

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 12th July 2026

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Fifteenth Sunday of Year A

God speaks his word to us in many ways. Jesus compared the word of God to a seed which can make our lives fruitful. However, if a seed is to produce a harvest it must be planted in good soil. What kind of soil do we offer God's word?

Theme of the Weekend Readings: God's word is never empty or false. It is like rain that freshens the soil.

First Reading: God's word gives life.

Second Reading: St Paul tells us that present suffering cannot be compared to future glory.

Gospel: The parable of the Sower.

Weekend Masses:

Sunday 19th July: 9.30am Mass in Mullinarrigle
11.00am Mass in Rosbercon

Weekday Masses:

Rosbercon:

Wednesday 15th July: 10am Mass

Friday 17th July: 10am Mass

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

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.

Recent Death: Agnes Murphy, Ballyfoyle

Anniversaries:

John and Mary Rochford, Shanbogh and all deceased members of the Byrne families.

Anne Doherty, Listerlin

The Purcell Family, Smithstown

Sr. Annette MM, Smithstown

Pat Walsh, Ferrybank

Michael Fleming, Shanbough

You are warmly invited to a celebration of the retirement of **Fr Dan** on **Friday 24th July**. The celebration will begin with Mass in Rosbercon Church at 7pm followed by refreshments in the Parish Hall afterwards. All are welcome.

Baptisms: From August onwards, baptisms will take place on Saturday's only at 2pm. This revised schedule takes into account that, from August, Fr Liam Taylor will be PP of two parishes, Rosbercon and Glenmore. If baptisms are booked in Rosbercon or Glenmore on a particular Saturday, and another family wishes to share that date, they are welcome to join the first family who have booked the baptism.

A Message from Fr Dan: The Kingdom of God: God sent Jesus, his beloved Son, into the world for the purpose of establishing the Kingdom of God on earth. Jesus did this through his teaching, his healing and the example of his life. After his resurrection Jesus left it to us his followers, in every generation, to establish God's influence in every walk of life.

The Kingdom was very much on the mind of Jesus throughout his life. Altogether, in the New Testament, there are about one hundred and fifty references to the Kingdom. In Today's Gospel, Jesus gives us the Parable of the Sower. Jesus is sowing the seeds of the Kingdom and assures us that the seeds will come to fruition in good soil. Once the Kingdom is in place, 'all will be well, and all manner of things will be well.'

In other places, the Kingdom is referred to as a hidden treasure, a precious pearl, a father welcoming home a lost son, a healing miracle and even as the calming of a storm at sea.

How do we establish God's Kingdom today? It might be to struggle for greater human justice, or to try to provide daily bread for the poor, or to defend human rights. It could be to have a more loving family life or to care for the plight of refugees.

In the gospel stories Jesus tells us that the presence of God is all around us. God is especially present at Mass where he offers his people the body of Christ as spiritual food. God's presence is with us in our work, in our decisions, in our education, and in all our activities that contribute to human well-being.

We do our best to co-operate with God in bringing about the best world that can be achieved. God the Father inspires us. Jesus accompanies us and the Spirit of God guides us. In this work of God, we all travel together.

(From the Ennis Newsletter – Adapted)

Newsletter Changing: From August onwards, the parish newsletter will change format and become a joint newsletter shared between both Rosbercon & Glenmore. It will be a single page sheet containing Mass readings & information at the back. Information will be for both parishes. This inevitably means space will be very limited so articles will be short and to the point. More on this in the coming weeks.

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

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Mass Intentions for Sunday 19th of July.

Rosbercon at 11.00 a.m.

Michael Ryan, School House Road and his parents Rena and Con Ryan.

George Peters, Slievecorragh

Tom Mullally, Ballyeden

Margaret and Edward Mullally, Ballyeden and all deceased members of the Mullally family.

Collection of Parish Funds 5th July 2026:

Offertory Collection: € 741.20

Weekly Envelopes: € 693.80

(Included in above, figures for Listerlin) € 116.70

Cemetery Mass Listerlin: €2,500.00

Parish Debt on 30th June 2026: €5,853.60

Date of Remaining Outdoor Mass in Rosbercon Parish, 2026:

Sunday, 24th August: **St Moling's Well**

This Mass will be celebrated at 2.00 pm

Glenmore Cemetery Dates: The annual gathering at cemeteries for the rosary & blessing of graves takes place on the following dates:

Monday, 13th July, **Ballygurrim**, Jamestown

Thursday, 16th July, **Kilmakevoge**, Graiguenakill. All Rosaries start at 7.30pm

The Cemetery Mass in Glenmore will take place on **Friday, 24th July at 7.30pm.**

Parish WhatsApp Community: We have set up a new WhatsApp group that will share information relevant to both Glenmore & Rosbercon. The group will be called: The Two Parishes. Scan the link below in WhatsApp to join.

Parish Announcements

WhatsApp group



Fundraising Horse Night: Next Friday is the big event, the Horse Race Night on the Big Screen in Glenmore. Doors open at 7.30pm, first race at 8pm. Bring your own refreshments /beer and snacks. Tea & Coffee Served. Prizes for every race and of course, the big winner is Glenmore Community Hall which will get a roof repair. Sincere thanks to all the organising committee for making this event happen. Thanks also to our many sponsors and supporters. Enjoy the night!

Our Lady of Lourdes Lotto Fundraiser: Draw Date: 02/07//2026 - no jackpot winner. Weekly Winner: Breda Walsh - €20. Our jackpot next week is set at €675. Thank you everyone for your continued support. You can sign up to our fundraiser via the following link: <https://www.ourfundraiser.ie/org/olol>

Mass Time Changes: As I take on the pastoral and administrative care of two parishes from the 1st August and to cater for four churches, that means Mass times must change. The Diocesan recommendation is an hour and a half between Masses, to allow for matters arising after each Mass and to allow for safe transit between churches, especially in winter (Gone are the days of the old parish priest, dashing between parishes at break-neck speed to reach a church because they have always had a 10 o'clock mass).

So, from the **1st of August**, the new Mass schedule for **Glenmore & Rosbercon** will be as follows:

Saturday's

Glenmore at 6pm

Tullogher, 1st Saturday of each month at 7.30pm. All other Saturdays of the month, Mass will be in Listerlin at 7.30pm

Sunday's

Rosbercon at 10.00am

Glenmore at 11.30am

The above schedule takes into account that I am on my own in two parishes. Thanks to those who have expressed solidarity with my situation. I don't want change either, but these are the times we live in. Please do continue to support your parish and your church. (Fr. Liam)

The new Rota's are due this weekend. Anyone wishing to change/retire from the Rota's please email Anne asap on rosbercon@ossory.ie

Please note, the new parish email address is **rosbercon@ossory.ie** Please use this email for all correspondence with the parish, inquiries, anniversaries, bookings etc.

Fr. Liam Taylor can be contacted by calling his mobile number **086 818 0954.**

St. Joseph's Athletic Club

St. Joseph's A.C. annual Pink Rock 10k race will be held on Sunday 26th July 2026, 12pm. (10k walkers will start at 11:30am) All levels of runners and walkers are welcome to come along and get involved in this great event. Top cash prizes for the winners plus team prizes – Teams of four to score. Post-race refreshments & chatter will be available at Rosbercon Parish Hall. This 10k is a chip timed, AAI approved event. You must be 16 on the day of the race to enter. Early entry fee - €25 go to <https://eventmaster.ie/event/5231SQvsEz>. Online registration will close at 6pm of Friday 24th July. On the day registration: Walkers €10, Runners €35.

Wisdom: Life is full of irony; it takes sadness to know what happiness is, noise to appreciate silence and absence to value presence.

Humour: Never laugh at your wife's choice, look who she married!

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