

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 5th April 2026

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Easter Sunday

This is a day for celebration. This is the day that Christ, our brother, broke the chains of death and rose in triumph from the grave. He did this, not just for himself, but for all of us. He wants us to share in his great victory over sin and death. Let us pause to reflect on this.

Theme of the Weekend Readings: On Easter morning we celebrate the core of our faith. Jesus who died is now raised.

First Reading: Saint Peter tells the story of the resurrection of Jesus and its consequences.

Second Reading: Saint Paul tells us that we, too, share the glory of Christ.

Gospel: Saint John's description of the resurrection of Jesus.

Weekend Masses:

Sunday 12th April: 9.30am Mass in Mullinarrigle
11.00am Mass in Rosbercon

Weekday Masses:

Rosbercon:

Wednesday 8th April: 10am Mass
Friday 10th April: 10am Mass

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

Months Mind

Anne O'Sullivan, Millbanks Grove

Anniversaries

John Barron, Brownsford

Eugene Wallace, Listerlin

Nora Dwyer, Listerlin

Katty Vereker, Assumption Terrace

Nickey Murphy, Millbanks Grove

Kitty, Jack, Jim and Tommy Cashin, Rosbercon

Martin Nolan, Shanbogh, Rosbercon

Nick O'Brien, Rosbercon

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.

Easter reminds us that even after the longest nights, light and hope always return.

A Message from Fr Dan: Easter 2026: In the Easter Season, the Readings at the weekend Masses focus on the Mission of the followers of Jesus. At first, they had failed to grasp the meaning of Jesus' life, death and resurrection. Once the truth dawned on them, they felt duty bound to share their faith with others. When they find their courage, the Apostles proclaimed fearlessly that the Risen Jesus is Lord of the World.

For some their message was very welcome. For the Jewish authorities, however, their message was going too far, to such an extent that the Apostles needed to be silenced. The Apostles were punished, imprisoned, and warned not to speak 'in the name of Jesus'. Despite this, they preached with enthusiasm, urgency and daily, we are told, people are added to their number.

Where did they get this courage? The answer, it seems, comes from the many occasions Jesus appeared to them after his resurrection. His greeting was always, 'Peace be with you' and, on most occasions he shared food with them. Often, they came to recognize him in the very sharing of food, 'the breaking of bread'.

Like the Apostles, we need to find the courage to be people of faith and hope? Where are we to find the courage? We need to spend time with the Risen Jesus and allow him to reveal himself to us. In these Easter days – we allow some time and space each day for Jesus to reveal himself to us and to encourage us.

From the Ennis Parish Newsletter – Adapted.

Listerlin Cemetery Extension: The cemetery in Listerlin has served the wide local area for generations. However, the space for new graves is almost exhausted with a reasonable assumption that the cemetery will be closed to new graves in the next 12 months. A committee formed to examine the potential of extending the existing cemetery has reached agreement with a local landowner to purchase half an acre of adjoining land to extend the cemetery, subject to planning permission approval. A public meeting will be held to discuss all aspects of this proposal including the cost of purchasing the land and the options in terms of funding the purchase and then developing the site. The meeting will take place on **Tuesday April 7th at 8pm in Scoil Mholaing, Listerlin**. All very welcome.

We welcome into our Christian Community **Millie and Ella Gordon**, daughters of Michael and Megan, Mount Garrett, who were baptised in the Church of the Assumption, Rosbercon, on Saturday 28th March 2026.

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Mass Intentions for Sunday, 12th April 2026:

Mullinarrigle: Sunday 12th April at 9.30 am
Bartly Conway, Ballyknock

Rosbercon: Sunday 12th April at 11.00 a.m.
Mary Fitzgerald, Ballyknock, Rosbercon
Noreen Tubritt, Raheen

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

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.

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 before **17th April 2026**.

Our Lady of Lourdes Lotto Fundraiser: We had no jackpot winner (€350) this week and the €20 weekly winner was Daphne Kennington. Our spot prize winners this week were: Shane Dooley - €75 Voucher for Mannion's Gastropub, New Ross and Marta Onate Gutierrez - €25 Voucher for Dunnes Stores (kindly sponsored by Jones Business Systems). Next week the jackpot is set at €400. Thank you everyone for your support. You can sign up to our fundraiser via the following link: <https://www.ourfundraiser.ie/org/olol>

St Mary's Cathedral, Kilkenny Restoration Fund 2025/2026: The March draw for St Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund took place Wednesday 25th March in the Chapter Room at St Mary's Cathedral. Please check the Church Noticeboards for the full results of the draw.

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'.

Easter Wishes: Fr Dan thanks all parishioners for the many wonderful ways that we journey together throughout the year. He thanks those who have continued to be so generous to our parish and to him over so many years. May we continue to pray for each other and support each other at this very challenging time.

Reflections:

The Resurrection of Jesus Christ is the greatest feast in the Church's Year. We rejoice as we celebrate the Resurrection of Our Saviour. Christ lives in glory now. In the Resurrection Jesus overcame death and the power of evil.

The tomb was empty and Jesus' friends were surprised when he appeared to them. They recognised him. He had risen from the dead and they were filled with joy.

In Ireland there is much folklore surrounding the Resurrection of Jesus. Our ancestors believed that the sun danced, and that nature celebrated on Easter Sunday because Jesus had risen from the dead.

"Go forth in peace. Be still within yourself,
May the winds be gentle upon your face,
And your direction be straight and true
as the flight of a bird. Walk in beauty and harmony
with God and all people"

April is here. Be with us Lord during the month of April, month of the swallows, month of the cuckoo, month of growth, month of green grass.

Humour: Easter Egg Hunts: proof your child can find things when they really want to.

Tullogher Rosbercon Development Draw 2025 – 2028

Winners of March 2026 Draw (held on 31st March 2026)

1 st Prize of €250

Paddy Gaule (Jr), Slievecorragh

Promoter: Kieran Barron

2nd Prize of €100

Kevin Murphy, Brownsford

Promoter: Tom Murphy

3rd Prize of €100

Eoin Mullally, Ballyeden

Promoter: Mark O'Brien

4th – 7th Prize of €50

4 John & Margaret Barron, Curraghlane

Promoter: John Barron

5 Nicholas Dollard, Smithstown

Promoter: Eamonn Phelan

6 Aoibheann O'Brien, Dublin

Promoter: Matt O'Brien

7 Una Murphy, Brownsford

Promoter: Tom Murphy

Next Draw: 8:30 pm on Tuesday, 28th April 2026

Wisdom: Easter is the only time of the year when it is safe to put all your eggs in one basket.

Missing: Male sheep dog, black and white in colour, 4 years old, answers to the name 'Scotch' missing from Ballybeg, Rosbercon. Info to 087-9172870. Reward Offered.

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