

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 10th May 2026

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

As we move into the latter half of the Easter Season our attention moves from the appearances of the Risen Christ to the presence of Christ with us through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Theme of the Weekend Readings: We are disciples of Jesus when we listen to his Words and do our best to live by them.

First Reading: The Samaritans receive the Word of God with joy and enthusiasm.

Second Reading: Peter encourages Christians to remain steadfast.

Gospel: Loving Jesus means listening to his Word and putting it into practice.

Weekend Masses:

Saturday 16th May: 11am First Eucharist Ceremony in Mullinarrigle

Sunday 17th May: 9.30am Mass in Mullinarrigle
11.00am Mass in Rosbercon

Weekday Masses:

Rosbercon:

Wednesday 13th May: 10am Mass

Friday 15th May: 10am Mass

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

Anniversaries

Thomas and Teresa Hendrick, Flower Hill,

Mick, Jimmy and Bill Purcell, Kilbrahan

Dick Gaule, Slievecorragh

Theresa Murphy, Tinneranny

Teresa Dooley, Garranbehy and all deceased members of the Dooley and Kennedy families

Michael Curran, Hoodsgrove

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 First Eucharist Ceremony takes place in Mullinarrigle Church on Saturday 16th May at 11a.m. There will be a Mass of Preparation for children and parents on Tuesday 12th May at 7.30p.m.

Wisdom: Nothing will ever be attempted if all possible objections must first be overcome.

A Message from Fr Dan: The Light of Easter: We are very fortunate to enjoy a quality of life that would have been hard to imagine just a few generations ago. We have more than enough in material terms, and modern communication has made the world feel much smaller. Scientific and technological progress has changed how we live in so many ways.

And yet, the deeper problems of life and how people relate to one another, are still with us. The ongoing conflict in the Middle East is a reminder of how fragile peace can be. At the same time, the cost of living and worries about the future are real concerns for everyone. Material things can easily take centre stage, while the values that sustained earlier generations seem to be slipping away.

Because of this, more people are struggling with stress and depression. Many find it hard to speak about what they're going through and end up suffering in silence. Simply sharing a worry with someone can make a big difference. Often, having someone who will listen is the first step towards feeling better.

The Easter season reminds us of hope. As summer approaches, there is a chance to slow down and spend time with God. We are invited to be still. In nature, we can come to know God as Creator, just as Jesus often went off to quiet places to pray. He also encouraged people to "go into your room, close the door and pray."

We can find God in the ordinary moments of each day, but we often experience Him more deeply when we pause, step back from the busyness, and allow ourselves some quiet time in prayer.

Many thanks to all who took part in the in the **Holy Communion Ceremony** in Rosbercon last weekend. Special thanks to the Teachers, Choir, Readers and to those who decorated the Church. We wish all the children happiness in their lives.

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 by mid-May. So far, we have received €1,147.00 for which we thank you most sincerely. If you see a Trócaire 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 poor is appreciated.

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Mass Intentions for Sunday, 17th May 2026:

Rosbercon: Sunday 17th May at 11.00 a.m.
 Mieczyslaw Olipra, McMurrough Court, New Ross
 Gerry Hennessy, Marshmeadows formerly Glensensaw

Dates of Cemetery Masses in Rosbercon Parish, 2026:

Thursday, 18th June: Ballyneale Cemetery
 Friday, 19th June: Listerlin Old Cemetery (**Rosary Only**)
 Tuesday, 23rd June: Shanbogh Cemetery
 Friday, 26th June: Rosbercon New Cemetery
 Tuesday, 30th June: Rosbercon Old Cemetery
 Friday, 3rd July: Mullinarrigle Cemetery
 Sunday, 23rd August: St Moling's Well

All Evening Masses at 7.30pm and Sunday Mass at 2.00pm

Please note the change of time for evening services.

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

Collection of Parish Funds 26th April & 3rd May 2026:

Offertory Collection: €2,069.00

Weekly Envelopes: €1,050.00

Parish Debt on 6th May 2026: €7,353.60

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

The April draw for St Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund took place Wednesday 29th April in the Chapter Room at St Mary's Cathedral. Please check the Church Noticeboards for the full results of the draw.

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.

Our Lady of Lourdes Lotto Results: We had no jackpot winner (€600) this week and the €20 weekly winner was Jennifer Rice Murphy. Next week the jackpot is set at €675. Thank you to everyone for your support. You can sign up to our fundraiser via the following link: <https://www.ourfundraiser.ie/org/olol>

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 cooperation.

Love- George Herbert

Love welcomed me, but I hesitated,
 aware of my faults, my mistakes, my failures.
 And yet Love did not turn away.
 Love noticed my hesitation,
 and gently came closer,
 as if to say, "Is something missing?"
 I said, "I'm not really the kind of person who belongs here."
 Love replied, "You are welcome here."
 I said, "But I'm not good enough... I can't even look at You."
 And Love simply answered,
 "Who gave you the ability to see at all?"
 I said, "Lord, I've made a mess of things. I don't deserve this."
 And Love said,
 "Do you not know who carried that burden for you?"
 I said quietly, "Then let me try to make it right... let me serve."
 But Love said,
 "No, just sit with Me. Stay here. Receive what I give you."
 So, I sat down.
 And I was welcomed.

Humour: Two elderly women eating breakfast one morning when one of them noticed something funny about her friend's ear. 'Mildred, do you know you've got a suppository in your left ear?' 'Do I really?' 'A suppository?' Mildred pulls it out and stares at it. 'Ethel, I'm glad you saw this thing. Now I know where my hearing aid is'!

There will be a one day **coach trip to Knock Shrine** on Sunday July 5th for the Ferns Diocesan Day Pick-up Points Wellington-bridge, Ramsgrange, Campile, and New Ross Fare € 88 including two meals contact details Nicholas Bowe phone 087 9418661.

South Kilkenny Historical Society Coach Trip to Kilmallock, Co. Limerick

The South Kilkenny Historical Society has organised a Coach Trip to Kilmallock, Co. Limerick on Saturday, 23rd May 2026

The coach will depart from Main Street, Mullinavat (outside The Rising Sun) at 8.30am, returning approximately 10pm
 Cost: €75 (members); €80 (non-members), includes coach fare, guided tours, entrance fees, lunch in Kilmallock (soup, tea and sandwiches) and an evening meal at the Talbot Hotel, Clonmel

For further information and booking please contact Brigid Barron, Blossom Hill, Kilmacow, Co. Kilkenny (087 9507295, brigidbarron@hotmail.com) or Mary Ryan, 'GortGlas', Aglish, Carrigeen, Co. Kilkenny (086 3790655, maryearyan@gmail.com)

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