

# ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 12th April 2026

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## Second Sunday of Easter

In today's Gospel we meet Doubting Thomas. Each of us has something in common with Doubting Thomas, because at times we too are troubled by doubts. Our faith reassures us that Jesus lives in us as Lord of life. Each weekend we gather to pray in a spirit of thanksgiving.

**Theme of the Weekend Readings:** Today's readings are filled with the good news of the Resurrection.

**First Reading:** We learn here how the early Christians lived

**Second Reading:** Saint Peter sets out the reason for our hope.

**Gospel:** Thomas comes to believe in Jesus' resurrection

### Weekend Masses:

Sunday 19th April: 9.30am Mass in Mullinarrigle  
11.00am Mass in Rosbercon

### Weekday Masses:

#### Rosbercon:

Wednesday 15th April: 10am Mass

Friday 17th April: 10am Mass

### Anniversaries

Bartley Conway, Ballyknock

Mary Fitzgerald, Ballyknock, Rosbercon

Noreen Tubritt, Raheen

Theresa (Cissie) Nolan, Rosbercon Hill

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.

**The Lent and Easter Offering Envelopes** are due to be returned on Easter Sunday. We thank you for your continued support.

**Trocaire Boxes and Envelopes:** We hope to send your Trocaire contributions to the Diocesan Office in early May. If you have a Trocaire box in your house, we respectfully suggest that you might be so kind as to bring it to the church or to the Parochial House. Your generosity to the poorest of the poor is very much appreciated

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

**A Message from Fr Dan: Divine Mercy Sunday: '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.

Love is the atmosphere we live in as followers of Jesus. 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'

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**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 e-mail [regionaloffice@ssjg.ie](mailto:regionaloffice@ssjg.ie) before **17th April 2026.**

**The New Ross Singers** will present **Rossini's Petite Messe Solennelle** in the Church of the Assumption Rosbercon on Sunday 26th April at 7.30pm. Tickets €20 will be available from choir members or at the door on the night.

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**Mass Intentions for Sunday, 19th April 2026:**

**Mullinarrigle:** Sunday 19th April at 9.30 am

Ann Ryan, Listerlin

**Rosbercon:** Sunday 19th April at 11.00 a.m.

William Roche, Bawnjames, Rosbercon

Lourde Roche, Ballybeg

**Collection of Parish Funds 29th March & 4th /5th April 2026:**

**Offertory Collection:** €1,566.75

**Weekly Envelopes:** €1,770.60

**Parish Debt on 10th April 2026:** €7,353.60

**This Beautiful Place:** Summer is on the way and bright days are ahead. But our world is in danger not only from violence and climate change but because of the loss of many species. We are learning to cherish and appreciate our world. We need to preserve our green spaces, control our use of chemicals and keep our hedgerows litter free. We welcome the spring and celebrate the sun shining down, bringing the seed to life in the clay, and the plants growing. Nature provides everything we need, food to eat, healthy air, and all the wonder of the great outdoors. Lord, help us to appreciate our own place.

**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'.

**Our Lady of Lourdes Lotto Fundraiser:** We had no jackpot winner (€400) this week and the €20 weekly winner was **Kath Flanagan**. Our spot prize winners this week were: Mairead Sinnott - 3 month Leisure Club membership at the 4-star Brandon House Hotel and Spa and Tim O'Donoghue - €25 voucher for Dunnes Stores (sponsored by Jones Business Systems). Next week the jackpot is set at €450. Thank you everyone for your support. You can sign up to our fundraiser on the following link: <https://www.ourfundraiser.ie/org/olol>

**Our Lady of Lourdes Secondary School** are holding a Clothing Drive. Bags may be dropped at reception from Tuesday 14th to Tuesday 28th April. Clean clothes, paired shoes and socks, belts, jewellery and soft toys all accepted. No pillows, cushions, duvets, sheets, towels, slippers or flip-flops accepted.

**Woodstock to South East Greenway Link** The next public consultation on Route Corridor Options will take place on 13th April 2026 from 2pm to 7pm in Cois Abhann Community Centre in Inistioge.

**To make you Smile:** God grant me the serenity to forget those I never liked anyway, the good fortune to remember those I did and the eyesight to tell the difference.

Terry Wogan

**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

**South Kilkenny Historical Society lecture**

'Memories and Memorabilia: Telling GAA Stories through Objects'

Speaker: Dr Siobhán Doyle

Date: Friday, 24th April 2026

Time: 8pm

Venue: Mullinavat Parish Hall (opposite St. Beacon's church)

**Wisdom:** The comeback is always stronger than the setback.

**Reflection: Cease doubting and believe**

While Jesus was alive Thomas was as strong as an oak.  
But when Jesus was put to death,  
he became a reed shaking in the winds of doubt.  
The truth was, though he didn't realise it at the time,  
that it was the Master who was the oak.  
When the oak fell, he was defenceless.  
All of us are shaken by the winds of doubt.  
We need to look at the Lord's wounds,  
and hear his gentle voice saying to us:  
'Cease doubting and believe.'  
Then with Thomas we shall make bold to say:  
'My Lord and my God.'

**Pedal Power**

A 6-Week Women's Cycling Skills programme for beginners.  
Build your confidence in a supportive and social environment  
Female only sessions  
Building cycling confidence  
Practical bike handling skills including bike maintenance  
Road safety confidence, knowledge and strategies  
South East Greenway Carpark Rosbercon  
Wed, 15 Apr • 06:30 PM  
Tickets €25 @ [www.eventbrite.ie](http://www.eventbrite.ie)  
No experience? No problem! Our friendly instructor will guide you every step of the way! Bike provided if required.  
Email [nicola.collins@wexfordcoco.ie](mailto:nicola.collins@wexfordcoco.ie) for any queries

**Humour:** Life is one foolish thing after another, whereas love is two foolish things after each other.

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