

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 7th December 2025

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

In today's readings we hear again the voice of John the Baptist calling us to prepare a way for the Lord. We create a space in our minds and hearts so that the Lord may come to us in this Mass.

Theme of the Weekend Readings

We are called upon to change our lives during the season of Advent.

First Reading

The coming of the Messiah will bring justice and peace.

Second Reading

The Scriptures were written to teach us about God's promises.

Gospel—John the Baptist preaches.

Weekend Masses

Sunday 14th December 9:30 am Mass in Mullinarrigle
11:00 am Mass in Rosbercon

Weekday Masses

Rosbercon

Monday 8th December at 11:00 am

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Wednesday 10th December at 10:00 am—Mass

Friday 12th December at 10:00 am—Mass

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

Christmas Masses

Rosbercon

Wednesday - Christmas Eve, Vigil Mass 8:00 pm

Thursday - Christmas Morning 11:00 am

Mullinarrigle

Christmas Eve, Vigil Mass 6:00 pm

Tullogher

Christmas Morning 9:30 am

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception - falls on Monday 8th December this year and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass for the Feast will be celebrated in Rosbercon on Monday at 11:00 am.

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.

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.

There will be a **Special Mass with Anointing of the Sick** for the 'Over 55s' of the parish in Rosbercon Hall on Sunday 14th December at 3:00 pm followed by a reception and music. All are welcome to attend.

Recent Deaths

Jackie Johns (née Long) Ballyknock, Rosbercon
Thomas Greene, Moulterstown, Glenmore
Patrick Power, Waterford and late of Glenmore.

Anniversaries

Maura and Mikey Phelan, Tullogher Post Office

Nora Woods, Ballymartin

David Wilson, Ardross

Nan and Eddie Wilson, Castlemoyle, New Ross

Pat O'Neill, Tinneranny

Fr Johnny Murphy, Brownsford

Jimmy Doyle, Taghat and deceased members of the O'Neill family Slievecorragh

A Message from Fr Dan: The coming of Christ: We remember with great affection the people who made a real difference to our lives. We are forever grateful to them for their kindness. As we look to Christmas, we reflect on the difference that the coming of Christ makes to the world. I like to reflect, in particular on two gifts Christ brings us. One is the gift of new life and the second is the gift of peace.

Like to-day, the world of the Roman Empire, into which Christ was born, was a world that had grown tired of itself. We have all seen tree stumps, in varying stages of decay, in paddocks, beside streams and on barren hillsides. Sometimes when we stop to look, we see a green shoot; new life emerging from the old and abandoned stump. Is it possible, that we see ourselves as stumps in the winter of our lives? We've done our bit. Yet, this dead wood can become green again. We can still contribute. The coming of Christ encourages us to find a new and more life-giving way of being. Along with nature we too can bloom again in spring.

The Old Testament Jews looked to the coming of the Messiah as the dawn of a new era of peace and harmony in the world. They looked forward to a time when the animals of forest and the animals of the plain would come together in peace and companionship. The wolf and lamb would lie down together. The lion and kid would be friends with the weak offering hospitality to the strong. The cow and the bear would be neighbours and the calf and the lion cub would browse together.

The use of animals as metaphors, invites us to think about our relationships. These images point to a wonderful reconciliation that the coming of Christ brings. The way forward for nations and peoples will not be through power, but through playfulness, or a creativity that allows all to participate as equals. Advent is a call to the inner child in us to recapture the spontaneity, the trust and truthfulness that are the gifts of the Child Jesus. May we find new life and energy this Christmas and may the peace of God which surpasses all understanding be in our hearts and minds.

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Mass Intentions for Sunday, 14th December 2025

Rosbercon: Sunday 14th December at 11:00 am

Dick Hennessy, Hoodsgrrove

Michael, Eileen and Catherine Cashin, Shanbough

Stephen Murphy, Ballina, Co Mayo

Peggy and Wally Walsh, Hoodsgrrove

Patrick Scarrf, Garren Beg Lodge, Rosbercon

Collection of Parish Funds 23rd & 30th November 2025

Offertory Collection € 797.50

Weekly Envelopes € 1,260.50

Parish Debt on 4th December 2025 € 10,353.60

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.

December is the month of the Birth of Our Saviour; it is the month of mid-winter, the month of the shortest day of the year. It is the last month of the calendar and the month of gift giving. During the month of December, we pray to come close to Jesus in our lives and in our prayer.

To make you Smile: Regarding the three wise men who came to Bethlehem: 'What if there had been three wise women instead of three wise men?' They would have asked for directions; been on time; helped deliver the baby; brought practical gifts; cleaned the stable; made a casserole'.

Letter to the 'Independent', December 1999

Reflections: Christ Comes

In the beginning was the word...

He who comes, comes to us now.,

In the silence, in the darkness

In the confusion, In the loneliness

As Word and as Light

as Truth and as Love

Emmanuel, the name that means,

God-with-us

Now...

Love

"Love is like the wild rose briar,

Friendship, like the holly tree.

The holly is dark when the rose briar blooms,

But which will bloom most constantly."

Emily Bronte

Wisdom

"A gracious word may smooth the way; a joyous word may light the day; a timely word may lessen stress; a lovely word may heal and bless"

Humour

A woman wearing a fur coat was accosted on the street on the street by an animal rights protester. 'What wretched animal had to die to let you wear that?' The woman replied 'My mother-in-law'.

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

♦ 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.

♦ 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.

♦ 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.

♦ 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

♦ CAMPILE HALL CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

The annual Christmas Craft Fair will be held in Campile Hall on Sunday December 14th from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. With a great selection of crafts from all over Wexford, this is the perfect opportunity to get some unique and locally made Christmas presents.

♦ NEW ROSS SINGERS

Our Christmas Celebration concert takes place on Thursday 11th December at 7.30 pm in St Mary's Church, New Ross. Voluntary Retiring Collection for New Ross Meals on Wheels. All are welcome.

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