



# The Grapevine

MOONCOIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Third Sunday of Advent

13<sup>th</sup> December 2015

**Thought for the Week**  
**Present for Christmas - PJ McCamphill**

Here I am again wondering what present to buy for Christmas and forgetting that the best present I can give is just to be present. Present to the family who grew with me, to the friends whose joy bubbles my life, to the sick who pain heavies my heart, to the lonely whose longing is for a visit or a word or a gesture, to the down-of-heart whose sorrow saddens my joy. Present to Jesus the Child who is present to me always.

Inspirational Quotes:

Galatians 6:9

'And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.'

**Masses during the week**

**Christmas Mass Times**

Christmas Eve - Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> Dec

Mooncoin - 6.30pm

Carrigeen - 8pm

Kilnaspic - 9pm

**Christmas Day**

Carrigeen - 10am

Mooncoin - 11.15am

Put Christ back into Christmas, Sunday Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> from 3 - 5pm, Time of prayer and reflection in preparation for Christmas to conclude with mass at 4.15pm. Christmas cards and candles on sale in the Parish office, buy locally!!

**Notices**

**Leaving Cert Irish Grinds**

For further information contact 087 9841344

**Vision Mooncoin**

Draw for the Christmas Raffle Monday Dec 14<sup>th</sup> at Bingo. Please ensure all tickets are back. Snowball

**Colaiste Cojs Siuire Carol Service**

Wed Dec 16<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon in the Church

**Nursing Home Christmas Mass**

Thursday Dec 17<sup>th</sup> at 2.30pm, Anointing of the sick, elderly and frail on Tues, Dec 15<sup>th</sup> at 2.30pm in the nursing home. All are welcome

**Girls School Christmas Show**

Girls School will perform Christmas play in parish Hall on Thurs, 17<sup>th</sup> Dec @ 7pm. Donations at the door much appreciated.

**S.V.P.**

Conference Meeting Monday Dec 14<sup>th</sup> @ 7.30pm

**Christmas Social Dancing Night**

Kilmacow Community Centre, 13<sup>th</sup> Dec @ 8.45pm - 11.30pm. Adm €8. Music by Mary Prendergast & County Highways, all welcome.

The family of the late Johnny Howley would like to thank most sincerely all in the Parish of Mooncoin and surrounding area for your unvaluable support during Johnny's illness, wake and funeral.

### **Right4ufitness**

The wait is over... Right4ufitness is calling all MEN to get out and run! Commencing this January in Piltown, structured, tailor made running plans with strength & stretch programme specifically for MEN! All fitness levels welcome, if you are returning to exercise or would like to give it a go for the first time, just lace up those runners and get in touch! Find us & message us on [www.facebook.com/right4ufitness](http://www.facebook.com/right4ufitness). As places are limited do get in touch sooner rather than later... we look forward to continued health and happiness in 2016!

### **South Kilkenny Historical Society**

Winter Solstice at Knockroe, Invitation to join the South Kilkenny Historical Society for the Winter Solstice sunset at Knockroe Passage Tomb on Monday, December 21st 2015. Meeting time and place: 2.30pm at Owing church. All welcome.

### **DIOCESAN CELEBRATION TO INAUGURATE THE GREAT JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY - *Be merciful like the Father***

Bishop Freeman will inaugurate the **Great Jubilee Year of Mercy** in our diocese with the celebration of the Eucharist with priests, religious and the lay faithful, on Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> December 2015 in St. Marys Cathedral at 5.30 p.m.

### **L'Arche**

L'Arche provides supported living for people with intellectual disabilities. On **St. Stephens Day** we are holding our inaugural Slievenamon charity trek. It promises to be a great family event after which we will be providing refreshments for participants and supporters alike. Registration will be open from 9am in the community hall Kilcash. For more details please visit the L'Arche Ireland Facebook page or contact Paul Ahearne @ [paul@larcheireland.org](mailto:paul@larcheireland.org).

### **Christmas Fair**

Sale of Mooncoin Christmas Fair tickets is ongoing. The draw will take place at the Bingo on Dec, 14<sup>th</sup> If you are not in, you can't win!!

### **Dublin City Marathon**

I would like to thank all the people who sponsored him in the recent Dublin City Marathon and the Mooncoin Vintage Club for their very generous contribution of €300. Total raised for Our Lady's Children's Hospital Crumlin was €9,220. I am very grateful to you all. Tom Roche, Ballincur, Mooncoin

**Christmas Trees** for Sale in Turkstown, Contact Richard 087-2029304

### **Youth 2000 Christmas Retreat**

Youth 2000 invites all young adults between ages of 16 - 35 to a Catholic weekend retreat which will take place in Newbridge College, Co.Kildare 18<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> December 2015. All meals are provided for and accommodation is on site. Don't let money be an obstacle, just bring a donation and sleeping bag. Booking is essential, for more information see [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie), Youth 2000 Ireland Facebook page or tel 00353 (0) 1 6753690.

### **Medjugorje Irish Centre Pilgrimage**

Airport Transpor and 7 Nights B&B €279, Tel 014434510 or email [reservations@med-irishcentre.com](mailto:reservations@med-irishcentre.com), call for flight info.

### **Retrouvaille a Lifeline for Marriage:**

Is your marriage stressed, unloving or cold? Do you feel alone or distant from your spouse? Have you lost the desire to communicate with each other? Do you feel disillusioned or bored in your marriage? Have you separated, divorced, or are you thinking of doing so, but want to try again? The Retrouvaille programme can help you recover your marriage. Next programme 5th - 7th February 2016. For information contact Tony & Anne 01 4953536, Mike & Anne 01 4500922, text or call 086 4135440, or email [info@retrouvaille.ie](mailto:info@retrouvaille.ie) or visit [www.retrouvaille.ie](http://www.retrouvaille.ie)

### **Finance**

As we approach the end of the financial year, we thank all who contributed to the upkeep of the church and parish and remind those who have not - Please do so. Also to keep in mind that now all contributions of €250 and over - we can claim 31% tax back. Thank You.

### **Kilkenny County Council**

#### **KCC are holding a Household Recycling Service, relocated to Piltown on Saturdays**

Kilkenny County Council is pleased to announce the re-opening of the Household Recycling Service in South Kilkenny. The Recycling Service will be located at Piltown Community Hall, Piltown, Co. Kilkenny, commencing Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2015 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and will run on a weekly basis. The service is for households located in rural areas that are without access to a waste collection service. No commercial waste will be accepted. **Recyclables Accepted**

### **Silver Circle Results - Week 6**

€200 Noeline Kinsella , €100 Caroline Dunphy , €50 Sarah Crowley , €20 Margaret Crowley, John Joe Kinsella, John Power, Helen Scahill, Eric Wall, Bill Quirke, Jessica Hahessy, Leanne Phelan, John Fielding, Anna Dunphy, Eoin Crowley, Ashling Hill, Catherine Reville, Ciara Hogan, Hope & Mckenzie Walsh, Ann Rowe, Orla Wall, Marian Phelan, Kathleen Landers, Noel Phelan.

### **Ossory Income & Expenditure Statement**

Please note the Diocese of Ossory Income & Expenditure Statement will be displayed on the Notice Board at the entrance to each church for your viewing.

### **Mooncoin Prayer Group**

Time & Venue Change - For the winter months the prayer group will meet on Wednesday mornings after 9.30am mass in Mooncoin Church.

### **Saint Kieran's Graveyard Volunteers Wanted**

Volunteers wanted for general clean-up on Saturday Mornings from 10am - 1pm. Contact Kevin Dunphy on 0877406354 or Liam Dunphy on 0868212019

### **Vision Mooncoin**

New Office hours for Vision Mooncoin are Monday to Friday 9.30-1.00. Please contact Jackie on 083 1660658 for any bookings or enquiries. Thank You.

**St Kevin's Church Carrigeen** was first built around 1700- a thatched barn like structure. The PP then was Patrick Brophy. It was rebuilt in 1801 by general subscription - John Fitzpatrick was then PP. how much it changed is impossible to say but presumably it was on the same site but higher. The church was rebuilt almost from the foundations in 1893 when Fr Patrick Phelan was PP. Anyone who may have old photographs we would like to hear from you. Please leave some into the Parish Office with name and we will return them to you. Thank you.

### **Graveyards**

When removing old wreaths from graves can you please ensure to bring them home and not leave in the graveyard. Thank You.

### **Free Gift**

Set of Drums in need of some repair, contact parish office 051 895123

### **Pilgrimage to Rome**

Ossory Diocese Pilgrimage to Rome for the Special Year of Mercy August 29<sup>th</sup> - September 3<sup>rd</sup> 2016. For full details and booking contact: Ossory Adult Faith Development - 056 7753624 or Email: [afd@ossory.ie](mailto:afd@ossory.ie)

### **First Confession**

First Confession - Mooncoin 7<sup>th</sup> March, Carrigeen 8<sup>th</sup> March

### **Holy Communion/Confirmation Dates**

Holy Communion Mooncoin - Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2016

Holy Communion Carrigeen - Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2016

Confirmation - Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2016

**Happy Christmas** - The Staff of Ferrybank Library, Trish, Helen, Maria and Jimmy would like to take this opportunity to wish all our loyal patrons A Very Happy and Peaceful Christmas! We appreciate the support given throughout the year.

**Opening Hours for Christmas** - Library will close on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December at 2:00pm and will re-open on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> December at 10:00am

### **REMINDER Poetry Competition Title: 'The Year 2015'**

Open to teenagers and adults. Deadline: Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2015 submit to Ferrybank Library.

The lucky winner will receive a limited edition W.B. Yeats Silver Commemoration Coin.

**MABS - Weekly Confidential Clinics** each Wednesday morning from 9:15am to 10:30am. This is a FREE, one-to-one service offering independent, confidential and non-judgmental advice to people who are having difficulties with managing their money or are in debt. To make an appointment phone 0761 07 2050 or drop in on the day.

For further information on any of the above, please contact Ferrybank Library on 051 897200 or email

[ferrybank@kilkennylibrary.ie](mailto:ferrybank@kilkennylibrary.ie)

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### **Mooncoin**

**Cleaners: 19<sup>th</sup> Dec** Trish Conway, Kathleen O'Brien, Angela Halley, Kitty Grant

**Collectors: Dec**

**Sat 6.30pm** Joan Thornton, Therese Walsh

**Sun 11.15am** Paddy Power, Seamus O'Brien

**Eucharistic Ministers: Dec**

**Sat 6.30pm** Bridget McGrath, Kathleen Dunphy, Monica Hassett

**Sun 11.15am** Sarah Kinsella, Joan Thornton, Gaby Kelly

**Readers Sat 19<sup>th</sup> Dec** -----

**Sun 20<sup>th</sup> Dec** Jack Conway

### **Carrigeen**

**Collectors: Dec** Dick & Cecily Walsh, Ronan Walsh

**Cleaners: 19<sup>th</sup> Dec** Kitty Doyle & Julianne Walsh

**Eucharistic Ministers: 20<sup>th</sup> Dec** Mgt. Brennan & Declan Walsh

**Readers: 20<sup>th</sup> Dec** Ronan Walsh and Joesphine Jones

### **Kilnaspic**

**Cleaners: 19<sup>th</sup> Dec** M.Fahy & A. Walsh

**Eucharistic Ministers: 19<sup>th</sup> Dec** Jason Dunphy

**Months Mind Mass**

*The months mind mass for*

**Welcome**

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

**Anniversaries**

Eily Barden, Clonmore  
James O'Keeffe, Main St.,  
Jimmy Kenny, Lower Corluddy  
Pat Holden, Aghlish  
Kathleen Fewer, Ballygriffin  
John Fielding, Rathkieran  
John Aylward, Kilnaspic  
Catherine Kelly, Silver Spring  
Nora Walsh, Dublin & Clogga

**Months Mind**

Nora Aylward, Kilnaspic

Inspirational Quotes:

Galatians 6:9

'And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.'

A quote for each day can be found on the website: <http://mooncoinparish.ie>

Psalms 89:1

'I will sing of the Lord's great love forever; with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations'

John 14:27

'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid'

Nahum 1:7

'The Lord is good, a refuge in times of trouble. He cares for those who trust in Him'

Hebrews 13:5

'Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.'

2Corinthians 9:6

'Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously'

Psalms 71:19

'Your righteousness, God, reaches to the heavens, you who have done great things. Who is like you, God?'