

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 14th June 2026

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Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

The harvest is great and the labourers are few so we pray that the Lord of the harvest may find more labourers for his harvest.

First Reading: I will count you a kingdom or priests, a consecrated nation.

Second Reading: Now that we have been reconciled by the death of his Son, surely, we may count on being saved by the life of his Son.

Gospel: Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and sent them out.

Weekend Masses:

Sunday 21st June: 9.30am Mass in Mullinarrigle
11.00am Mass in Rosbercon

Weekday Masses:

Rosbercon:

Wednesday 17th June: 10am Mass
Friday 19th June: 10am Mass

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

Months Mind

Matty McGrath, Upper Rosbercon

Anniversaries

Paddy and Winnie Barron, Tinneranny
Jim Vereker, Assumption Terrace Rosbercon
Gerry Cash, Hewittsland

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.

Cemetery Masses: The following cemetery Masses take place this week, Thursday, Ballyneale Cemetery and Friday, Listerlin Old Cemetery (Rosary Only).

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 have been distributed to the homes of the parish. We thank the envelope distributors for their work on our behalf.

Best of Luck Students: We continue to pray for all our Junior and Leaving Cert students as they sit their exams at this time.

A Message from Fr Dan: Building Bridges: There is an ancient story told of two brothers, John and James who owned farms side by side. Over 50 years they worked their fields' together, shared knowledge and produce, and lent a helping hand to one another in times of need. One day, a foolish argument broke out between the brothers and caused a rift between them. This was the first serious disagreement the brothers ever had in all of their time together.

The rift began over a small misunderstanding, which can sometimes happen. However, the dispute was not resolved and dragged on over a period of time. With time there was an angry exchange of words, followed by weeks of silence. Things took a very bad turn when James, the younger brother changed the stream's path, making it into a solid border between the two farms.

The elder brother, John, was furious and he resolved to make the barrier between the two farms even more permanent. He went to see an old bearded carpenter who was a friend of the family for many years. He said to the carpenter, "You have known us over fifty years. Have you seen what my brother has done to the stream between our farms. By diverting the stream, James has damaged my farm and I want to teach him a lesson. You see those trees over by the barn? I want you to turn them into a 10-foot-tall fence. I never want to see his face again."

The old carpenter thought quietly to himself for a few minutes, remembering his friendship with both brothers and eventually said: "I see". The elder brother helped the carpenter carry his tools to the wood, and then drove into town. When he came home in the evening, the old carpenter had finished his work. The elder brother walked down to the stream and was stunned by what he saw. He couldn't say a single word. Where the fence, he ordered should have been standing, a new bridge now stood. It was a well-constructed bridge, a work of art, with carved banister. At the same time, the younger brother happened to come to the same spot. When he saw the bridge, he ran across and embraced his older brother, and said: "You're something special... building a bridge, after all I've said and done!"

While both brothers were hugging, the old carpenter collected his tools and started walking home. The brothers turned to him and said "Please, stay for a while as we are going to have a bit of a celebration." But the carpenter just smiled and said enjoy your celebration and realize how much you love one another. You have learned to forgive and appreciate what you have. That is enough for me.

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Mass Intentions for Sunday, 21 st June 2026:

Mullinarrigle: Sunday 21st June at 9.30 am

Pauline Maddock, Rahora

Students Prayer: Lord, I ask you to help me at this stressful time. I feel that so much depends on these exams that I really feel burdened. I feel that in addition to carrying my own burdens, I am carrying the expectations of so many others – family, friends, and society. Help me to keep calm at this time, so that I can think straight and apply myself to the best of my ability. Let your spirit help and inspire me, so that I can remember all that I have studied and put together my answers in the best way. Guide me in all my ways, so that I may be fulfilled in you. Amen.

Dates of Cemetery Masses in Rosbercon Parish, 2026:

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

Tullagher Rosbercon Gaelic 4 Mothers & Others will host a Cake Sale and Ball Run at Listerlin School on Sunday 14th June. The cake sale will begin at 2:00 pm, with the ball run commencing at 3:00 pm. Ball Run tickets are available from Listerlin Fuel & Grocery Store, Paddy Ryan's Pub, The Parish Pump, Gala, Waterford Road, or Online at <https://idonate.ie/raffle/tullagherballrun>. There is €1,000 in cash prizes to be won, including a top prize of €500.

All proceeds will go towards supporting the team's participation in the New York Festival of Ladies Gaelic Football in October 2026. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Our Lady of Lourdes Lotto Fundraiser: Draw Date: 04/06/2026 - no jackpot winner. Weekly Winner: Caitriona Walsh - €20. Our jackpot next week is set at €475. Thank you everyone for your continued support. You can sign up to our fundraiser via the following link: <https://www.ourfundraiser.ie/org/olol>

Reflection: The 'Loser's' Blessing

Lord, bless the folk who never quite got there;
The people who intended something fine.
The folk who might have lived a better, nobler existence;
The ones who somehow always failed to shine.
The people who tried to keep their temper;
And yet who seemed to lose it all the more.
The one's who haven't made their name in business;
Who should be rich but always will be poor.
The folk who aren't as clever as they might be;
Who aren't as good and feel their efforts vain.
Lord, bless all these -and me among them
And give us all the heart to try again.

Fr Ronan Drury RIP

Wisdom: You can drive out nature with a pitchfork, but it will always come running back.

GAA Clubs Golf Classic

Tullagher Rosbercon GAA Club along with Glenmore GAA Club are hosting a Golf Classic in New Ross Golf Club on Friday the 26th June 2026.

Tee times 8:30am - 5:30pm

Teams of 4 €180 (Including Food)

To book your tee time please contact

Paddy Gaule 086-3025296

Paddy Ryan 087-1656382

If you wish to sponsor a Tee Box at €100 or sponsor a prize please contact a committee member or any of the above

Reflection: Building on a Rock

There is nothing sure or lasting in this world.

Human opinions change from day to day,
but the words of Christ do not change or pass away.

However, those who listen to his words
but do not act on them, are building on sand.

Time will erase his words from their minds;
Nothing will remain, nothing will come of them.

On the other hand, those who listen to his words
and who do act on them, are building on rock;

They will have something to show for their efforts,
something to be proud of,
and something that will last, last forever.

Humour: There is only one thing for a man to do who is married to a woman who enjoys spending money, and that is to enjoy earning it.

The Bridge That Swept Away

On Saturday 23rd Jan 1867 the Waterford News and Star newspaper reported that the New Ross wooden bridge, a large and expensive structure, has been entirely swept away. The bridge was in a very shaky condition and the disappearance of it any night would not have excited very great wonder. The intense frost over the past weeks hastened the dissolution due to the mass of ice which congregated at the abutment of the bridge. On Friday night the middle part of the bridge gave way by the falling tide and on Saturday it continued to go stick by stick and arch by arch so that nothing now remains but two arches on the Kilkenny side. The bridge was built about the year 1779 . The only means of communication now from Co Kilkenny to Ross is by boat and there is now for 16 miles up the Barrow and the Nore but a continuous mass of ice. The steamer Shamrock had to cease plying between Waterford and Ross for some days owing to the moving masses of ice some of the floating icebergs were as many as three feet in thickness. A vessel moored above the bridge became so congealed listed over and had to be cut free of the ice to prevent it sinking at the falling tide. The loss of the bridge was a most traumatic event in the history of Rosbercon but was surpassed at the time by a much more disastrous outcome long remembered by the locals when the seven Rosbercon pubs consequently ran out of beer and the Ross breweries being unable to navigate the congested river led to the poor publicans having to travel by horse and cart to Waterford for supplies in order to prevent mass parish dehydration.

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