

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 1st March 2026

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Second Sunday of Lent

On Mount Tabor Peter, James and John got a glimpse of the glory that was hidden in Jesus. Through faith we too glimpse the glory of the risen Jesus who lives on in the Church and in each of us. Let us reflect for a moment on this.

Theme of the Weekend Readings: We praise the Lord of Glory who leads us through the Season of Lent to the light of Easter.

First Reading: God makes a promise to Abraham.

Second Reading: God saves us and calls us to be holy.

Gospel: Jesus is transfigured

Weekend Masses:

Sunday 1st March: 9.30am Mass in Mullinarrigle
11.00am Mass in Rosbercon

Weekday Masses:

Rosbercon:

Wednesday of 4th March: 11.00am

Friday of 6th March: 10am Mass

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

Anniversaries

Ann Murphy, Darbystown and all deceased members of the Murphy and O'Neill families

Thomas and Catherine Tobin, Ballyfoyle

Bridget O'Neill, Tinneranny

Joan Tobin, Tinneranny

Michael O'Neill, Ballyknock

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.

Lenten Reconciliation Services: Fr Dan will hear Confessions for Lent after the weekend Masses beginning on 8th of March 2026.

Lenten Station Envelopes together with Trocaire Boxes have been distributed to the homes of the Parish. Please return Lenten Station Envelopes at your convenience. The Trocaire Boxes should be returned to the Church on Holy Thursday.

Saint Teresa of Avila who suffered a lot of sickness once said, 'I never realized how well I was until I gave up thinking how ill I was'

A Message from Fr Dan: The Priest in the Parish: This summer will mark my 21st anniversary as the priest in Rosbercon Parish. Being in the parish for twenty-one years is a gift. Now, when I celebrate a funeral Mass, I know the person whose funeral I am celebrating. I know the grieving family, and who is related to the deceased. This pastoral knowledge is a true gift for me, the fruit of nothing but time.

People also speak more freely. It's the result of building up relationships over the years. Working with parishioners is a gift from God, all the more so when the priest has had the chance to get to know the people.

So, one wonders what the future holds for the parishes of Ireland. Every diocese has its own way of coping with the reducing number of priests. Some places cluster parishes; others create pastoral areas or families of parishes. The end result is the same: fewer priests serving people whom they do not know personally. The opinion offered by the Independent TD Michael Healy-Rea contains more than a grain of truth: once a parish loses its resident priest, as his local parish of Kilgarvan did, the Church loses its "hold" on the parish. A vital link is broken.

And the priest suffers too. He needs to be part of a community: being part of several communities is not the same thing. We ask if lay people could do much of the work that priests do, when priests are no longer available? Could lay people be formed and trained to run parishes? The number of priests is declining. We have prayed for vocations and have not received a positive answer: so maybe God has other plans for his parishes?

Some dioceses provide an opportunity for priests from other countries to work here. This can lead to complications. Foreign dioceses need their own priests. Also, there are cultural differences between countries that are sometimes hard to resolve. Some priests succeed, while for others the result is frustration.

Irish Catholic priests provide a unique service to those parishes in which they serve; they get to know their people and the people get to know them. In the future, when those close relationships are no longer available, will other relationships take their place? Surely God has more surprises for us!

From the Irish Catholic –Adapted.

Wisdom: Love and Kindness are never wasted. They always make a difference. They bless the one who receives them, and they bless you, the giver.

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Mass Intentions for Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th of March, 2026

Tullagher: Saturday 7th of March at 7.00pm
Maura Young, Cooleen and Rosbercon and her family Jim, Mary, Richard and Paul Young
Mary and William Doolan, Tullagher
Mullinarrigle: Sunday 8th of March at 9:30am
Joe Mackey, Mullinakill
Rosbercon: Sunday 8th of March at 11:00am
Michael and Philip Wall, Rosbercon and Baby Jack Kelly, Galway

Collection of Parish Funds 15th & 22nd February 2026:

Offertory Collection: € 873.00

Weekly Envelopes: €1,269.80

Parish Debt on 25th February 2026: €8,853.60

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

Trócaire works for a just and peaceful world where:

- People's dignity is ensured and rights are respected
- Where basic needs are met and resources are shared equitably
- Where people have control over their own lives.
- Where those in power act for the common good
- Trócaire supports people regardless of culture, gender or religion.

Trócaire boxes have been delivered to the homes of the parish. Once again, we ask you to be generous to the needs of the poorest of the poor. Your support is very much appreciated.

Questions during Lent - Three Monday nights: During Lent, we invite you to reflect on some questions that touch on our faith.

The Adult Faith Development Group in the Diocese has invited expert speakers to help us reflect on these questions. Please join us for these three short evenings of conversations:

Reflecting on the search for a Synodal Church - led By Fr Declan Hurley, Chair of the National Synodal Team, St Kieran's College Monday 2nd March at 7pm

Rising to the Challenge: Confronting Poverty and Injustice in Our Time - led by Sean Farrell CEO of Trocaire, St Kieran's College Monday 9th March, 7pm

Guns and Policing - Enforcement or Fear - led by Prof Tobias Winright, former police officer in USA, St Kieran's College Monday 16th March 7pm

To mark the Lenten Season:

Spend time with this weekend's Gospel.

Be with Jesus in the desert

Ask him for the grace to listen and

Spend time with him in prayer during Lent.

Ask for the grace you need most.

Reflection

The View from the Hilltop

Jesus went up into the hills to pray.
The hills were special to Jesus.
He preached his most famous sermon from a hilltop.
He was transfigured on Mount Tabor,
And he died on Mount Calvary,
He ascended to heaven from the Mount of Olives.
He loved hills and mountains. Why was this?
Was it because he grew up among the hills of Galilee?
Or was it because heights enlarge our vision
And cause our spirit to soar?
Lift us up, Lord, that we may see further.
Strengthen our faith that we may see beyond the horizon.
And when the valley closes us in
Help us to remember the view from the hilltop.

The New Ross Active Retirement will have their general meeting on Friday the 6th March at the Youth Centre Nunnery Lane at 11am all welcome

Michael English and guest artist Louise Morrissey will be appearing in concert in Campile Hall on Sunday March 29th 8pm for tickets phone 087 2183300 and also available on Eventbrite

Tullagher Rosbercon Development Draw 2025 – 2028

Winners of February 2026 Draw

(held on 24th February 2026)

1st Prize of €250

Michael & Mary Barron, Brownsford

Promoter: John Barron

2nd Prize of €100

Pat Lalor, Garrenbehy

Promoter: Morgan Lalor

3rd Prize of €100

John Murphy, Treenaree

Promoter: Eamonn Phelan

4th – 7th Prize of €50

4 Phil Murphy, Ballyreddy

Promoter: Luke Grennan

5 Moling & Hazel Cotterell

Promoter: John Barron

6 Tony O'Connor, Millbanks

Promoter: Luke Grennan

7 Eddie O'Sullivan, Ballyfoyle

Promoter: John Murphy (BF)

Next Draw: 8:00 pm on Tuesday, 24th March 2026

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

To Make You Smile: 'Bagpipes sound exactly the same when you have finished learning'.

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