

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 26th April 2026

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

This Sunday is known as Good Shepherd Sunday. Christ is our Good Shepherd. Let us pause and reflect on his unending love for us and how he wants us to love one another.

Theme of the Weekend Readings: We receive care from Christ, the Good Shepherd.

First Reading: St. Peter tells his followers that Christ is the one who brings salvation.

Second Reading: Christ gained salvation through his life, death and Resurrection the guardian of our souls.

Gospel: Jesus presents himself as the shepherd of God's people.

Weekend Masses:

Saturday 2nd May: 7.00pm Mass in Tullogher
Sunday 3rd May: 9.30am Mass in Mullinarrigle
11.00am Mass in Rosbercon

Weekday Masses:

Rosbercon:

Wednesday 29th April: 10am Mass
Friday 1st May: 10am Mass

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

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

Anniversaries

Brendan Connick, Glenmore

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.

Sincere thanks to all who contributed so generously to the **Lenten and Easter Offering**. Outstanding envelopes may be handed in at the weekend Masses or to the Parish Office.

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.

A Message from Fr Dan: Priests: This Sunday we are celebrating Vocation Sunday, a day of prayer for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. The gospel reminds us that Jesus saw himself as the 'Good Shepherd'. The Good Shepherd is a very powerful image of the personal love and care that Jesus has for each person. Faith is central to the friendship between the Good Shepherd, and the members of His flock. It was Jesus who said, "The harvest is great but the laborers are few. Pray that the Lord of the harvest will send laborers into His harvest"

There are certain men whom God has chosen and who have chosen God and they are priests. We need the love and service of our priests. We need priests to teach us the good news of our salvation; Priests are needed to teach us God's message. Priests make a contribution to our family life and help us to find meaning in our lives. We need priests to celebrate Mass and to give us the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Priests help us to value the Mass and to be in communion with God and with each other.

Priests bear witness to what is unique in the world, the love of God and Jesus Christ for each one of us. The faith of priests, their concern and care give us an inkling of God's love and care. Lord, help us to have an intelligent appreciation and a sincere respect for all priests, specially the priests whose job it is to care for the people of our diocese. Help us always to appreciate them and to pray for them.

Graveyard

Please help keep the Parish cemeteries clean and tidy by taking home any withered flowers and wreaths instead of leaving them at the cemetery entrances. Remembering our beloved dead is important, and so too is caring for these sacred spaces. All old flowers, wreaths, and other waste should be taken home for proper disposal, as there is no collection service available in the cemeteries.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Tullogher/Rosbercon Vintage Club

The club will hold their Vintage Show on Sunday 26th April at Rosbercon Parish Centre at 12 noon.

"Celebrating the Steam Engine".

Dog show, Fun Fair, Underage Hurling and Camogie, Numerous other events. A great family day out.

The New Ross Singers will present **Rossini's Petite Messe Solennelle** in the Church of the Assumption Rosbercon this 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 Saturday/Sunday, 2nd /3rd May 2026:

Mullinarrigle: Sunday 3rd May at 9.30 am

Tom Kennedy, Ballykenna

Joe Murphy, Brownsford

Rosbercon: Sunday 3rd May at 11.00 a.m.

Peggy (Margaret) O’Gorman, Knockavilla, New Ross

Matt and Anne Flynn, School House Road, Rosbercon

Collection of Parish Funds 12th & 19th April 2026:

Offertory Collection: € 746.00

Weekly Envelopes: €1,000.00

Parish Debt on 23rd April 2026: €7,353.60

Blessed Edmund Ignatius Rice: On Tuesday the 5th May 2026, we will celebrate the feast of Blessed Edmund Rice. Edmund was born in Callan, Co Kilkenny on the 1st June, 1762. His people were farmers and he had seven brothers and two step sisters. As a young man, Edmund was apprenticed to his uncle who had a business in Waterford. Edmund was shocked by the poverty he saw in the city and did what he could to help those who were suffering. After the death of his wife at a young age, Edmund sold his business and devoted the rest of his life to helping the poor through education. He opened his first school in Waterford in 1802 and went on to found both the Christian Brothers and the Presentation Brothers. The contribution of these brothers to education in Ireland and across the world is immense and continues today. We give thanks for the presence of the brothers, who through their prayer, care of the poor and promotion of education give such wonderful witness to the power of the Risen Christ.

Our Lady of Lourdes Lotto Fundraiser: We had no jackpot winner (€500) this week and The €20 weekly winner was Tracy Beckley. Next week the jackpot is set at €550. We will have two spot prizes: €50 voucher for the Rhu Glenn Hotel, Slieverue, Co. Kilkenny and a Family pass (2 adults & 2 children) for the Dunbrody Famine Ship Experience, New Ross. Thank you everyone for your support. You can sign up to our fundraiser via 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.

NEW ROSS DRAMA WORKSHOP presents 'Juno and the Peacock' at St. Michael's Theatre, New Ross from Thursday the 30th April to Saturday the 2nd of May, nightly at 7.30 pm. Admission 15 euro. Theatre 051421255

Inistioge will once again host a '**Darkness into Light**' event on Saturday May 9th 2026. Each year the walk provides an opportunity for people to connect with their local community and to bring hope to people who have been impacted by suicide. The route takes walkers on a tranquil journey from Inistioge village, over the bridge and along the river Nore. Register at darknessintolight.ie or on the night

The Diocese of Ossory requires a Nurse to provide an advocacy and support service to Priests in the Diocese of Ossory. The Diocese comprises of 42 parishes in Counties, Kilkenny, Laois and Offaly. The post will be part-time, flexible and initially for a three-year period.

The ideal candidate must be:

- A registered General Nurse (ideally with Community experience).
- Self-motivated and have the ability to co-ordinate care planning in a community-based environment.
- Possess excellent communication skills.
- Competency in time management.
- Full clean driving licence and own transport are essential.

Please email your application to admin@ossory.ie or by post to The Diocesan Secretary, Diocesan Office, James’s St, Kilkenny, R95 NH60. Closing date for applications is Friday, 29th May 2026.

Pray for my soul

Pray for my soul.

More things are wrought by prayer

Than this world dreams of.

Wherefore let thy force

Rise like a fountain for me night and day.

For how are men better than sheep or goats

That nourish a blind life within the brain,

If knowing God, they lift not their hands in prayer

Both for themselves and those who call them friend?

For so the whole round earth is every way

Bound by gold chains about the feet of God.

Alfred Lord Tennyson

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)

Kilkenny Community Games

Children aged 6-15 living in the Glenmore, Tullogher or Rosbercon areas are invited to partake in this years Community Games County Competition Athletics events — winners will go on to represent Kilkenny at the National Finals.

When: Sunday 24th May 2026 | please arrive at 1.30pm - races start at 2.00pm sharp

Where: Watershed Kilkenny R95HFH1

Entry Fee: (Cash Only)

€5 per participant

€5 per adult spectator

€15 per family

Wisdom: Though we live in a world that dreams of ending

That always seems about to give in

Something that will not acknowledge conclusion

Insists that we forever begin.

Brendan Kennelly

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