

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 11th January 2026

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BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

Today we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus. Jesus was baptised by John the Baptist in the waters of the Jordan. He did so in order that he might free us from the power of sin and give us a new way of living.

Theme of the Weekend Readings

We celebrate Jesus' baptism and our own baptism.

First Reading

The life of Jesus is foretold by the Prophet Isaiah.

Second Reading

St. Peter speaks of the blessings that come through Jesus.

Gospel—Jesus is baptised.

Weekend Masses

Sunday 18th January 9:30 am Mass in Mullinarrigle
11:00 am Mass in Rosbercon

Weekday Masses

Rosbercon

Wednesday 14th January No Mass

Friday 16th January No Mass

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** on Wednesday morning, 14th January 2026.

Recent Deaths

Seamus Cody, Robert Street, New Ross and late of Ballycurran

Anniversaries

Jackie Johns (néé Long), Ballyknock—Months Mind

Mary Grennan, Ballycurran

Paddy Hennessy, Hoodsgrrove

Seán Barron, Glenbarra

Jerry Moore, Tinnakilly

John Murphy, Bridge Quay, New Ross

Peter Doyle, School House Road, Rosbercon

Biddy Doyle, School House Road, Rosbercon

Larry and Marty Long, Ballyreddy

Pat and John Long, Ballyreddy

Margaret and Martin Long, Ballyreddy

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.

A Message from Fr. Dan – One hundred and seventy years ago the world was plagued by the cholera epidemic. In his poem **In Memoriam**, Alfred Lord Tennyson wrote “Ring out old shapes of foul disease”. Could he ever have guessed that his words would ring true again with the Covid Pandemic! The human spirit is strong and now again, we look to see the light of hope and the promise of better times ahead as we embrace 2026.

Extract from In Memoriam

Ring out, wild bells, by Alfred Lord Tennyson written in 1846

Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky, the flying cloud, the frosty light:

The year is dying in the night; Ring out, wild bells, and let it die.

Ring out the old, ring in the new, Ring, happy bells, across the snow:

The year is going, let it go; Ring out the false, ring in the true.

Ring out old shapes of foul disease; Ring in the nobler modes of life;

Ring out the thousand wars of old, Ring in the thousand years of peace.

Ring in the love of truth and right, Ring in the common love of good.

Ring out the darkness of the land, Ring in the Christ that is to be.

From the Ennis Parish Newsletter, Adapted

A Prayer for the New Year: Month of January, month of frost, month of wind and rain, month of darkness! O Lord, be with us this January. We do not know what is in store for us during this year but we can be certain God will be with us. Lord Jesus, your birth bound heaven and earth in harmony and peace. Establish that peace among nations and peoples of today. Lord, we ask you to overcome the walls of hatred between nations; clear the way for those who work for peace, move the hearts of those who govern. We place this year under the protection of God.

Amen

Prayer for the Feast of the Baptism of Christ

God our Creator, we thank you for the wonder of new life and for the mystery of human love. We give thanks for all whose support and skill surround and sustain the early years of life. As Jesus knew love and discipline within a human family, may the children of our parish grow up in faith and wisdom. As Mary knew the joys and pains of motherhood, give all parents your sustaining grace and love. We ask this through Jesus Christ Our Lord, Amen.

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Mass Intentions for Sunday 18th January, 2026

Rosbercon: Sunday 18th January at 11:00 am

Marian Rogers (néé Hendrick) Flower Hill—Months Mind

Michael Lawlor, Berkely, New Ross and Ballyknock

Andy and Ellen Lawlor, Ballyknock

Tom Lawlor, Ballyknock

Catherine (Kit) Nugent, Southknock

Ellen Nugent, New Ross

Ben and Ellen Nugent, New Ross

Collection of Parish Funds 21st December 2025

Offertory Collection € 1,057.00

Weekly Envelopes € 333.00

Parish Debt on 24th December 2025 € 8,853.60

Collection of Parish Funds 24th/25th & 28th December 2025

Offertory Collection € 3,266.90

Weekly Envelopes € 1,573.10

Parish Debt on 31st December 2025 € 8,853.60

Christmas Offerings

Once again, many thanks to parishioners for your generosity to the Christmas Collection. Outstanding envelopes may be handed in at Mass or to the Parochial House. May the New Year which stretches out before us be especially blessed for you.

The Annual **Giving Tree** is in Rosbercon Church again this year. Through the tree, gifts are brought to the elderly patients of the two local hospitals in New Ross. Many thanks, to all who have returned gifts. Remaining gifts need to be returned at this time so as not to delay distribution to the hospitals.

Reflection

The Fiddler of Dooney by W. B. Yeats

When we come at the end of time

To Peter sitting in state

He will smile on the three old spirits

But call me first, through the gate.

For the good are always merry

Saved by an evil chance

And the merry love to fiddle

And the merry love to dance

And when the folk there spy me

They will all come up to me

With here is the Fiddler of Dooney

And dance like a wave of the sea.

Wisdom: Good manners and soft words have brought many a difficult thing to pass.

Wisdom: 'Life can only be understood backwards. But it must be lived forwards!'

Soren Kierkegaard (1813-1855)

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

Humour: The teacher was telling the Bible story of Sodom and Gomorrah to her class, explaining that when Lot's wife looked back, she turned into a pillar of salt. Suddenly little Johnny interrupted saying 'My mommy looked back once while she was driving and she turned into a telephone pole.'

♦ A WORD OF WARNING

Should you receive a letter of phone message purporting to have come from either the Revenue or your Bank or from any other source under no circumstances respond to it without prior clarification. Consult your accountant in the event of a Revenue letter or call to your local Bank branch in respect of any financial matter for clarification. In the past year a number of parishioners have fallen foul of such scams, so be vigilant in all matters financial, take absolutely no chances. Given that most people now only receive bank statements quarterly this by then in the event of a scam your money is most likely well and truly gone and is not possible the Bank to recover however; you can quite easily take measures to help protect yourself by registering for Online Banking which enables you to view your current bank statement online on a daily basis or more often thus facilitating quick discovery of any questionable transactions. All you have to do is call personally to your local Bank Branch who will set you up on either your laptop or smart phone. Scammers now target elderly people in particular who by nature tend to be trusting and all too often quite easily fall victim of such very convincing contacts with promises of tax refunds and other financial benefits. Take precautions now.

♦ ST. MOLING'S CHAPTER—ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

St. Moling's Chapter—St. Vincent De Paul Rosbercon/Tullogher wish to express our appreciation to all parishioners who contributed generously to your annual Christmas collection without which we could not continue our parish charitable work. As usual we received a most generous contribution of both food and vouchers from the pupils of the Holy Faith Convent. Whilst it may not be obvious there are cases of genuine poverty within our parish, and parishioner on becoming aware of such genuine need please contact us on our special help line 087-7140112 and we will respond to the best of our financial ability. Every last cent we receive goes exclusively to the assistance of our Parish. Committee Members: Richard McElwee, Catherine Cottrell, Mary B Conway, Seamus Waters, Bríd Vereker, Margaret Saunders.

♦ TULLOGHER GLENMORE PLOUGHING ASSOCIATION

The Tullogher Glenmore Ploughing Association will be holding their 22nd Annual Ploughing Match on Saturday 24th January at 11:00 am sharp by the kind permission of Catherine Fleming, Eircode X91 RC43. All the usual classes will be in place with great prizes associated. Entries will be accepted before 8:00 pm on Wednesday 21st January 2026 to Edward Forristal 087-9240019 or to Philly Hartley 087-2506337. Spectators are most welcome on the day

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