercon Parish Hall—€ 1,500.00

St. Josephs Athletic Club—€ 1,500.00

Rosbercon Church Fund—€ 700.00

New Ross Meals on Wheels—€ 700.00

Glenmore Tidy Towns—€ 500.00

Listerlin Tidy Towns—€ 500.00

Tullogher Juvenile GAA—€ 500.00

Tullogher Comogie Club—€ 500.00

Shanbough National School—€ 500.00

Rosbercon St.Vincent De Paul—€ 300.00

Glenmore Pantomime Society—€ 300.00

Jack and Jill Society—€ 300.00

New Ross District Pipe Band—€ 300.00

◆ TULLOGHER ROSBERCON GAA CLUB

Congratulations to the U14's who won the Duggan Steel Roinn C Hurling Championship.

Tullogher Rosbercon 5-14 Barrow Rangers 5-10.

The clubs AGM will take place on Friday, 28th November at 8:00 pm in the Club House.

◆ TULLOGHER ROSBERCON DEVELOPMENT DRAW

The Tullogher Rosbercon Development Draw was held on Tuesday, 28th October 2025. The winners are as follows;

1st—Billy Nolan, Rosbercon

2nd—Eamonn Bookle, Mullinakill

3rd—Liz McGovern, Garrenbehy

4th—Bridie Byrne, New Ross

5th—Richard Murphy, Trenaree

6th—James Gill, Shanbogh

7th—Seamus Murphy, Trenaree

The next draw will take place on Friday 28th November 2025 at 8:00 pm.

◆ 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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