

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 18th January 2026

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SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. We bring our failings to the Lord asking for his forgiveness and healing.

Theme of the Weekend Readings—Jesus is our Saviour.

First Reading—God's Chosen One will bring salvation.

Second Reading

Paul reminds Christians of their call to holiness.

Gospel—John the Baptist introduces Jesus.

Weekend Masses

Sunday 25th January 9:30 am Mass in Mullinarrigle
11:00 am Mass in Rosbercon

Weekday Masses

Rosbercon

Wednesday 21st January No Mass

Friday 23rd 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, 21st January 2026.

Anniversaries

Marian Rogers (née Hendrick), Flower Hill—Months Mind
Billy and Stasia Malone, Cooleen, Tullogher
Seamus, Siobhán, Dick, Eily and Paddy Barron, Darbystown
Michael Lawlor, Berkeley, New Ross
Andy and Ellen Lawlor, Ballyknock
Tom Lawlor, Ballyknock
Catherine (Kit) Nugent, Southknock, New Ross
Ellen Nugent, New Ross
Ben and Ellen Nugent, New Ross
Richard Nugent, New Ross
Peter, Mary and Thomas Quinlan, Mullinakill
Paddy Curran, Hoodsgrove
Mickey O'Sullivan, Raheen

God's Call

God's call is mysterious; It comes in the darkness of faith. It is so fine, so subtle, that it is only with the deepest silence within us that we can hear it. And yet nothing is surer or stronger, nothing is so decisive and overpowering as that call. This call is uninterrupted. God is always calling us.

A Message from Fr. Dan – The Sound of Silence

Many people are attracted to silence and solitude. They find the peace and quiet of nature very much to their liking. Some people are attracted to the sea shore to gaze on the vast ocean. Others find their way to the great outdoors. Others again take up hill walking or mountain climbing. All these activities put us in touch with solitude. The ancient Chinese sage Confucius once said 'it is good to listen to solitude'. The poet W. H. Davies wrote in 1911, 'What is this life if full of care, we have no time to stand and stare. A poor life, this, if full of care, we have no time to stand and stare'.

Many people find God in silence and solitude. Nelson Mandela found God in the quietness of his prison cell. Finding God helped him to endure twenty-seven years of isolation on Robin Island in South Africa. The ancient Irish monks and mystics retreated to quiet and remote places to study, reflect and pray. It was in the solitude that they heard the voice of God calling them. Christ himself, when he wished to pray and commune with his Father, sought a lonely place where he could be alone and undisturbed.

Many people go on pilgrimage to experience the presence of God. They leave their home and work for a short time to travel to places like Lourdes, Knock, Fatima, or Medjugorje. We see on television how Muslims go on pilgrimage to Mecca. Pilgrims agree that going on pilgrimage brings not just relaxation and healing but an encounter with God and with their own spirits. It is important for all of us to escape occasionally from the hassle of the world. Psychologists tell us, that the quiet hours of sleep are so necessary for our well-being and they recommend daily periods of quiet and rest. It is important to take time out in all walks of life 'to stop and stare'. How we decide to do it is up to us.

From the Ennis Parish Newsletter (Adapted)

Prayer for Migrants and Refugees

For over a hundred years the third Sunday of January is devoted to the plight of Migrants and Refugees worldwide. Many are suffering because of war and persecution. Let us welcome those who seek refuge in Ireland. A trait associated with Celts according to tradition was always to welcome the stranger. We can recite this Prayer for our strangers: **Lord, be present with migrants and all those who are dispossessed. Be present to those who cannot be with their own people. Be present to those who long to see even one friendly face. Be among those who yearn for a warm greeting. Help us to reach out to your people to create a just world for all. Amen.**

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Mass Intentions for Sunday 25th January, 2026

Mullinarrigle: Sunday 25th January at 9:30 am

Pat Ryan, Guilcough—Months Mind

John Maddock, Rahora, Tullogher

Pat Ryan, Guilcough Beag, Kilbrahan

Baby Oisín McLoughlin, Smithstown

Mary, Margaret and James Long, Ballywairy, Glenmore

Rosbercon: Sunday 25th January at 11:00 am

Tim Breen, Tinnakilly

Bob Quinn, Millbanks

Rita Power, Brooklawn and Shanbogh

George Phelan, The Rower and Garra-behy

Agnes Hayes, Fethard-On-Sea

Collection of Parish Funds 4th & 11th January 2026

Offertory Collection € 1,500.20

Weekly Envelopes € 2,251.00

Parish Debt on 14th January 2026 € 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.

Reflection

The Good by Brendan Kennelly

"The good are vulnerable

As any bird in flight.

They do not think of safety,
Are blind to possible extinction
And when most vulnerable
Are most themselves.

The good incline to praise,
They have the knack of seeing that
the good is not destroyed
although forever threatened.

The good go naked in all weathers,
and by their nakedness rebuke
the small protective sanities
that hides them from themselves.

Always they retain a kind of youth.

The vulnerable have the grace of any bird in flight,
Content to be itself,
Accepting what the earth or sky intends.
I think I know one or two among my friends".

Humour: Attending a wedding Mass for the first time, a little girl whispered to her mother, 'Why is the bride dressed in white?' 'Because white is the colour of happiness, and today is the happiest day of her life' replied the mother. The child thought about this for a while, then said, 'So why is the groom wearing black?'

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

♦ SOUTH KILKENNY HISTORICAL SOCIETY LECTURE

A Kilkenny Man Looks Back

Speaker: Liam Burke

Date: Thursday, 29th January 2026

Time: 8:00 pm

Venue: Mullinavat Parish Hall (opposite St. Beacon's church)
Liam will look back at some social and sporting events.

♦ ST. JOSEPH'S ATHLETIC CLUB

The Club would like to thank everyone who took part in the St. Stephens Day Fun Run and Walk, over 200 people took part. Donations on the day will go to further development of the club. The Club donated € 100.00 to St. Vincent De Paul, Rosbercon and € 100.00 to St. Vincent De Paul, Glenmore.

♦ MUSICI IRELAND

Musici Ireland featuring three fine Irish based musicians - violinist Ioana Petcu-Colan, flautist Vourneen Ryan and violist Beth McNinch - present a vibrant programme of chamber music in the Parade Tower, Kilkenny Castle on **Sunday 25th January, 4:00 pm**. To learn more or book a place. www.musickilkenny.org

♦ 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.

♦ 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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