



*Thought for the Week*

**JOY**

There is a clear note of joy in today's liturgy.  
Joy is a blend of laughter and tears.  
It consists in having a love affair with life.  
It is having a heart aglow with warmth  
for all one's companions on the road of life.

It is looking for the happiness  
that comes in small packages,  
knowing that big packages  
are few and far between.  
It is making the most of the present,  
enjoying what is at hand right now.

Joy is love bubbling over into life.  
And it can coexist with pain  
Joy is the flag we fly when Christ,  
the Prince of Peace,  
has taken up residence in our hearts.

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**Masses During the Week**

Monday – Wed: 9.30am Mooncoin

Friday 9.30am Mooncoin.

**Thurs 10am – 8pm:** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - Nagel Chapel

## Notices

### Ferrybank Library

**Mannequin Challenge** - for those who haven't heard about it, it's a viral internet video trend where people remain frozen in action like mannequins while a video is recorded. Recently we had the pleasure of recording the mannequin challenge with Mr Nagle's 6<sup>th</sup> class students from St. Mary's NS, Ferrybank. A huge Thank You to the boys who were the real stars! If you would like to view the video, logon to Kilkenny County Library Facebook page. We had great fun making it!! Hope you enjoy it!!

**12 books of Christmas Challenge** - are you up for a challenge over the Christmas period? If you are, then we have the challenge for you!! It's open to everyone – groups, families or individuals. All you have to do is challenge yourself to read 12 library books from 1<sup>st</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016. On successful completion you will be entered into a raffle for book vouchers in the branch, and be in with a chance to win an overall prize of a Samsung tablet. Contact Ferrybank Library on 051 897200 for further details. Best of luck to all !!

**Storytime with Mrs Clause** - this is a Christmas delight for parents and for children under 8yrs of age, and not to be missed. Mrs Clause is travelling all the way from the North Pole to Ferrybank Library to meet all the local children and to read a few stories and to sing some Christmas songs. Come along and join in the fun! If you want to come in your favourite Christmas costume please feel free to do so!! Date: Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2016, Time: 3:00 – 4:00pm, Venue : Ferrybank Library

**Christmas Customer Morning** – As a special 'Thank You' to all our loyal members for your continued support throughout this past year, Ferrybank Library invites you to drop into the library for a cuppa on Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> December from 10:00am – 1:00pm Looking forward to seeing you there!

### Nagle Chapel

The Nagle Chapel is now available each Saturday evening at 6.30pm and Sunday morning at 11.15am for any young families with children. You may enter from the outside. Some child friendly materials are available and also toilet facilities upstairs. All are welcome.

### Mooncoin/Carrigeen/Kilnaspic Liturgy Readers

Please note if you are unable to read please contact another reader to do it for you. Thank You.

### Nagle Chapel Mooncoin

Pobal De Prayer Group invite new and past members to join us on Tuesday evenings from 7pm - 8pm. All are very welcome

### Home Care Services for the Elderly

Affordable Live In Homecare provide live in carers for the elderly in your area. If you are looking for a live-in-carer for your relative, please call Mary or Tom on 0879916791 or visit [www.alhomecare.ie](http://www.alhomecare.ie)

### Health & Wellbeing

Gina Ryan is providing a personal service with natural, chemical free, Aloe Vera based products ranging from everyday essentials which can be used from birth, sports and fitness products, skincare and beauty, animal care, products to naturally support the digestive system, immune system and healthy joints. 100% nutritionally correct weight management programmes are also available. Call Gina on 0863958826 for information

### The Rite of Baptism for Children

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated in our parish at 5pm on the following days:

Carrigeen—1st Saturday of every month

Mooncoin—2nd Saturday of every month

Kilnaspic—3rd Saturday of every month

To arrange a baptism contact the Parish Office on 895123. We ask parents to give 3-4 weeks' notice. Two members of the preparation team will visit each family before the baptism with a Pack for Parents which consists of all the information you require. This pack will also include the prayers and readings for the celebration and a house blessing. As baptism is a community celebration—all children will be presented to the faith community on a designated day each year.

### **Be Vigilant When Parking!!**

We advise all to take due care when parking your car. Please ensure no valuables are visible and doors are locked as we are not responsible for the safety of your car whilst parked either on Church grounds or Parish Hall grounds. Thank you.

### **Thinking of Getting Married?**

If you are thinking of getting married please contact the Parish Office to book the church and also to receive the Marriage Booklet which guides you through the steps to be taken prior to the marriage. **Both parties must give at least three month notice to their Parish and to the State.** A Pre Marriage Course is required. The following documentation is required: **Baptismal Certificate** issued within 6 months of your proposed marriage. **Confirmation Certificate, A Letter of Freedom** is required if you lived permanently outside of your present parish for a period of 6 months or more. **A Pre Marriage Course Certificate.** When you have all the documentation make an appointment with the priest to complete the Pre-Nuptial Enquiry Form. For further details please contact the Parish Office—051 895123 or please see [www.gettingmarried.ie](http://www.gettingmarried.ie)

### **A Sacred Space**

Grounds beside the Church, The Nagle Chapel, Grotto and the Sisters Cemetery is a place of reflection and prayer. Entry is from the side of the Church. We would like to put a few seats in the area, they are expensive. If you could see your way of making a donation towards the same would be very much appreciated, As from now there is no access from the Convent grounds to the Church. Access outside to the Nagle Chapel and the Prayer Garden is from the right hand side of the Church.

### **Family Quiet Time**

We are encouraging all individuals and families to have a quiet time each week in their home to pray and reflect. For those who are into social media why not try ‘Sacred Space’ or ‘3 minute retreat’ by Loyola Press. Download for free on your device. From Google Play Store.

### **Ninth World Meeting of Families during 2018**

Hosting a Global event of this size requires a huge amount of planning and financial outlay to support this endeavour, a second collection will be taken up after Holy Communion next week at all the masses. This collection will be an extra collection for the next three years and it is a national collection. Thank you for your support. “The strength of the family lies in its capacity to love and to teach how to love” Pope Francis.

### **The Irish Cancer Society**

The Irish Cancer Society’s ‘Volunteer Driver Service’ is a free transport service available to patients undergoing chemotherapy treatment. To avail of this service, please talk to your healthcare professional or call Rebecca in the Irish Cancer Society on 01 2316 642.

### **Hospital Visits**

Please contact the Parochial House and let Fr. Larry know if you or your loved ones or neighbours are ill at home or hospital and would like a visit (taking into account any restrictions on visits that may occur from time to time). Thank You.

### **First Holy Communion & Confirmation**

Confirmation will take place in Mooncoin on Sunday 7th May 2017. First Holy Communion will take place on Saturday 27th May 2017 in Mooncoin and on Saturday 20th May 2017 in Carrigeen.

### **Anniversaries/Notices**

All anniversaries/months mind/notices etc. must be telephoned, handed in or emailed to the Parish Office only. The office opening hours are as follows: - Mon 9.30am -4pm, Tuesday 9am – 4pm, Wednesday 9am -3pm, Thursday & Friday 9.30am – 1.30pm. The Parish Office can be contacted at 051-895 123 or email [mooncoin@ossory.ie](mailto:mooncoin@ossory.ie)

## **Parish Office**

In the Parish Office we have a range of cards for sale - from Christening, Communion, Confirmation, Wedding and Mass Cards. We also stock Christening Candles, / Holy Candles, Rosary Beads, Baby's Prayers, Motorists Prayers, Pins / Rosettes / Medals and various keep-sakes. Please call in to see any of these during office hours.

## **AIM HIGH – Parish Ministry for Young People**

The AIM HIGH Parish Ministry Programme was developed to encourage young people to take an active part in their Church, parish and community. It helps young people to understand that religion is not just for learning, nor is it a list of rules, but that it is for living, for living life to the full. More importantly it is a journey of faith. Upon completion, participants will have learned skills to:

Learn and grow spiritually - Participate in Parish Liturgies - Minister in their Parish Communities - Develop practices for self-awareness and self-development. Recipients of the programme will be able to enhance their CV's by: Proving their ability to commit to a project, and Displaying their personal responsibility to develop, improve and grow. AIM HIGH is open to all young people 16 years and over. The award is flexible, non-competitive and requires an ongoing commitment. The program is coordinated through the Parish, in conjunction with parish organisations, second level schools and youth clubs.

## **Christmas Offerings**

The Pink Envelope in your weekly Envelope Box is for Christmas Offerings which may be paid any time this month. Your support is very much appreciated.

## **Folk Group**

Choir practice takes place every Tuesday from 8-9pm for the Folk Group in Mooncoin Church. New members welcome.

## **John Paul II Awards**

Enrolment for the coming year will be commencing in the coming weeks and anyone interested in taking part should contact the Parish Office. All enquiries welcome.

## **Southern Deanery Pastoral Council**

The SDPC are currently undertaking a brief questionnaire. We would greatly appreciate your time in allowing your children/students in logging on to the following link: <http://tinyurl.com/sdpc2016>. The questionnaire can be completed in five minutes and will help us going forward in understanding the views of young people and their relationship with the church.

## **Community Hall**

Our Community Hall is up and running with a packed Winter Schedule. Everything from drama to bingo, keep-fit and music lessons. If you want any information about classes and events please contact 083-1660 658.

## **Silver Circle – Week 8**

€200 Ann Ponce De Leon-Clogga, €100 Katie Delahunty-Portnahully, €50 Grace O'Neill-Rathkieran, €20 Eamon Holden-Main St., Hope & McKenzie Walsh-Piltown, Emma Holden-Ballinlough, Gerry Walsh-Carrigeen, Aine Sutton-Filbuckstown, Eily Delahunty-Ballybrazil, Bessie Wall-Clogga, Mooncoin Women's Group-c/o Maire Flynn, Connie Purcell-c/o Dick Walsh, Mary O'Hara-Main St., Mary Reville-Suir Crescent, Johnny Phelan-Dournane, Sean Dunphy-Glengrant, Carmel Keilty-Kilcraggin, Breda Comerford-Clogga, Margaret Crowley-Polerone, Noreen Mahon-Ballybrazil, Margaret Sutton-Polerone Green, Ann O'Brien-Roseleigh, Liam Sutton Jnr-Filbuckstown.

## **Take Control of Your Life**

Is your life restricted and compromised by chronic illness? Join our support groups to break the cycle and take control of your life. Weekly meetings at Grow Office, Barrack St Kilkeny Friday @ 11am. Contact Mary on 087 284 3424 or visit [www.grow.ie](http://www.grow.ie)

## **Mooncoin Scout Group**

Reopening of the Mooncoin Scout Group – We are looking for any information on the history of the Mooncoin Scout Group that used to be run in the Parish, any old flags, uniforms, neckerchiefs, old documents or pictures that could be scanned. If anyone is interested in getting involved in the reopening please contact Seamus by



email at [seamushowley@hotmail.com](mailto:seamushowley@hotmail.com) or on 087 2938982.

### **Mooncoin Coursing Club**

To mark 100 years of our existence, Mooncoin Coursing Club intends to mount a display of various items of interest to represent the foundation and development of Coursing in Mooncoin over the years. This display will be on view at our Traditional Annual Meeting on St. Stephen's Day. In this connection we would be very grateful if our members, past and present, as well as the general public could let us have access to a, and the use of any old programmes, photographs, trophies, newspapers reports or any other coursing memorabilia for display. Any such items provided will be treated with total integrity and will be returned promptly to providers. Please contact Seamus Comerford on 895600 if you can help in any way. Thank You.

### **Carrigeen NS**

Enrolment forms for new Junior Infants available from school office from Monday to Friday(9am to 12.30pm). Alternatively, forms can be downloaded from our website at [www.carrigeenns.com](http://www.carrigeenns.com) or email us at [carrigeen.scoil@gmail.com](mailto:carrigeen.scoil@gmail.com)

### **Carrigeen Preschool**

Carrigeen Community Preschool is planning to provide an afternoon session from 12:15 to 3:15pm in January. Families who are interested can contact the preschool: Phone No. 0861525631 to enrol their child.

### **Thomas Hayes Trust**

The Thomas Hayes trust is an organisation I founded in order to provide much needed counselling services and family supports to those effected by suicide, and people struggling with everyday life because of bullying, anxiety, panic attacks etc. We welcome children, teenagers and adults to avail of our services, therefore, raising the awareness that "it's okay not to feel ok, and to ask for help. The door of Teac Tom is open Monday to Friday from 9.30 to 3 and for appointments, so people can come in for a chat and a cuppa. We understand this time of year may be extremely busy but we would greatly appreciate your support. Together we can tear down the walls of silence that surround mental health.

### **Envelopes**

For reasons of security: Anyone wishing to bring their contributions up to date is being asked to do so at their earliest convenience (to avoid keeping unnecessary amount cash or cheques in the house over the Christmas time). The envelopes for next year will be distributed in the next week or so. Many thanks to all who helped to distribute them. If you have not received an envelope and would like to, please contact the parish office. Standing Order: Anyone wishing to pay to Parish Funds or the Clergy Funds by Standing Order, please contact me for information. Thanks to all who contribute so generously and faithfully to the parish & for the support of the priest.

### **Advent Wreath**

The round wreath symbolizes the eternity of God's love for us. The wreath is made of evergreens reminding us of the eternal life of God in Christ. One candle is lit each week of Advent. The purple reminds us of the spirit of prayer and penance that marks this time of preparation. The red candle lit on the third Sunday symbolising the joy and the hope Christ has to offer. The white candle lit on Christmas Day represents Christ and the peace that he bring.

### **Choir Practice – Carrigeen**

Choir Practice for Carrigeen Church will take place on Wednesday nights at 7.30pm. We are now preparing for Advent and Christmas. All musicians and singers welcome.

### **Part-time Cleaner Required**

A part time cleaner is required in the Mooncoin Area for my elderly lady. Tasks would involve hoovering, washing some floors and cleaning bathrooms. If you know of someone who might be interested, please contact Mrs Lowe 00 44 7931 382 180 or evenings on 00 44 1263 577732 for further information.

### **Part Time Childcare Manager And Part Time Preschool Assistant**

38 weeks annually - Level 6 / 7 childcare qualification plus experience desirable for management position. Minimum childcare Fetac Level 5 award with 2 years' experience for assistant. Please send CV to Carrigeen Community Preschool, Carrigeen, Via Waterford or email [carrigeencommunitypreschool@gmail.com](mailto:carrigeencommunitypreschool@gmail.com) Closing date for applications 16th December.

### **Free to Good Home**

Zanussi Double Oven only three years old. In perfect condition and working order. For further information please contact 086-8275 194.

### **Mooncoin Christmas Carol Service**

To be held on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> Dec @6pm in Kilnaspic Church. A wonderful evening of song, Liturgy and reflection in preparation for Christmas with refreshments afterwards. All are welcome

### **Christmas Celebration**

On Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2016 – Scoil Mhuire NS will celebrate Christmas and the success of the amalgamation with a day in the Parish Hall. The children will perform Zumba starting at 11am, followed by Christmas Carols and Songs. We will then have our Christmas Raffle – 1<sup>st</sup> Prize is a 32” Smart TV. Tea / Coffee and cakes will be on sale on the day. Everyone is invited to attend and we hope you can support our Raffle to raise much needed funds for our school.

### **Thank You**

I would like to say thank you to all the people who sponsored me in the recent 2016 Dublin City Marathon. A total of €10,700 was raised for CMRF Our Lady's Children's Hospital Crumlin. Thank you once again for your continued support, Tom Roche.

### **Mooncoin Women's Group**

Mooncoin Women's Group are holding a Coffee Morning in aid of Sacred Heart Day Care Centre and Fight for Sight at Comerford's Lounge, Mooncoin on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2016 at 10.30am. Please come along and support our charities.

### **Mooncoin Day Care – Dinner Dance**

Annual Dinner Dance will take place in The Royal Oak, Rathkieran on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2016 at 5pm. Tickets from committee members.

### **Dournane House Fire Relief Fund**

We wish to acknowledge C.C.S. Secondary School, Mooncoin and their students for their generous donation to our fund. We appreciate the efforts and support of the students and staff.

### **Available Services – People Do Care!**

#### **Kilkenny Bereavement Support:**

**Your local Priest:** Mooncoin Parochial House

056- 775 6538

051- 895 123

**Support after Homicide:** ( 7 Days)

087-983 7322

**Suicide Prevention Help line**

1800 742 745

**Samaritans: -**

Kilkenny

056-776 5554 / 1850 60 90 90

Waterford

051-872 114

Freephone

116 123

Waterford Drop in 16 Beau Street 9.00 a.m. to 9.00 p.m.

*Cleaners / Collectors / Eucharistic Ministers / Readers*  
*Mooncoin*

**Cleaners: 18<sup>th</sup> Dec**

Trish Conway, Kathleen O'Brien, Angela Haley, Kitty Grant,  
Eithne Ponce De Leon

**Collectors: Dec**

**Sat 6.30pm**

Therese Walsh, Michael Lannon

**Sun 11.15am**

Seamus O'Brien, Pdraig Power

**Eucharistic Ministers: December**

**Sat 6.30pm**

Bridget McGrath, Kathleen Dunphy, Monica Hassett

**Sun 11.15am**

Joan Thornton, Gaby Kelly

**Readers: December**

**Sat 17<sup>th</sup> Dec 6.30 pm**

Mary Cotter Power, Joe Cashin

**Sun 18<sup>th</sup> Dec 11.15am**

Geraldine Purcell, Margaret Hayes

*Carrigeen*

**Collectors: Dec**

Dick & Cecily Walsh, Ronan Walsh

**Cleaners: 17<sup>th</sup> Dec**

Marion Walsh, Mary Murphy

**Eucharistic Ministers: 18<sup>th</sup> Dec**

P.J. O'Leary, Catriona O'Reilly

**Readers: 18<sup>th</sup> Dec**

Ned & Eimear Phelan

*Kilnaspic*

**Cleaners: 17<sup>th</sup> / 24th Dec**

M Fahy, A Walsh

**Eucharistic Ministers: 17<sup>th</sup> Dec**

Mary Frisby

**Readers: 17<sup>th</sup> Dec**

Pat Kinsella

**Welcome**

We welcome into our faith the following who were baptized recently:

James Gerard Rowe

**Recently Deceased:**

Caroline Kirk, Co. Waterford

Denis Walsh, Jamestown, Piltown

**Months Mind**

Dick Kelly, Ballygorey

**Anniversaries**

Eily Barden, Clonmore

Skye O'Donoghue, Mullinabro

Catherine Kelly, Silversprings

Pat Holden, Aglish

Jimmy Kenny, Aglish & Lower Curluddy

Tommy Lynch, Ballincur

John Fielding, Rathkieran

Jimmy O'Keeffe, Main St

Michael & Joey Fielding, Portnahully

James Corcoran, Cussana

Mattie & Hannah Walsh, Cloncunny

Mary Ann Murphy, Barrabehy

Nora Walsh, Dublin / Clogga

Mary & Michael Walsh, Filbuckstown