



The Grapevine

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Third Sunday of Advent

14th December 2014

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.

Mon 15th Dec: Reconciliation & Healing Service – Mooncoin @ 7.30pm with Fr. Philp Brennan

Sunday 21st Dec: Parish Carol Service – Mooncoin @ 7.00pm

Mass Thursday for Christmas – 24th December – Christmas Eve:

Mooncoin @ 6.30pm Carrigeen @ 7.30pm Kilnaspic @ 8.30pm

Mass Friday 25th December – Christmas Day:

Carrigeen @ 10.00am Mooncoin @ 11.15am

Mass Saturday 27th December:

Mooncoin @ 6.30pm Kilnaspic @ 8.00pm

Mass Sunday 28th December:

Carrigeen @ 10.00am Mooncoin @ 11.15am

Thursday 1st January – New Year's Day: Mass 11am – Mooncoin

Masses during the week

Rosary: 9.15am – The Rosary will be broadcast on the radio at 9.15am each morning before the 9.30am mass.

Tues – Fri: 9.30am - Mooncoin

Thurs 10am – 8pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Nagle Chapel.

Anointing of the Sick in the Nursing Home on Tuesday 16th December at 2.30pm.

Notices

Ferrybank Library

Christmas Craft Fair organised by Brothers of Charity - **FREE Admission**. Get a head start on your Christmas shopping by paying a visit to this wonderful craft fair. Loads of interesting items to suit everyone :-
*Crafts * Gifts * Goodies* Food *

Dates for your diary :- Thursday 18th December from 2:30pm – 4:30pm; Friday 19th December from 10:00am – 4:30pm and Saturday 20th December from 9:30am to 1:00pm

Prize Winners of Art Competition - Well done to all to participated in the competition. The quality of entries submitted were excellent which made it very difficult to pick out the top drawings in each category. However, the winners are as follows :- from St Mary's Boys National School Ferrybank, 3rd Class, is Darragh O'Neill; Milosz Matras; David Nawiesniak and from 2nd Class BNS – John Costello; Sean Byrne; and from SNR Infants Daniel Roche; Wotzek Drozder and Siún Crosse. A big congratulations to all these young budding artists! Their work is currently on display in the library.

Christmas Crafts with Tanya – for children 6 years plus. Wednesday 17th December from 3:15 – 4:30pm. Make handmade Christmas decorations. All Materials provided. Cost €2 per class. Booking essential.

Multicultural Craft – Celebrating Ferrybanks diversity, a craft class takes place in the community room in Ferrybank Library every Wednesday 10am -1pm. Make new friends in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. No experience necessary only a willingness to try something new. Best of all, it's FREE.

Opening Hours for Christmas – Library will close on Tuesday, 23rd December at 2pm and will re-open on Tuesday, 30th December at 10am.

On Wednesday 31st December we will be close at 4pm. On behalf of the Library Staff, Trish, Helen, Maria and Jimmy, may we take this opportunity to wish all our loyal patrons a very happy and peaceful Christmas!

For more information on any of the above please contact Ferrybank Library on 051 897200

Grapevine

Please have any notices for the Grapevine into the Parish Office by 12pm on Wednesday. Thank you. Some weeks we cannot fit all notices received for the Grapevine, however all notices will appear on our online Grapevine on www.mooncoinparish.ie.

Dates to Remember

First Penance: Mooncoin – Wednesday 4th March @ 7.30pm & Carrigeen – Wednesday 11th March @ 7.30pm.
First Holy Communion: Mooncoin – Saturday 23rd May @ 11am & Carrigeen – Saturday 16th May @ 11am.
Confirmation: Mooncoin – Sunday April 26th at 11.15am

Mooncoin Children's Choir

Practice for the Mooncoin Children's Choir takes place on Mondays from 3 – 4pm. All children from 2nd class upwards welcome. €1 per family. See you there, Margaret & Maureen.

Silver Circle

Week 8: €200 Tara & Caoimhe Butler-c/o N. Murphy-St. Annes Tce., **€100** Ned Phelan-Polerone, **€50** Pdraig Tolan-Filbuckstown, **€20** Tommy Purcell-Curlody, Stephen Callinan-Ballytarsney, Eoin O'Reilly-Ardara, Sean Croke-Ballygriffin, Alex Crosse-Roseleigh, Marie Flynn-Mooncoin Heights, Bridget Holden-Suir Crescent, Joe Dunphy-Luffany, Ann Grant-Portnascully, Danny Purcell-Polerone, June Savage-Chapel Street, Michael Foran-Ardara, Jimmy O'Brien-Corluddy, Mary Walsh-Corluddy, Simon O'Shea-Portnascully, Sean Behan-Kilmacthomas, Nicky Hennebry-Ballybrazil, Michael Fox-Aglish, Michael Lehane-Wilton-Cork, Sarah Hough-c/o G.O'Brien.

Safety Note

Please do not leave any valuable items in your vehicle while unattended.

Want to Stay Fit?

Bootcamp takes place in the Parish hall every Thursday night from 8 – 9pm. Contact Peter Nolan – 086 2470429. All are welcome.

Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2015

Ossory Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2015 May 22nd – May 27th - Cost € 755 pps. All bookings for both Regular and Assisted pilgrims please contact Glenmore Parish Office – 051 880414 / Email: glenmore@ossory.ie
Mon/Tue/Thurs 10.00 – 2.30 & Friday 9.15 – 12.15.

Fatima

Anniversary of St. Lucia – 11th – 15th February 2015 – 4 Nights Full Board – Cinquentenario Hotel - €474.00 pp / €25 Insurance (optional). For information or bookings please contact Imelda Kelly – 086 2755836.

The Nagle Chapel

The Nagle Chapel will be opened for 11.15am Mass every Sunday as a Family Room and a Young Children Friendly Space. All are welcome. For now the only entrance is from the sacristy of the church.

Volunteers Wanted

Volunteers are needed to help with events in the Parish Hall over the coming year. Even if you can spare 2 hours a month – that would be fantastic. Please contact Bernie in the Hall Office on Tue/Thurs Morning or leave your details in the Parish Office. Thank you.

Saint Vincent De Paul

Conference Meeting on Monday 15th December in the Parish Room at 7.30pm. Please note a change to our collections for the coming year. From January 2015 our monthly collections will take place on the first weekend of every month. Thank you for your support.

Trócaire

“Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God”. Trócaire Christmas Gifts are now on sale and can make a life-changing difference to families in some of the world’s poorest countries. Please log onto www.trocaire.org/gifts

Mooncoin Vintage Club

Meeting in the Royal Oak Bar on Wednesday 17th December at 9pm. New and Old members welcome. Wishing all a very happy Christmas and prosperous new year.

South Kilkenny Historical Society

Winter Solstice Sunset at Knockroe Passage Tomb – Meeting at 2.30pm Sun 21st Dec at Owing Church.

Christmas Nativity

The Girls School will perform ‘Hosanna Rock’ on Thursday 18th December at 7.30pm in the Parish Church. All are welcome. We are still collecting old batteries – they can be dropped into the school at any time.

Scoil Mhuire – Boys N.S.

Parents are invited to the presentation of a Defibrillator on Thursday 18th December at 1.00

Thank You

Angela Haley would like to thank all who sent mass bouquets and well wishes during her recent illness. A mass will be offered for your intentions.

Coffee Morning

Mooncoin Women’s Group are holding a Coffee Morning in aid of the Simon Community on Monday 15th December from 10 to 12 in the Parish Hall. Please come along and support this worthy cause. Thank You.

2015 Envelopes

The 2015 Parish Envelopes are now ready for collection at the Parish Office. We urge all distributors to collect and distribute the envelopes this week. Thank you.

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 now claim back 31% tax. Thank you.

Advent Text

Would you like to receive an Advent Text? It has proven extremely popular encouraging people to take a moment to reflect. Should you like to receive this free text – See details below:

Text your Mobile No. to 085 8313100 Email: afd@ossory.ie Tel: 056 7753624

Mooncoin Bridge Club

Mooncoin Bridge Club is currently open for new members. We play bridge every Wednesday night at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. Anyone interested contact Margery Godinho – 051 895358 / 087 2896163. All are welcome.

Christmas Cards / Candles

Christmas Cards and Candles are now available for sale in the Parish Office.

Vision Mooncoin

Vision Mooncoin / Parish Hall Office Hours: Monday – Friday 11am – 3pm

Office Secretary: Bernie O'Brien

Office Telephone No: 083 1660658 – 10am to 6pm

Eucharistic Ministers

The Eucharistic Ministers 2015 Rota is now available for collection at the Parish Office.

Carol Service

Colaiste Cois Siúire Carol Service will take place on Monday 15th December at 9.30am in the Parish Church.

Liturgy

The Parish Pastoral Council are in the process of adding new members to the liturgy committee. If you would like to be one of those persons, please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Office – 895123.

Reflexology/Massage

Gift Vouchers now available for reflexology, massage, colour and style workshop. 20% off all vouchers until 31st December. Contact Valerie Barlow, Ballygriffin – 086 3853706

Mooncoin GAA

Mooncoin GAA would like to thank all who supported the recent Card Handicap. To all who sponsored spot prizes and those who provided the refreshments. Over € 800 was raised for the local SVP. The winners on the night were Paddy Holden, Michael Walsh and James Comerford.

Vision Mooncoin / Christmas Fair

The fair and the sale of tickets to date realised €7,300. Many thanks to all our sponsors, supporters, those who bought tickets, sellers and all who gave in gifts and donations towards the fair. It is very much appreciated. Well done all and Thank You. The winners of the raffle are as follows:

1. Tablet (Value €300) – Tara O'Keeffe
2. €250 Morris Oil Voucher – Marcie Foran
3. €150 Smyths Voucher – E Kearns
4. €100 Firewood – John Barden
5. €50 Coal Voucher – Kitty Barden
6. Bottle of Whiskey – Kathleen Carroll
7. €40 Countrystyle Voucher – Mary Nolan
8. Candle Stand – Kate O'Shea
9. White Candle – Annette Howley

Cleaners / Collectors / Eucharistic Ministers / Readers

Mooncoin

Cleaners: December

Bridget McGrath, Pauline Tobin
Elsie McGrath, Ellen Fitzpatrick

Collectors: December

Sat 6.30pm

Sun 11.15am

Therese Walsh, Michael Lannon
Eddie O'Keeffe, Seamus O'Brien

Eucharistic Ministers: Dec

Sat 6.30pm

Sun 11.15am

Bridget McGrath, Monica Hassett, Kathleen Dunphy
Gaby Kelly, Sarah Kinsella, Joan Thornton

Readers:

20th / 27th Dec 6.30pm

21st / 28th Dec 11.15am

Margaret Keane
Mary Grace, Margaret Hayes

Carrigeen

Cleaners: 20th December

Collectors: December

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Judy Doherty, Margo Delahunty
Dick & Cecily Walsh, Ronan Walsh
Declan Walsh, Teresa O'Neill
Eileen Dowling, Mgt. Brennan Teresa O'Neill
Mary Murphy, Anne Walsh, Catriona O'Reilly
Pat O'Neill, Teresa O'Neill
Una Walsh, Frank Hogan
Ronan Walsh, Eilish Walsh
Tom Jones, Josephine Jones

Kilnaspic

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Readers: 20th December

Mary Frisby, Dolores Aylward
Cathlene Walsh
Louise Walsh

Welcome

We welcome into our faith community the following who were baptised recently:

Caelum Rocco Kammerer Dobbyn

William Fielding

Anniversaries

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Eily Barden, Clonmore (2nd Anniversary)

Jimmy Kenny, AGLISH

Pat Holden, AGLISH

Kathleen (Cissy) Jones, Cloncunny

Jimmy O'Keeffe, Main St

James Kinsella, Cloncone

James Corcoran, Cussana, Carrigeen (2nd Anniversary)

Kathleen Fewer, Ballygriffin

John Fielding, Rathkieran