

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 31st May 2026

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Feast of the Most Holy Trinity

Today we celebrate the greatest mystery of our faith, namely, the mystery of the Trinity. God is Father, Son and Spirit. We celebrate the family of God; the love of the Father, the friendship of Jesus and the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Theme of the Weekend Readings: We reflect on the character of our God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

First Reading: The Lord is a God of tenderness and compassion.

Second Reading: Speaks of God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Gospel: Jesus came to show his love for the world.

Weekend Masses:

Saturday 6th June: 7.00pm Mass in Tullogher

Sunday 7th June: 9.30am Mass in Mullinarrigle
11.00am Mass in Rosbercon

Weekday Masses:

Rosbercon:

Wednesday 3rd June: 10am Mass

Friday 5th June: 10am Mass

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

Anniversaries

Bernard (Barney) Malone, Brownsford and all deceased members of the Malone Brownsford family

James Ryan, Guilcough More and all deceased members of the Ryan family

Pat Fortune, Shanbogh

Kate Waters & James Waters Snr Shanbough

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.

The Annual Summer Collection Envelopes for the support of Fr Dan will be available from this weekend. The usual distributors are asked to oblige and we thank them for their work on our behalf. Part of this collection supports the retired priests and the priests of the Diocese whose income has to be supplemented.

A Message from Fr Dan: This weekend, we celebrate the Feast of the Blessed Trinity; Father, Son and Holy Spirit: "The Glory of God is a human being fully alive". (St. Irenaeus). This is our deepest vocation; to be a good human being and to be a good Christian. We cannot be one without the other. Our deepest calling is to become the people God intended us to be.

During our life on earth, we are and always will be, incomplete, imperfect. That is why we say, 'To err is human'. None of us is fully kind, fully patient, or fully moral or virtuous. We cannot live up fully to our laws or to our ideals. That is why we resent the demand that we be faultless; to be faultless is to be a bit inhuman!

Therefore, a good-humoured acceptance of human imperfection is essential if we are to be happy. We accept our limited selves and at the same time we work to develop our talents. We are a mixture of good and bad, strong and weak, faithful and unfaithful, angel and devil.

Our task in life is to overcome our faults and develop God-like qualities. We try to be unselfish, loving, loyal, compassionate, just, truthful, chaste and so on. We try to overcome fear, guilt, shame, anxiety, lying, dishonesty and the thousand vices that are part of life. We reverence good and moral people because of the help and example they give us. We reverence the three persons of the Blessed Trinity: Father, Son and Spirit who come to help us in our weakness.

On this Trinity weekend, we celebrate the love which the Father, Son and Spirit have for each one is us. It is this love that helps us to feel loved and to be able love others. It is love that makes us fully human, the people God means us to be. That is our happiness. In difficult times, when we feel that no one loves us, we can ask God for help, and even the worst day will not be as bad as we expected. God guides us each day and helps us to become more fully human.

From the Ennis Parish Newsletter, (Adapted)

The Blessed Trinity: We cannot understand the mystery of God in Three Persons. We can, however, enjoy the incredible beauty of God the Father in his creation. We cannot understand how a baby born in Bethlehem could be God but we can read with awe the life and teachings of Jesus of Nazareth. We cannot understand the Holy Spirit that Jesus said he would send us but there have been times when that Holy Spirit has enveloped us in his love.

Wisdom: "If God were not willing to forgive sins, Heaven would be empty".

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

Pilgrimage to Assisi and Rome 25th – 30th October 2026: Including visits to the Tombs of St. Francis of Assisi, Saint Carlo Acutis and St Clare of Assisi . Spiritual Director –Fr. Marius Tomulesei OFM Conv €1,565pps. Full itinerary available or to book your place contact Marian Pilgrimages (01) 8788159. Early booking is advised as limited spaces available.

Our Lady of Lourdes Lotto Fundraiser: We had no jackpot winner this week and the €20 weekly winners were Sean and Catherine O’Callaghan. Our spot prize winners this week are: Aisleann Bennett – €50 voucher for the Rhu Glenn Hotel, Slieverue, Co. Kilkenny, Emer Cowman – Family pass (2 adults & 2 children) for the Dunbrody Famine Ship Experience, Geraldine Cooper – €50 One4all Gift Card (kindly sponsored by Allianz Insurance), Margaret Maher – €25 One4all Gift Card (kindly sponsored by Allianz Insurance). Our jackpot next week is set at **€375**. Thank you everyone for your support. You can sign up to our fundraiser via the following link: <https://www.ourfundraiser.ie/org/olo>

Shanbogh National School & Community Walk: Shanbogh NS Parents Association warmly invites everyone across Rosbercon Parish to join us for a joyful Community Walk on Sunday, 7th June at 2pm along the beautiful Southeast Greenway, Ballyverneen, Glenmore, Eircode 9X7R+C2. Come stretch the legs, enjoy the scenery, and share a chat with neighbours, friends, and families from across the parish. It’s a relaxed, feelgood afternoon with refreshments afterwards and a lovely chance to come together as a community. Donations requested on the day to support Art, Science, and Drama resources for the children of Shanbogh National School. We would be so delighted to see you there. Everyone is truly welcome!

Diocesan Mass for Leaving and Junior Cert. Students with First Class Relic of Saint Carlo Acutis. Bishop Ger will celebrate Mass for Leaving and Junior Cert. students, their parents/guardians, grandparents, teachers, school staff and families, on Monday, 1st June 2026 in St. Canice’s Church, Kilkenny, at 7.30 p.m. The Mass is organised by the Diocesan Youth Ministry Team who extend an invitation to priests, religious and all people, to come and pray with, and for, all who are preparing for their state exams. A First Class Relic of Saint Carlo Acutis will be present at the Mass for blessing.

The Trinity by Patrick Kavanagh

“Yet sometimes when the sun shines through a gap,
These men know God the Father in a tree.
The Holy Spirit is the rising sap,
And Christ will be the green leaves
That will come
At Easter from the sealed and guarded tomb”.

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.

Humour: A priest in Florida complained that it was very difficult to get the Christian message across to his parishioners. ‘It’s so beautiful here in winter’ he said ‘that Heaven doesn’t interest them and it’s so hot here in summer that hell doesn’t scare them’.

St. Joseph's Athletic Club Split The Pot Winners:

2nd April Eileen Cody. €182
16th April Eileen O Keeffe €184
7th May Dan Alyward. €176
28th May Matt O Brien €166

Next Draw is 4th of June

Tullagher Rosbercon Development Draw Winners May 2026:

1st €250 Paddy Gaule, Slievecorragh
2nd €100 Simon Kennedy, Ballykenna
3rd €100 John Murray, Glyn, Tullagher
4th €50 Ann and Tommy Nolan
5th €50 Paddy Gaule (Jr)
6th €50 Seamus Hartley
7th €50 Joe Murphy

Next draw: 8.00pm Tuesday, June 30th

Reflection: Digging

By God, the old man could handle a spade.
Just like his old man.
My grandfather cut more turf in a day
than any other man on Toner’s Bog.
Once I carried him milk in a bottle
Corked sloppily with paper.
He straightened up to drink it,
then fell to right way
Nicking and slicing neatly,
heaving sods over his shoulder,
going down and down for the good turf.
Digging.
The cold smell of potato mould,
the squelch and slap of soggy peat,
the curt cuts of an edge
Through living roots awaken in my head.
But I’ve no spade to follow men like them.
“Going down and down for the good turf.
Digging”.

Seamus Heaney

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