

# ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 15th February 2026

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## Sixth Sunday of the Year

Jesus says 'If you are bringing your offering to the altar and remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there before the altar, go and be reconciled with your brother first, and then come back and present your offering.'

**Theme of the Weekend Readings:** Jesus asks us to look into our hearts to discover why we do the things we do.

**First Reading:** God has given us the freedom to do good or evil.

**Second Reading: True wisdom comes from God.**

**Gospel:** Jesus proposes new standards of goodness for his followers.

## Weekend Masses:

**Sunday 22nd February:** 9.30am Mass in Mullinarrigle  
11.00am Mass in Rosbercon

## Weekday Masses:

### Rosbercon:

Ash Wednesday 18th February 10am Mass

Friday 20th February: 10am Mass

**Listerlin:** Ash Wednesday 12 Noon

All Masses from Rosbercon Church will be streamed live through our webcam on [www.rosberconparish.ie](http://www.rosberconparish.ie)

## Recent Deaths:

Peggy Foran, (née Rowe), Pondsfields, New Ross

## Months Mind:

Minnie Alyward, 42 Assumption Terrace, Rosbercon

## Anniversaries

Patrick and Margaret Forristal, Shanbough

Anne Forristal, Shanbough Lower

Maeve Wilson, Ardross, New Ross

Tony Murphy, Tinneranny

Teresa Hendrick, Flower Hill

**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.

**The Holy Season of Lent** begins on Wednesday 18th February (Ash Wednesday). Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence. There is a tradition in the parish of parishioners attending daily Mass during Lent. We will have daily Mass every Wednesday and Friday during Lent at 10.00am.

**Lenten Station and Easter Offering Envelopes** together with Trocaire Boxes will be distributed to the homes of the Parish next week. The usual distributors are asked to oblige.

**Diocese of Ossory Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2026:** Our Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place again this May. Package details are for 5 nights, departing May 25th, fares from €995pps. Anyone wishing to travel, bookings for our Pilgrimage, can be now made directly with Joe Walsh Tours Tel: 01-2410800 Email: [info@joewalshstours.ie](mailto:info@joewalshstours.ie)

**Totus Tuus 2026 Fatima Pilgrimage:** The Totus Tuus Annual Pilgrimage to Fatima will take place from 28th August to 4th September. Learn about the Fatima Message, the Rosary, the First Saturdays, the lives of the three visionaries, and visit the tomb and home of Blessed Alexandrina Da Costa, who lived solely on the Eucharist for 13 years. The cost of the trip is €915 which includes, flights, half board accommodation, airport transfers, day trip to Balasar, trip to Valinhos and Adjustrel, trip to the Irish Dominican Sisters' Convent. There are places available to fly from Cork Airport, and also from Dublin Airport. Limited places are available. For more information call Damien on 087-20 49 048

## A Valentine Prayer

I said a Valentine Prayer for you  
And asked the Lord above  
To fill your heart and bless your soul  
With the precious gift of love.

I asked Him for sincere love  
The kind that's meant to stay  
Just like the generous love  
You give to those you touch each day.

I prayed for love from family  
And from every cherished friend.  
Then I asked the Lord to give you  
His life that knows no end.

The feast of Saint Valentine is celebrated on Saturday 14th February

**Wisdom:** The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched – they must be felt with the heart.  
Helen Keller

**To Make you smile:** "I like long walks, especially when they are taken by people who annoy me".  
Noel Coward

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## Mass Intentions for Sunday 22th February

### Listerlin at 9:30am

Cathy and Denis Power, Darbystown and deceased members of the Power and Tobin family

William Long, Ballyveria, Glenmore

### Rosbercon at 11:00am

Micheal O'Neill, Tinneranny

Joe Doran, Assumption Terrace, Rosbercon

We welcome into our Christian Community Éabha Catherine Cotterell, daughter of Anthony and Jessica, Ballykenna, who was baptised in the Church of St. David, Mullinarrigle, on Saturday 7th February 2026.

### Collection of Parish Funds 1st & 8th February 2026:

**Offertory Collection:** €1,058.70

**Weekly Envelopes:** €1,956.30

**Parish Debt on 11th February 2026:** €8,853.60

### Reflection: Signposts on the footpath to peace:

To be glad of life, because it gives you a chance to love, to work, to play and to look up at the stars.

To despise nothing in the world except what is false and mean.

To fear nothing except what is cowardly.

To be guided by what you admire and love,

Rather than by what you hate.

To envy nothing that is your neighbour's

except his kindness of heart and gentleness of manner.

To think seldom of your enemies, often of your friends,

And every day to keep Christ company for a little time:

And to spend as much time as you can, in God's outdoors.

These are little signposts on the footpath to peace.

**Change:** The past cannot be changed, but the future can be.

No disagreement should spoil a loving relationship.

It is just a matter of learning how to build our bridges.

### South Kilkenny Historical Society lecture

**Fianna Fáil:** its foundation and early years

**Speaker:** Éamon Ó Cuív

**Date:** Thursday, 19th February 2026

**Time:** 8pm

**Venue:** Mullinavat Parish Hall (opposite St. Beacon's church)

### Life:

I'm here for a short visit only

And I'd rather be loved than hated.

Eternity may be lonely.

When my body is disintegrated

And that which is loosely termed my soul

Goes whizzing off through the infinite

By means of some vague remote control,

I'd like to think I was missed a bit.

Noel Coward

### A Faithful Friend

Let those who are at peace with you be many,  
but let your advisers be one in a thousand.

When you gain a friend, gain him through testing,  
and do not trust him hastily.

For there is a friend who is such at his own convenience,  
but will not stand by you in your day of trouble.

And there is a friend, who changes into an enemy,  
and will disclose a quarrel to your disgrace.

And there is a friend, who is a table companion,  
but will not stand by you in your day of trouble.

In your prosperity he will make himself your equal,

and be bold in your presence;

But if you are brought low, he will turn against you,  
and will hide himself from you.

A faithful friend is a sturdy shelter;

He that has found one has found a treasure.

There is nothing as precious as a faithful friend,  
and no scales can measure his excellence.

Old Testament Book of Wisdom

**Pilgrimage:** To be on the move slowly: To be seeking for treasures that do not rust: To be comfortable with your heart's questions. To be moving towards the holy ground of God's presence with empty hands and an open heart. Consider Peig Sayer's reminiscences about her return journey to the Great Blasket Island, after a pilgrimage to a blessed well outside Tralee.

"It was a lovely night, the air was clean, full of brilliant stars and the moon shining on the sea. I could hear too the murmuring of the sea running in and out through the cleft of the stones and the music of the oars cleaving the sea across to Ventry."

**Tullagher Camogie Club** are holding a family bingo fundraiser in the Parish Hall, Albatross, Rosbercon on Friday 20th February. Doors open at 6.30pm with bingo starting at 7pm sharp. Single books cost €8 each or €10 for a double. They are available to purchase from Listerlin Fuel and Grocery Store or from committee members. There will be eleven games in total and it is envisaged that most, if not all games will have prize money of €100. There will also be a raffle for spot prizes and a tuck shop. All ages are welcome and no previous experience is necessary. Looking forward to a great night for all concerned.

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

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