

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 15th March 2026

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Fourth Sunday of Lent

There is an amount of darkness in our country and in the world. But the Gospel of today's Mass contains the wonderful words of Christ: 'I am the light of the world.' Christ is indeed the light of the world and the light of his love brightens our lives.

Theme of the Weekend Readings: This weekend we celebrate Mother's Day while in the Gospel Jesus offers sight to the man born blind.

First Reading: Samuel chooses David to be King of Israel.

Second Reading: God's people live in the light.

Gospel: The cure of the man born blind.

Weekend Masses:

Sunday 15th March: 9.30am Mass in Mullinarrigle
11.00am Mass in Rosbercon

Weekday Masses:

Rosbercon:

Tuesday 17th March St. Patrick's Day: 11am Mass

Wednesday 18th March: 10am Mass

Friday 20th March: 10am Mass

Mullinarrigle:

Tuesday 17th March St. St. Patrick's Day: 9.30am Mass

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

Recent Death

Ann O'Sullivan, Millbanks Grove, Rosbercon

Anniversaries

Jo and Michael Ryan, Glentiroe

Elizabeth Hennessy, Tinneranny

This weekend we celebrate **Mother's Day**. We wish all mothers a joyful and wonderful day.

Wisdom: Mother's hold their children's hands for a while but their hearts forever.

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

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.

A Message from Fr Dan: A Blessing for Mother's Day: God of love, listen to our prayer for Mothers' Day. We celebrate all mothers and grandmothers on this day.

We remember the great mothers of salvation history: Sarah, mother of Isaac; Rebecca, mother of Jacob; Ruth, mother of King David; Elizabeth, mother of John the Baptist, and especially Mary, Mother of Jesus whom we call Christ.

Bless all mothers with strength of spirit, and with love and laughter in the company of family and friends. Grant them happiness and joy at home. Help us to remember how our mothers helped us to stand and walk; to speak, to sing, and to pray.

Bless the mothers who have gone before us into eternity May they enjoy the vision of God in heaven. We ask that this blessing and all graces may descend upon mothers and grandmothers: in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

From the Ennis Parish Newsletter – Adapted.

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

Our Lady of Lourdes Secondary School: We are excited to launch our **OLOL Fundraiser Lotto** on Thursday 19th March. Each week, there will be a jackpot prize and if it is not won, there will still be a guaranteed €20 weekly winner. For the first four draws, there will be spot prizes kindly donated by local businesses. Your support would be greatly appreciated. You can sign up using the following link: <https://www.ourfundraiser.ie/org/olol>

Lenten Reconciliation Services: Fr Dan will hear Confessions for Lent after the weekend Mass in Rosbercon. Confessions will be heard in Listerlin on Sunday the 22nd of March.

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.

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Mass Intentions for Sunday, 22nd March 2026:

Mullinarrigle: Sunday 22nd March at 9.30 am
Ray Shannon, Glenpipe

Rosbercon: Sunday 22nd March at 11.00 am
Michael Kavanagh, Mount Garrett, New Ross
Tom and Josie Cashin, Tinnakilly, Rosbercon
Jim Brindley, Ballybeg and Tramore
Johnny, Cissie and Noel Furlong, Brownstown, New Ross
Nora Breen, Tinnakilly
Bridget and William Gaule, Anfield Lane, Rosbercon
Derek and John Joe Lewis, Assumption Terrace and deceased members of the Lewis family
Ned and Mary O Neill, Ballyknock and deceased members of the O Neill family

Collection of Parish Funds 1st March 2026:

Offertory Collection: € 919.70
Weekly Envelopes: €1,122.10
Parish Debt on 10th March 2026: €8,853.60

Reflection: For Mother:

Mother,
Your voice learned to soothe
Your new child
Your voice was the first sound
I heard before even I could see

Mother,
Your young eyes gazed on me.
Your eyes were the first mirror
Where I glimpsed
My image in your face

Mother,
Your nearness filled the air,
You eased and calmed
The longing that stirred in my infant heart

Mother,
You nurtured and fostered me
With a love and care
That could come from nowhere else

Mother,
I was formed from the depths beneath your heart,
You know me inside out
No deeds or no seas, nothing
Could ever erase your love for me.

Humour: In school, little Johnny was asked about saying prayers at home. The teacher asked, "do you say prayers before eating?". "No Miss", said Johnny, "I don't have to, my mum's a good cook!"

New Ross St. Patrick's Day Parade will start at the later time of 2.30pm on Tuesday 17th March. All floats must be in the Irishtown, Corcorans pub area for 1.30pm and all walking group must be at the Good Council College for 1.15pm. Looking forward to seeing you all there

Just a thought for St. Patrick's Day: As we reflect upon the prayer of Saint Patrick on this St. Patrick's Day, we see that these very powerful, yet beautiful uplifting words, represent a total transformation of the self with complete trust and faith in the Divine, God our Creator. This prayer is known widely as "Morning Prayer," "St. Patrick's Breastplate," or "The Loric." It's not known whether St. Patrick is actually the author or whether someone else wrote it years later and it was attributed to St. Patrick. But it is widely associated with him and his ministry. See prayer below...

Communion Reflection: St. Patrick's Breastplate

I bind unto myself today
The Power of God to hold and lead;
His eye to watch, His might to stay
His ear to harken to my need;
The wisdom of my God to teach,
His hand to guide, His shield to ward;
The word of God to give me speech,
His heavenly host to be my guard!

Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me,
Christ to quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger

World Title Boxing In Ballyneale

Back in the 1950s and 60s Ballyneale was the hub of summer evening entertainment for the locals who gathered there in numbers, the men in one area and the ladies gathered separately nearby strictly no communications of any kind permitted. An old local resident recalled the games of marbles, pitching the horseshoe and in particular the boxing matches between the men of the local townlands i.e. Tullogher V Ballyneale that took place. A local army man whilst on leave used bring home two sets of boxing gloves to facilitate this much anticipated annual event. The contest consisted of two boxers against two whereby standing side by side their inner arms were tied together by a belt of piece of rope, and they each had a glove fitted to their outside hands, one on the left side and the other on the right a glove apiece. The referee less battle began on the sound of the whistle, the Queensbury rules were quickly set-aside and the flaking commenced with gusto. This old man recalled the onlookers forming a large ring and in the midst of great excitement as the contest progress it wasn't unusual to see a few of them overcome with excitement getting involved contributing a few extra shots to the participants. Whilst the Ballyneale men were regarded as good participants the Ballyfoylers were regarded as useless.

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