

# ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 8th February 2026

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## Fifth Sunday of the Year

**Theme of the Weekend Readings:** Christians have a duty to spread the light of their faith.

**First Reading:** Let your light shine.

**Second Reading:** Paul preaches a crucified Christ.

**Gospel:** Christians are the salt of the earth and the light of the world

### Weekend Masses

Sunday 8th February 9:30 am Mass in Mullinarrigle  
11:00 am Mass in Rosbercon

### Weekday Masses

#### Rosbercon

Wednesday 11th February: 10am Mass

Friday 13th 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

Michael Rigby, Ballyconnaught

Hanora, Margret and James Rigby

James and Mary Cummins, Cooleen

Paddy and Breda Cummins, Cooleen

James Phelan, Tullogher

Biddy Doolan, Curraghmore and Waterford

Maura and Jimmy O'Sullivan, Glenballyvalley

Seamus Cody, Ballycurran

Mai Hartley, Brabstown

Denis Walsh, Ballyconnaught

James Gaule, Listerin

Paschal Dooley, Hoodsgrove

Margaret Long, Guilcough

Kay Delahunty, Marsh Lane, New Ross

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

### Dates for your Diary:

**Wednesday 25th February 2026:** Sacrament of Confirmation in Rosbercon

**Saturday 25th April 2026:** Sacrament of Confirmation in Listerlin

**Saturday 2nd May 2026:** First Eucharist in Rosbercon

**Saturday 16th May 2026:** First Eucharist in Listerlin.

**A Message from Fr Dan: Beauty:** Outside a Metro Station in Washington, DC, on a cold January morning in 2007, a man with a violin played six Bach pieces for about 45 minutes. The man playing the Bach pieces was Joshua Bell, playing incognito as part of a social experiment about perception, taste and people's priorities, organized by the Washington Post

During the 45 minutes that Joshua Bell was playing approximately 2,000 people went through the station. In all only 6 people stopped to listen. The first was a middle-aged man but he stopped for only a few seconds. Next a young man leaned against the wall to listen but then looked at his watch and started to walk again. A number of small children stopped to look at the violinist but in each case the parent tugged them along hurriedly. Joshua Bell played continuously for 45 minutes. Six people stopped and listened for a short while. About 20 people gave money but continued to walk at their normal pace. The collection came to \$32.

After an hour Joshua Bell finished playing and silence took over. No one noticed and no one applauded. What no one knew was that Joshua Bell is recognized as one of the greatest musicians in the world. Outside the Metro he played one of the most intricate pieces of music ever written on a Stradivarius violin worth \$3.5 million dollars. Two days before he played to a sold-out theatre in Boston where the seats averaged \$100 each. He played the same pieces in the theatre in Boston as he played outside the Metro Station.

This experiment raised several questions: In a common-place environment, at an inappropriate hour, do we perceive beauty? If so, do we stop to appreciate it? One possible conclusion reached from this experiment could be this: If we do not have a moment to stop and listen to one of the best musicians in the world, playing some of the finest music ever written, on one of the most beautiful instruments ever made, how many other things are we missing as we rush through life?

(From the Ennis Parish Newsletter – Adapted)

**Wisdom:** Nearly all happiness comes into our lives through doors we don't even remember leaving open.

### The Strength of Love:

There is a comfort in the strength of love;

It will make a thing endurable, which else

Would overset the brain or break the heart.

William Wordsworth

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## Mass Intentions for Sunday 15th February, 2026

### Rosbercon at 11am:

Minnie Aylward, 42 Assumption Terrace (Months Mind)  
Patrick and Margaret Forristal, Shanbough  
Anne Forristal, Shanbough Lower  
Maeve Wilson, Ardross, New Ross  
Tony Murphy, Tinneranny

### “Anois teacht on Earraig”

The great Gaelic Poet, Anthony Raftery wrote in his poem Cill Aodain;

‘Now that spring has come, days will get longer,  
And after Brigid’s Day I will raise my sails’.

We have entered the month of February, St Brigid’s month,  
the beginning of Spring, month of lambs, calves and foals;

Month of three kinds of weather: wind, rain and snow.

We experience new life and light as nature  
awakens in Spring. The days are getting longer  
and the snowdrops and daffodils will soon be plentiful.

We pray, ‘God of nature, Lord of light, you have  
Given us a world to respect and preserve.

We ask God’s blessing on our fragile earth and on  
the people who live upon the earth, through the  
gentleness of your son Jesus Christ. Amen.

**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

**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.

### **St Mary’s Cathedral, Kilkenny Restoration Fund 2025/2026:**

The January draw for St Mary’s Cathedral Restoration Fund took place Wednesday 28th January in the Chapter Room at St Mary’s Cathedral. Please check the Church Noticeboards for the full results of the draw.

### **Reflection: 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 with your servants;  
But if you are brought low he will turn against you,  
and will hide himself from your presence.

A faithful friend is a sturdy shelter;  
He that has found one has found a treasure.  
There is nothing so precious as a faithful friend,  
and no scales can measure his excellence.  
Old Testament Book of Wisdom

### **St. Joseph’s Athletic Club**

St. Joseph's Athletic Club held their AGM last week and the following officers were elected:

President's: Bob Saunders and Pat Power

Chairperson: Rocky Mernagh

Vice Chairperson: Michael Power

Secretary: Helen Vereker

Assistant Secretary: Siobhan Mullally

P.R.O: Maggie Helen O' Connor

Treasurer: Tony Noonan

Registrar: Eamonn Breen

Child Welfare Officer: Cora Larkin

Women in Sport Officer: Maggie Helen O'Connor

Development Officer: Trevor Conroy

Club gear Officer: Ann Watkins and Colm O' Leary

Senior Men's Trainers: J.P. Vereker, Jack Duggan, Colin Barry and Peter Barry

Senior Ladies Trainer: Maria Griffin

**Humour:** At the pearly gates, St. Peter greeted a priest and a politician and assigned them their rooms. “Father, here are the keys to one of our nicest rooms. And for you TD, the keys to our finest penthouse suite.” “This is unfair,” cried the priest. “Listen,” St. Peter said, “Priests are a dime a dozen up here, but this is the first politician we have ever seen.”

### **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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