

# ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 1st February 2026

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## Fourth Sunday of the Year

**Theme of the Weekend Readings:** In the Beatitudes we see the values that a Christian could live by. While they present a great challenge, they also offer great rewards.

**First Reading:** People who put their trust in God find that God takes care of them.

**Second Reading:** The poor and the lowly are blessed because they are more open to God.

**Gospel:** In the Beatitudes, Jesus gives us the values that we could live by.

### Weekend Masses:

Saturday 7th February: 7.00pm Mass in Tullogher  
Sunday 8th February: 9.30am Mass in Mullinarrigle  
11.00am Mass in Rosbercon

### Weekday Masses:

Rosbercon:  
Wednesday 4th February: 10am Mass  
Friday 6th February: 10am Mass  
All Masses from Rosbercon Church will be streamed live through our webcam on [www.rosberconparish.ie](http://www.rosberconparish.ie)

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** takes place in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel every Wednesday morning from 10.30am to 12pm. All are welcome to attend.

### Anniversaries

Richard and Anastasia Ryan, Ballycurran  
Bridget Fitzpatrick, Knockmoylan  
Irene Lynch, Tinneranny  
Patsy Brambley, Bosheen Road, New Ross  
Johanna Murphy, Treenare

**Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Ossory:** Bishop Ger Nash has been appointed Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Ossory, effective immediately following Bishop Niall Coll's installation as Bishop of Raphoe last Sunday 25th January. This new role is in addition to his current position as Bishop of Ferns. We hold Bishop-Ger in our prayers. May his ministry in our diocese be blessed and fruitful in the months ahead.

We welcome into our Parish Community **Patrick Ryan**, son of Paraic and Tara, Tinneranny, Rosbercon, who was baptised in the Church of the Assumption, Rosbercon, on Saturday 24th January 2026.

**St. Brigid's Day** is celebrated on Sunday 1st February. On the feast of St Brigid, we ask God's blessings for the year ahead. Saint Brigid is the Secondary Patron Saint of Ireland after Saint Patrick.

**The Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord, Candlemas Day** will be celebrated on Monday 2nd February. Candles will be blessed during Mass on Sunday morning 1st February.

**The Feast of St. Blaise** is celebrated on Tuesday 3rd February. Fr. Dan will bless throats on Wednesday morning and also after the weekend Masses next Saturday/Sunday 7th/8th February.

### A Message from Fr Dan - Spring-Time – Lá Féile Bríde:

"We sing a song to Brigid, Brigid brings the Spring,  
Awakens all the fields and flowers, and calls the birds to sing".

We celebrate Saint Brigid's Day on Sunday, 1st February, traditionally, the first day of Springtime. We have noticed the lengthening evenings and the increase of light in recent mornings. The old people used to say you can see the "cock's step" in the increase of daylight after the 6th of January. So, praise God for this beautiful time of the year, when Mother Nature begins to wake up and signs of new life begin to emerge all around. The birds will soon be busy building new nests and the snowdrops and the daffodils are beginning to peep out of the earth. It is a time of new beginning, hope and new life.

Praise God too for Saint Brigid, one of the great ladies of our faith story. Her life and her care enabled people to blossom and develop.

"All were welcome at her door, no one was turned away.

She loved the poor, the sick, the sore and helped them on their way.

She laid her cloak out on the Ground and watched it grow and grow.

In wells and streams and fields of green Saint Brigid's blessings flow"

From the Ennis Parish Newsletter – Adapted.

Poem "We sing a song to Brigid" is by Clare Maloney

**Saint Blaise:** Blaise was a physician before becoming a bishop in Armenia. He is reputed to have miraculously saved a young boy from choking from a fishbone in his throat. We pray to Saint Blaise especially on his feast day, 3rd February. He is known for his power to protect us from ailments of the throat.

**Prayer to Saint Blaise:** 'Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr, may Our Lord deliver you from all ailments of the throat and from every other evil, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, Amen

**Prayer to Saint Brigid:** Brigid, Mary of the Gael, let your mantle pass over me and keep me under its protective covering until I am with you in Heaven. Amen

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## Mass Intentions for Saturday 7th/Sunday 8th February, 2026

**Tullagher:** Saturday 7th of February at 7:00pm  
Michael Rigby, Ballyconnaught  
Hanora, Margaret and James Rigby  
James and Mary Cummins, Cooleen  
Paddy and Breda Cummins, Cooleen  
James Phelan, Tullagher  
Biddy Doolan, Curraghmore and Waterford  
**Listerlin:** Sunday 8th of February at 9:30am  
Seamus Cody, Ballycurran (**Months Mind**)  
Mai Hartley, Barbstown

### Reflection: Saint Brigid

You were a woman of peace.  
You brought harmony where there was conflict.  
You brought light to the darkness.  
You brought hope to the downcast.  
May the mantle of your peace  
Cover those who are troubled and anxious  
And may peace be firmly rooted in our hearts  
And in our world  
Inspire us to act justly and to reverence all God has made  
Brigid, you were a voice for the wounded and the weary.  
Strengthen what is weak within us.  
Calm us into a quietness that heals and listens.  
May we grow each day into greater wholeness  
Of body, mind and spirit.

### Collection of Parish Funds 18th & 25th January 2026:

Offertory Collection: €1,085.70  
Weekly Envelopes: €1,569.30  
Parish Debt on 28th January 2026: €8,853.60

### St. Joseph's Athletic Club Split The Pot

The winners of the St. Joseph's Split The Pot are as follows  
4th Dec €130 Martin Mahony  
18th Dec €154 Seamus Murphy  
Bonus Prize John O' Connor  
8th Jan €156 Pat Murphy  
22nd Jan €148 Pauline Merrigan  
Tickets can be purchased at Paddy Ryan's bar, Listerlin shop, The  
Glen Bar Glenmore and online [Tinyurl.com/stac-Split The Pot](http://Tinyurl.com/stac-Split The Pot).

### Reflection: Postscript to Christmas

When the song of the angels is stilled.  
when the star in the sky is gone,  
when the kings and princes are home  
when the shepherds are back with their flocks  
the work of Christmas begins:  
to find the lost, to heal the broken,  
to feed the hungry,  
to release the prisoner,  
to rebuild the nations,  
to bring peace among the people,  
to make music in the heart.

Howard Thurman

## St. Moling's Chapter—ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

We wish to inform Parishioners our Financial Year ending 31st December 2025 was from a charitable perspective a very successful year thanks to you Parishioners and to Local Clubs. Contributions throughout the past year amounted to € 4,275.00 which enabled us to contribute the following charitable assistance to the parish needy; timber and coal € 1,370.00, Lidl € 20.00 Food Vouchers € 1,530.00, clothing and other sundry assistance € 829.00 apart from € 1,700.00 in electricity vouchers which we received free from Head Office. Special Thanks to Our Lady of Lourdes Convent for the generous food donation which was distributed amongst 12 needy Parish families. Your financial support enables us to continue our work throughout the coming year. Once again thank you most kindly. Committee; Richard McElwee, Catherine Cottrell, Mary B. Conway, Seamus Waters, Bríd Vereker and Margaret Saunders. Help Line No—087-7140112.

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

### Humour: Walking with Grandma.

I like to walk with grandma. Her steps are small like mine  
She doesn't say 'now hurry up', she always takes her time.  
I like to walk with Grandma, her eyes see things like mine do.  
Wee pebbles bright, a funny cloud, half hidden drops of dew.  
Most people have to hurry; they do not stop to see.  
I'm glad that God made Grandma, unrushed and young like me.

### Tullagher Rosbercon GAA Draw

#### December Winners

1st Prize of €250  
Paddy Ryan, Listerlin  
2nd Prize of €100  
John Hartley, Brabstown  
3rd Prize of €100  
John Kennedy, Glenpipe

#### January Winners

1st Prize of €250  
Deirdre Lyng, Hoods Grove  
2nd Prize of €100  
Stephanie Grennan, Ballycurran  
3rd Prize of €100  
Fr Liam Barron, Mullinavat  
Next Draw: February 2026  
8:00 pm on Tuesday, 24th February 2026

### New Ross Active Retirement

The New Ross Active Retirement will hold their AGM meeting on Friday the 6th February at 11am in the Youth Centre Nunnery Lane.

### Employment Opportunity:

Family looking for someone to help care for an elderly lady in her own home, Tullagher area. Contact 087-2703589 , if interested for more details.

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