

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 29th March 2026

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Passion Palm Sunday

This week all over the world Christians will be celebrating the great wonder of Christ's love for us. 'Greater love than this has no man than he who lays down his life for his friends'. This is the week Christ lived out the truth of these words. Jesus put into practise the message he preached all his life.

Theme of the Weekend Readings: This weekend focuses on the Passion of Our Lord.

First Reading: God's servant remains faithful in the face of opposition.

Second Reading: Jesus humbled Himself but God raised Him high.

Gospel: Matthew's telling of the story of Jesus' passion begins with a betrayal and ends with the sealing of a tomb.

Holy Week Programme 2026

Rosbercon Church:

Wednesday of Holy Week: Mass 10.00 a.m.

Holy Thursday: 7.00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper.

Good Friday: 3.00 p.m. Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday: 8.00 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass.

Easter Sunday: 11.00 a.m.

Mullinarrigle Church:

Easter Sunday: 9.30 a.m. Mass of the Resurrection

Tullogh Church:

Good Friday: 8.00 p.m. Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday: 6.00 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass

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

Anniversaries

Margaret Long, Listerlin

Katie Murphy, Ballyfoyle and also remember her late husband Tom and all deceased members of the Murphy and Doherty families

Joe Lawlor, Schoolhouse Road

Moses Murphy, Assumption Terrace, Rosbercon

Bobby and Bridie Richardson, Assumption Terrace and deceased members of the Richardson and Carthy families

This weekend **Palms will be blessed** in the Churches of the parish before the weekend Masses.

Good Friday is a day of Fast and Abstinence.

A Message from Fr Dan: Holy Week 2026: The celebration of Holy Week, the most sacred time in the Church's year, begins on Palm Sunday with the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. Jesus enters Jerusalem as its king. He is greeted with shouts of acclamation. However, Jesus entering Jerusalem as king leads to confrontation between Jesus and Jerusalem's present rulers. The result is that Jesus will be arrested, humiliated and crucified.

We remember that the people involved in the suffering and death of Jesus were people like us. The suffering of Jesus is mirrored across the world today where people are being persecuted, tortured and killed most obviously in the Middle East and in Ukraine at this time. Nearer home when we hurt others, ignore their needs or discount their feelings, in our small way, we contribute to that suffering. There is suffering and pain in our lives too: sickness, loneliness, pain and feeling that we don't count.

Holy Week is an opportunity for us to change our lives as we celebrate the death and resurrection of Christ. We, along with our fellow human beings, are limited in so many ways. We all have our failures, our shortcomings and what was called 'sin' in the old terminology. We damage our lives, make a mess of nature and conduct our affairs without reference to God.

On the Cross Jesus took the sins of the world upon himself. He absorbed all the suffering of the world and transformed it into the wonder and beauty of the Resurrection. In this way he showed how perfect his love for us was. His death on the cross gives us new life. We pray to experience that life and to try to imitate Christ's love and his trust. The saving mysteries that took place during Holy Week two thousand years ago, 'for us and for our salvation', convince us of Jesus' love for us. We respond to that love by continuing to persevere in faith and hope.

Lenten Reconciliation Services: Fr Dan will continue to hear Confessions for Lent after the weekend Masses this weekend Sunday 29th March 2026.

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 Lent and Easter Offering Envelopes, are due to be returned on Easter Sunday.

Please note that the **Trocaire Boxes or Envelopes** should be returned to the Church on the week after Easter. We ask that you continue to be generous to the poor of the world.

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Mass Intentions for Saturday / Sunday, 4th / 5th April 2026:**Tullogher:** Saturday 4th April at 6.00pm**Mullinarrigle:** Sunday 5th April at 9.30 am**Rosbercon:** Sunday 5th April at 11.00 a.m.

Katty Vereker, Assumption Terrace

Nickey Murphy, Millbanks Grove

Kitty, Jack, Jim and Tommy Cassin, Rosbercon

Martin Nolan, Shanbogh, Rosbercon

Nick O'Brien, Rosbercon

Collection of Parish Funds 8th , 15th , 17th & 22nd March 2026:**Offertory Collection:** €1,791.10**Weekly Envelopes:** €1,776.30**Parish Debt on 25th March 2026:** €7,353.60

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

We welcome into our Christian Community **Maisie Cáit Duggan**, daughter of Seán and Clair, Oakridge, Ferrybank, who was baptised in the Church of the Assumption, Rosbercon, on Saturday 21st March 2026.

Reflection:**Seeds of Consolation**

What can I say to you, my friend

In your hour of grief?

Just a word from my heart.

In the midst of your sorrow seeds are being sown-

Seeds of consolation, hope, acceptance and even gratitude.

The winter will pass,

And spring will again visit the garden of your heart.

You will see those seeds grow, blossom and bear fruit.

Then your sorrow will turn to joy,

A joy no one will be able to take from you.

Celebrating the Radical Easter Message of Liberation for Women:

This Conference will take place on the 25th April 2026 from 10.00a.m. to 4.30p.m in the Pembroke Hotel, Patrick Street, Kilkenny. The speaker on the day is Dr. Gráinne Doherty. Cost: €20 pay on the door (includes tea/coffee). Booking essential: Contact Sara or Catherina @ 056 7722870 9.00am – 4.30pm Monday to Friday or email regionaloffice@ssjg.ie before 17th April 2026.

Our Lady of Lourdes Secondary School:

We are excited to have launched our OLOL Fundraiser Lotto since 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 are 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>

Wisdom: Two roads diverged in a wood, and I – I took the one less travelled by, and that has made all the difference. (Robert Frost)

Reflection:

The quality of mercy is not strain'd;

It is dropped as the gentle rain from heaven upon the place beneath.

It is twice blessed;

It blesseth him that gives and him that takes.

'Tis mightiest in the mighty;

It becomes the throned monarch better than his crown.

It is enshrined in the hearts of kings.

It is an attitude of God himself.

And earthly power doth then show likest God's when mercy seasons justice.

Therefore, though justice be thy plea, consider this- that in the course of justice none of us shall see salvation.

We do pray for mercy,

and the same prayer doth teach us all

to render the deeds of mercy (William Shakespear)

St. Joseph's Athletic Club Split The Pot

Winners

5th February Billy Gorey €142

21st February Alan Barry €131

5th March Joan Sinnott €160

19th March € Siobhan Mullally €165

Glenmore/Tullogher/Rosbercon Community Games Art and Handwriting Competitions

Children aged 6-15 living in the Glenmore, Tullogher or Rosbercon areas are invited to partake in this years Community Games County Competition for Art and Handwriting — winners will go on to represent Kilkenny at the National Finals. Register before Friday 17th April 2026 using this link—<https://forms.gle/8DKwAk7auLouDhuW6>

Event Details:

Date: Saturday, 18th April 2026

Venue: Rosbercon Parish Hall, Rosbercon, New Ross, Co. Kilkenny (Y34TK33)

Entry Fee: €5 per participant / capped at €10 per family (cash only)

Arrival: 3:00 PM (sign-in and settle)

Competition times:

Handwriting: 3:30 PM – 4:30 PM (Results: 5:00 PM)

Art: 3:30 PM – 5.30 PM (Results: 6 PM)

*Participants may not enter both competitions

The Presence of God - Patrick Kavanagh, The Great Hunger

"Yet sometimes when the sun comes through a gap,

These men see God the Father in a tree.

The Holy Spirit is the rising sap,

And Christ will be the green leaves that will come

At Easter from the sealed and guarded tomb".

The New Ross Active Retirement will have their general meeting on Friday the 3rd April at 11 am at the Youth Centre Nunnery Lane All welcome

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