

CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS TO ALL

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FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

We gather on the feast of the Holy Family. We have come from our own families into a wider family – the family of the Christian community. Here we are reminded that we have a common Father, God, and that we are brothers and sisters in Christ.

Theme of the Weekend Readings

All families are especially blessed because of the birth of Jesus into the Holy Family.

First Reading

A promise of reward for those who respect their parents.

Second Reading

Family life is wonderful when people live in harmony.

Gospel—The family life of Jesus.

Weekend Masses

Saturday 3rd January 7:00 pm Mass in Tullogher

Sunday 4th January 9:30 am Mass in Mullinarrigle
11:00 am Mass in Rosbercon

Weekday Masses

Rosbercon

Thursday 1st January New Year's Day 11:00 am

Wednesday and Friday No Mass

Feast of the Epiphany

Little Christmas is celebrated on Tuesday 6th January this year.

Masses as follows

Rosbercon—Tuesday 6th January at 11:00 am

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

Please note there will be no **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** next Wednesday morning 31st December 2025.

Recent Deaths

Pat Ryan, Guilcough Beag

Anniversaries

James Rellis, Tinneranny and deceased members of the Rellis, O' Mahoney and Kavanagh families.

Jackie Tubritt, Raheen

Noreen and Nicky Tubritt, Raheen

Peg and John Tubritt, Raheen and all deceased members of the Lewis and Tubritt families.

A New Year Blessing

May the light of your soul guide you,

May the light of your soul bless the work that you do with the secret love and warmth of your heart.

May you see in what you do the beauty of your own soul,
May the sacredness of your work bring healing, light and renewal to those who work with you and to those who receive your work.

May your work never weary you,

May it release within you wellsprings of refreshment, inspiration and excitement.

May you be present in what you do.

May the day never burden you.

May dawn find you awake and alert, approaching your new

day with dreams, possibilities and promises.

May evening find you gracious and fulfilled.

May you go into the night, blessed, sheltered and protected.

May your soul calm, console and renew you.

Greetings: Fr. Dan and Parishioners send special Christmas and New Year Greetings and prayers to all our emigrants who have left Ireland over the last number of years. We hope and pray that you are settled and happy in your new country. We miss you and will be thinking of you in the Christmas Season.

Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year

Mass Intentions for the Saturday 3rd January, 2026

Tullogher 7:00 pm

Bridget Power, Glenballyvalley

Ann Lawless, Ballykenna

Thank You and Good Wishes. Fr. Dan thanks you sincerely for your generosity and loyalty to Rosbercon Parish during 2025. May 2026 be wonderful for you and your family and may Our Lord grant you many blessings..

Christmas Offerings: Many thanks to all who have contributed so generously to the Christmas Offerings. Outstanding envelopes may be handed in at Mass or to the Parochial House.

The Annual **Giving Tree** makes a welcome return to Rosbercon Church this year. Through the tree, gifts are brought to the patients of the two local hospitals in New Ross. Parishioners are asked to take a tag from the tree and return the gift requested with the tag on or before the 31st December 2025.

Celtic Prayer for the Close of the Year

As the rain hides the stars,
As the autumn mist hides the hills,
As the clouds veil the blue sky,
So, the dark happenings of my lot
Hide the shining of God's face from me.
Yet, if I may hold Christ's hand in darkness,
It is enough, since I know that,
Though I may stumble in my going,
God does not fall

Wisdom: "A faithful friend is an image of God."

Humour: Recently at Mass the Priest's homily was just four minutes long, a fraction of his usual ramblings. 'I regret to inform the congregation' the priest explained 'that my dog is very fond of eating paper and he ate that portion of my sermon which I am unable to deliver this morning'. Following Mass, a visitor from another parish shook hands with the priest and said 'Father, if that dog ever has pups, I want to get one for my priest!'

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

Opportunity Lost

The Bethlehem Innkeeper at Christmas was probably the unluckiest man in history. He had the chance to shelter the Holy Family and he missed it. It wasn't really his fault because, after all, the place was full. Maybe he is not so much to be blamed as pitied because the person who misses an opportunity like the Innkeeper is to be pitied rather than blamed. And yet in a million nativity plays he's blamed so much. Yet it could happen to us today that someone will come to us needing a word of encouragement or of understanding in the guise of a family member, a friend or neighbour. The Innkeeper didn't know that Christ might be passing. We don't either. So, watch and pray, be on the lookout for Christ passing today.

Humour: In the Garden of Eden, in that brief, happy period before the fall, the First Man and God who created him would sometimes talk about things. One day Adam asked God 'Why did you make Eve so beautiful?' 'So, you would love her' God answered. Adam thought about this for a while and said 'Why did you make her so unintelligent?' 'So, she would love you' came the reply!

Wisdom: The child is not likely to find a father in God, unless he finds something of God in his father.

♦ ST. MOLINGS CHAPTER ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Our annual blue envelope collection will take place as usual throughout the month of December. Envelopes will be available in each of our churches and may be placed in the Sunday Offertory Collection box. We are very dependant on this collection in order to continue our work in the Parish for the coming year. Our Chapter, which dates back to the 1960's has served our Parish needy through the generous support of Parishioners. Anyone becoming aware of genuine hardship within our Parish please contact us on 087 7140112.

Committee Members: Richard McElwee, Mary B Conway, Seamus Waters, Brid Vereker, Catherine Cottrell and Margaret Saunders.

♦ 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.

Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year