

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 19th July 2026

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Sixteenth Sunday of Year A

We go to Church, not because we are saints, but because we are sinners, sinners who know that we are sinners, but who are willing to strive for something better. And God is patient with us and lenient in his judgments.

Theme of the Weekend Readings: How God cares for the weak and sinful.

First Reading: God is a lenient judge.

Second Reading: The Spirit helps us in our weakness.

Gospel: The parable of the wheat and the weeds.

Weekend Masses:

Sunday 26th July: 9.30am Mass in Mullinarrigle
11.00am Mass in Rosbercon

Weekday Masses:

Rosbercon:

Wednesday 22nd July: 10.00am Mass

Friday 24th July: 7.00pm Mass

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

Anniversaries

Kathleen Mackey, Mullinakill

Michael Ryan and his parents Rena and Con Ryan, Schoolhouse Road

George Peters Jr, Slievecorragh

Tom Mullally, Ballyeden

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

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.

We welcome into our Parish Community **Faye Rebecca Lundy**, daughter of Adam and Niamh, Castlehyde Park, Rosbercon, who was baptised in the Church of Assumption, Rosbercon, on Saturday 4th July 2026.

We also welcome into our Parish Community **Sophie Gantley**, daughter of Evan and Jessie, Rosbercon, who was baptised in the Church of Assumption, Rosbercon, on Saturday 11th July 2026.

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.

A Message from Fr Dan: World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly – 26th July 2026: “I will not forget you” (Isaiah 49:15) is the theme chosen by Pope Leo XIV for the sixth World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly, which this year will take place Sunday, 26th July. This coincides with the Feast of Saint Joachim and Saint Anne, parents of Our Lady and grandparents of Jesus.

For many families, grandparents provide regular child care. In some cases, they are primary caregivers to their grandchildren. They are a valuable resource because they have so many stories and experiences from their own lives to share. Children understand more of who they are and where they come from, through their connection with their grandparents. Grandparents can get away with a little spoiling, which gives them a special place in a child's heart, and they tell the best stories!!

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**.

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.

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.

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



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Mass Intentions for Sunday, 26th July 2026:**Mullinarrigle:** Sunday 26th July at 9.30 am

Margaret Malone, Listerlin

Walter Amura Ryan, Listerlin

Rosbercon: Sunday 26th July at 11.00 a.m.

Kitty Lawlor, Schoolhouse Road

Collection of Parish Funds 12th July 2026:**Offertory Collection:** € 738.80**Weekly Envelopes:** € 835.00**(Listerlin Collection:** € 246.10)**Parish Debt on 15th July 2026:** €5,853.60

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

Mass Time Changes: As I take on the pastoral and administrative care of two parish 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 10am

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)

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

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

Humour: The class teacher asked, "Now, Johnny, tell me, do you say prayers before eating?" little Johnny replied, "I don't have to – my mum is a good cook!"

Our Lady of Lourdes Lotto Fundraiser: Draw Date: 09/07//2026 - no jackpot winner. Weekly Winner: Pat Finn - €20. Our jackpot next week is set at €775. Thank you everyone for your continued support. You can sign up to our fundraiser via the following link: <https://www.ourfundraiser.ie/org/olol>

Rosbercon United

Rosbercon United are looking for new members to join their club. If you would be interested in being part of the team contact Willie on 087 335 8472

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.

The R704 Regional Road Rosbercon to Mullinavat

Following on from the Parish meeting about safety issues raised by Parishioners living on and using R704 regional road Rosbercon to Mullinavat. A deputation had a meeting with local county councillors to pass on the concerns expressed at that meeting. The following issues discussed were the 80KM/hr speed being inappropriate over the length of road at certain locations where the road narrows and where there are sharp bends.

Poor visibility at all the approach roads leading on to the R704, meaning the ditches and grass margins need cutting.

The use of the road by large trucks coming off the M9 motorway at Mullinavat.

The lack of Garda road policing to monitor the excessive speeding by cars and trucks.

The possible use of the gatso speed vans.

The condition of the road was also raised as an issue with severe surface deterioration of the road edges at a number of locations.

A follow up meeting will take place with the county councillors and deputation to brief us on their progress with Kilkenny County Council officials and the county engineer.

Prayer of Pope Francis for Grandparents:

Dear Grandmother, Dear Grandfather,

May our Lord, Jesus Christ be always close to you.

We thank you for all you have contributed to life and

for the gifts you continue to give to your families

And to our community.

We pray that your closeness to God will bring you

The health and the strength you need to continue

Your journey on the road of life.

May you continue to enjoy your life, your work,

And your prayers.

May your memories always be happy and may you

Achieve your dreams for the future.

One day we will all be united in God's Kingdom,

Through Christ Our Lord, Amen

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