

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 7th June 2026

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Corpus Christi

We are the people of God journeying in faith towards the Promised Land of eternal life. We need food for our journey. We receive this food in the Eucharist. Christ nourishes us with the Word of God and the Bread of Eternal Life.

Theme of the Weekend Readings: God cares for us, his family, especially by providing us with spiritual food and drink.

First Reading: Moses reminds the people of how God sustained them in the desert.

Second Reading: By sharing the bread of life at Mass, we become one people.

Gospel: Jesus tells us that He is the living bread for his believers.

Weekend Masses:

Sunday 14th June: 9.30am Mass in Mullinarrigle
11.00am Mass in Rosbercon

Weekday Masses:

Rosbercon:

Wednesday 10th June: No Mass

Friday 12th June: 10am Mass

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

Recent Death

Phil Boyle, Shanbough

Anniversaries

Mary Saunders, Ballyknock

John A. Hamilton, Ballyneale

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 are now available. The usual distributors are asked to oblige and we thank them for their work on our behalf.

We welcome into our Christian Community **Mila Zbojenska**, daughter of Emil and Marta, Ballyreddy, who was baptised in the Church of the Assumption, Rosbercon, on Saturday 23rd May 2026.

A Message from Fr Dan: This weekend, we celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi, the Body of Christ: When Jesus was about to leave the world to return to his Father, he assured his followers, and us, that he would never leave us. Jesus instituted the Eucharist so that he would continue to be with us. He asked that we **Do this in Memory of Me:** In this way, Jesus is present at every Mass. He is very close to us.

At Mass, Jesus gives himself to us, as he did during his lifetime. We remember the story how Jesus, at the end of a tiring day, would not send his followers away hungry. He fed his people with five barley loaves and two fish. Jesus took the loaves and the fish, blessed, broke and gave them to the apostles to distribute to the people. In the hands of the apostles the bread kept on increasing.

The lesson that Jesus wants us to learn is that he constantly nourishes us with the bread of Life in the Mass. In today's gospel story, Jesus repeats his act of giving when on Holy Thursday night, he took the bread, blessed, broke it and gave it to his disciples saying "This is my body which is given for you. Do this in memory of me". These words mean that at each Mass, Jesus changes the bread and wine into his Body and Blood.

Every Sunday we gather as a community to celebrate Mass together. We listen to God's word; we pray and are nourished in Holy Communion. Jesus wants us to continue living the Eucharist in our daily lives. In our giving to others, in our respect, through acts of kindness, generosity, and goodness we live the love of Jesus. It is our presence at Mass that strengthens us to prayer and to serve. That is what Jesus asks us to do when we are sent forth at the end of Mass.

From the Ennis Parish Newsletter, (Adapted)

Corpus Christi, Body of Christ: Throughout Ireland there are countless Mass Rocks where people gathered to celebrate Eucharist and to break the bread of life for each other. Those places are holy ground made sacred by the faith and love of the people who gathered there. We remember our ancestors for the love they had for the Eucharistic presence of Jesus among them.

Wisdom: "The world in its concern with 'Left and Right' has forgotten that there is an 'Above and a Below'".

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Mass Intentions for Sunday 14th June

Rosbercon at 11:00 am

Months Mind: **Matty McGrath**, Upper Rosbercon

Paddy and Winnie Barron, Tinneranny

Jim Vereker (Snr), Assumption Terrace, Rosbercon

Collection of Parish Funds 24th & 31st May 2026:

Offertory Collection: € 756.10

Weekly Envelopes: €1,150.60

Parish Debt on 4th June 2026: €7,353.60

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

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!

Best of Luck Students

We wish all our Junior and Leaving Cert students every blessing as they sit their exams at this time.

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:

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.

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

The May draw for St Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund took place Wednesday 27th May in the Chapter Room at St Mary's Cathedral. Please check the Church Noticeboards for the full results of the draw.

Our Lady of Lourdes Lotto Fundraiser: Draw Date: 29/05/2026

We had no jackpot winner this week and the €20 weekly winner was Eilish Ryan. Our spot prize winner this week was Paschal Wilson - One night B&B stay with dinner for two people at the four-star Castletroy Park Hotel, Limerick. Our jackpot next week is set at **€425**.

Thank you everyone for your support. You can sign up to our fundraiser via the following link:

<https://www.ourfundraiser.ie/org/olol>

Tullogher 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 2:00pm, with the ball run commencing at 3:00pm. 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/tullogherballrun>.

There is €1,000 in cash prizes to be won, including a top prize of €500. All proceeds 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.

Reflection

The Good by Brendan Kennelly

"The good are vulnerable

As any bird in flight.

They do not think of safety,

Are blind to possible extinction

And when most vulnerable

Are most themselves.

The good incline to praise,

They have the knack of seeing that

the good is not destroyed

although forever threatened.

The good go naked in all weathers,

and by their nakedness rebuke

the small protective sanities

that hides men from themselves.

Always they retain a kind of youth.

The vulnerable have the grace of any bird in flight,

Content to be itself,

accepting what the earth or sky intends.

I think I know one or two among my friends".

Humour: The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending; and to have the two as close together as possible.

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