

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 8th March 2026

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Third Sunday of Lent

In today's Gospel we read about the moving encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman. Jesus meets the woman at a well and asks her for a drink. He then offers her the gift of living water which is the gift of salvation. At Mass, we are offered the same gift.

Theme of the Weekend Readings: The power of God to give life.

First Reading: God gives His people water in the desert.

Second Reading: The death of Jesus proves God loves us.

Gospel: The story of the woman at the well.

Weekend Masses:

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

Weekday Masses:

Wednesday 11th March: No Mass

Friday 13th March: No Mass

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

Please note there will be no **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** next Wednesday morning 11th March 2026.

Anniversaries

Maura Young, Cooleen and Rosbercon and her family Jim, Mary, Richard and Paul Young

Mary and William Doolan, Tullogher

Joe Mackey, Mullinakil

Michael and Philip Wall, Rosbercon and Baby Jack Kelly, Galway

Phil Walsh, Glenballyvalley

Lenten Reconciliation Services: Fr Dan will hear Confessions for Lent after the weekend Masses beginning this weekend in Rosbercon and Tullogher. 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.

St Mary's Cathedral, Kilkenny Restoration Fund 2025/2026:

The February draw for St Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund took place Wednesday 25th February in the Chapter Room at St Mary's Cathedral. Please check the Church Noticeboards for the full results of the draw.

A Message from Fr Dan: 'Love One Another': How do we know if we are true followers of Jesus? The real test is, do we love and care for one another? Love is the mark of the follower of Jesus. Love reaches out to others in understanding and compassion, in care and affirmation, in listening and service. The love that is in my heart influences how I treat people every day.

For those who follow Jesus, love is our natural environment. How we care for one another and for our community will decide the quality of our prayer and worship. Those who love God will want to pray and prayer in turn will help us to be loving. When we think of those close to us, we want all to be well for them and we want them to have peace in their hearts and lives. We want them to have the best possible life they can.

A way of growing in love is to be grateful for what we already have. There are so many people who give to us in so many ways every day. People we work with, people we meet socially, people we play games with and people who serve the community all give to us. A short prayer at night to thank God for them is a lovely idea.

The world that we live in is full of very good and very loving people. But there is coldness and evil in our world also. People are constantly being hurt, abused and used. Part of loving is to care for people who are hurting and bring them healing. This is best achieved in ordinary ways by a helping hand. Also love has the power to transform even the most self-centred and cold heart. Jesus spoke lovingly to many and changed their lives. We can do the same. As Pope Francis said in a talk in January 2014, 'The one who loves, gives to God and to others'

From the Ennis Parish Newsletter – Adapted.

Prayer for the Churches of our Parish: Lord, bless the churches of our parish; Rosbercon, Listerlin – Mullinarrigle and Tullogher. Grant that their doors may always be open. May they be places of care for the suffering and for the bereaved and places of mercy for the faltering step. May our churches mirror God's love for his people and the timeless compassion of Mary, God's mother, help of the half defeated. May our Churches be places that understand that: 'We must love and care for one another or perish'.

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@joewalstours.ie

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Mass Intentions for Sunday 15th of March, 2026

Rosbercon: Sunday 15th of March at 11:00am

Jo and Michael Ryan, Glentiroe

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

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

Questions during Lent - The Adult Faith Development Group in the Diocese **Monday nights** has invited expert speakers to discuss the following issues: 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. All are welcome.

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>

Tullaghan Camogie Club would like to sincerely thank all those who helped to ensure our recent bingo night was a huge success. Mile buíochas to all who bought and sold tickets and contributed sponsorship money and raffle prizes. Thanks too to Listerlin Fuel and Grocery Store for kindly agreeing to sell tickets and to Bob Saunders and Paddy Gaule for all assistance on the night. A final word of gratitude to all committee members who worked so hard on the night and behind the scenes.

We would respectfully request support for all our sponsors: Breen's Hardware, Car Dent Repair, Dermot Kehoe Supply & DIY, Eddie O Sullivan, Gala Rosbercon, HLR Motors, JCE Tyres, Joyce's Home Centre, LCB Engineering, Lyng International, Mannion's Pub, Maura O Neill, Max Power, NPFs, Pat Caulfield Plumbing, Saunderson's Sound Hire, Sinnott's Centra Irishtown, Trudie's Kitchen, Tullaghan-Rosbercon LGFA and Wall Steel.

Wisdom: Although the world is full of suffering, it is also full of the overcoming of it.

-Helen Keller

Humour: While creating husbands God promised women that good and ideal husbands would be found in all corners of the world. Then he made the earth round!!

How Did Millbanks Get It's Name: The present-day townland of Millbanks was until the year 1654 formally known as Brinersland and Whiteswall the exact boundaries of which are no longer known. Following the Cromwellian conquest the lands surrounding upper Rosbercon village and Raheen consisting of 143 acres were in 1654 confiscated and ownership transferred to a Cromwellian settler named Mary Millbanks who was of UK origin. The Millbanks family retained ownership until c1739. Surviving historical records dated 1575 relate to the existence of a mill situated in Raheen served by a hand dug millrace the ownership of which changed hands many times over the years up to 1854 when it was taken over by the Bank of Ireland. The then new owners Thomas Boyd of Chilcomb Estate purchased the property in 1862 and converted the old mill to a distillery which appears to have survived until 1888 and thereafter fell into ruin the last traces of which were demolished with the construction of Albatros. The remains of this old millrace which led from Glencloghlee over land to the millpond of this old mill are still visible today though dried up since the construction commenced. This mill/distillery had its own riverside quay and small docking site, the remains of which are still visible and lie beneath the N25 and Greenway. Prior to construction there was a most beautifully raised laurel lined walkway along by the millrace stream to the sizeable nearby millpond sadly long since gone.

Community Connect - Drive & Drop Event: Community Connect is a registered charity that helps pregnant mothers, parents with new babies and young children, who are in need. They provide baby equipment, clothing and essential items for families in need. On Saturday 7th March, their volunteers will be at the below locations to collect your donations of new baby essentials for families in need.

Kilkenny Presbyterian Church, 16 New Road, Kilkenny from 11 am till 1 pm

Methodist Church, Athy road, Carlow from 10 am till 12 pm

Polly's Cafe, Abbeyleix Manor Hotel, Laois from 12 pm till 2 pm

Reflection: I am the Great Sun: from a Normandy Crucifix of 1652

I am the great sun, but you do not see me,

I am your husband, but you turn away.

I am the captive, but you do not free me,

I am the captain but you will not obey.

I am the truth, but you will not believe me,

I am the city where you will not stay.

I am your wife, your child, but you will leave me,

I am that God to whom you will not pray.

I am your counsel, but you will not hear me,

I am your lover whom you will betray.

I am the victor but you will not cheer me

I am the holy dove whom you will slay.

I am your life, but if you will not name me,

Seal up your soul with tears, and never blame me.

-Charles Causley

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