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First Sunday of Lent

14th February 2016

Thought for the Week

The Season of Lent

"The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan" - St. Mark's Gospel, Ash Wednesday

- A time for prayer - Set aside space each day of Lent for an extra prayer e.g. the rosary or some reading of your Bible or to visit the church.
- A time for fasting - We have so much that we take for granted that this time of fasting or doing without some favourite food and/or other things we really like, such as the TV, can enable us to appreciate the simple blessings in life.
- A time for giving - Even now when money is tight we must still think of those less fortunate in our world. Giving to the Trocaire Collection shows our support for these people. Lent is our annual faith "operation transformation", our six week preparation for Holy Week and Easter, the most important celebration for us Christians. It demands effort and an interior spiritual renewal as we ponder the sacrifice of Christ Jesus for love of The Father and for us.

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

Psalm 72:18-19

'Praise be to the Lord God, the God of Israel, who alone does marvellous deeds. Praise be to his glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with his glory. Amen and Amen.'

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

Masses during the week

Rosary – 9.15:

The rosary will be broadcast on the radio at 9.15am each morning before the 9.30am mass. If you have a Special Intention that you would like to be prayed for, please come along and join us and the rosary will be offered for your intention.

Monday

Mass 7pm – Mooncoin

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Mass 9.30am – Mooncoin

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Mass 7.30pm – Mooncoin

Mass 9.30am - Carrigeen

Thurs - Friday:

Mass 9.30am – Mooncoin

Thurs 10am – 8pm:

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Parish Church

Notices

Ferrybank Library

Art & Craft Classes for Children 6+ - Ongoing classes each Wednesday afternoon from 3:30-4:45pm €3 per class. Registration a must, contact Ferrybank Library on 051 897200. Spaces Limited.

Creative Writing & Poetry - Calling all budding writers and poets: our creative writing and poetry group meets every Friday morning from 10:30am to 12:30pm. This is a great opportunity to meet with fellow artists and so support the creative process. All are welcome!

Liz McGuire Art Exhibition - An Oil Painting Exhibition not to be missed, currently on display in Ferrybank Library [during opening hours]. Some of Liz's favourite projects have been done on black canvas. The application of vibrant reds and cadmium oranges have the ability to transform the blank, dark canvas into a feast of colour to fill the viewers imagination. Colour has the very powerful ability to transform a mood and it never ceases to amaze at how different palettes attract each individual. Over the years, Liz has taken courses here in **Ireland, London and Berlin**. These courses provided her with the various skills needed to teach some of her methods to students of all levels. Liz's favourite subjects are Florals and her signature pieces are Dancers. Liz is a Certified Ross Floral Instructor. Liz's paintings are for sale, for further details check out her website www.lizmcguiregallery.com

Library Services - A new suite of **FREE** services include :- e-Books; e-Audiobooks; e-Magazines; Online Courses; Online Languages; Online National, Local and International Newspapers; Irish Newspaper Archives available in the library only; and many, many more **FREE** services available to library members. Contact Ferrybank Library on 051 897200 for further information.

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For further information on any of the above, please contact Ferrybank Library on 051 897200 or email ferrybank@kilkennylibrary.ie Follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

Scripture Course

A Scripture Course will commence on Tuesday 16th February in Nagle Chapel at 7.30pm. The course will continue for the Tuesday Nights of Lent. It will be given by Fr. Michael Mullins P.P. of Ballybricken – former professor of Scripture in Maynooth. Fr. Michael has the ability to bring the Word of God alive. A great opportunity for all, especially readers to increase our knowledge and understanding of the bible. Please come along and bring a friend. If you have a bible – please bring it along.

Confirmation Meeting

A meeting for all parents/guardians who have children for confirmation will take place on Monday night 15th February at 7.30pm in Carrigeen School Hall. It is extremely important that all parents/guardians attend.

Enable Ireland

Enable Ireland National Church Gate Collection will take place on the weekend of the 14th and 15th February 2016. Please support. Many thanks.

Kilkenny Age Friendly Older Peoples Forum

Aim: The Kilkenny Older Peoples Forum is a group that represents the voice of the older people in Kilkenny. This voluntary group enables people to share their concerns as an older person living in their community and to work with other agencies and service providers. The aim of this Forum is to make sure that Kilkenny is a great place to grow old in. We would encourage people to join us by contacting Mary Holden, Secretary on 056-7772787, alternatively phone 087-6218589 or Email: agefriendlycounty@gmail.com. Membership is free.

Carrigeen GAA

Carrigeen GAA is delighted to announce the launch of juvenile hurling in the club. Registration and a fun based coaching initiative will start on the 12th March @ 11am in Astro Turf Pitch Carrigeen. All boys and girls age five and upwards are welcome. Free Registration and a free Hurley for all. For further information Contact Nicky @ 0877982605 or Hilary @ 0879413705. The following officers were elected to the clubs juvenile committee.

Chairman: Nicky Dunphy

Vice Chairman: Noel Butler

Secretary: Hilary Delahunty

Treasurer: Mini Delaney

Child Welfare Officer: Eoin Gallagher (Qualified Youth Worker)

Joint Coaching Co-ordinators: Brendan o Sullivan & Fintan Dermody

Committee Members: Pa Walsh, Wally Morahan, Stephen Blackmore, Catherine o Brien, Richie Quinn

Parish Pastoral Council

During this year of mercy we have looked at a few different ways of celebrating lent this year.

1. Lenten Evening Mass in Mooncoin on Mondays & Wednesdays.
2. The Tuesday Evenings of Lent, Fr. Michael Mullins PP of Ballybricken former Professor of Scripture in Maynooth will give talks/reflections and lead discussions on the Word of God.
3. The weekend of 5th/6th March, Theme for the week and liturgies will be Mercy and Forgiveness given by Sr. Antoinette. "Merciful like the Father."
4. Fr. Peter McVerry SJ will give a talk on "Beyond Compassion to Solidarity – Call of the Gospel on Monday March 14th at 7.30pm.

Lifts to Mass

If any parishioner is having difficulty attending Mass due to not having transport, please contact the Parish Office with your contact details and efforts will be made to try to resolve this matter. Mooncoin Parish Pastoral Council.

Cemetery Masses 2016

The following dates have been set for this year's cemetery masses:- Mooncoin New Cemetery – Saturday 4th June at 6.30pm, Mooncoin Old Cemetery – Friday 10th June at 8pm, Carrigeen – Friday 3rd June at 8pm, Kilnaspic – Saturday 2nd July at 8pm. Please inform family, friends and neighbours. All are welcome.

Trocaire Boxes

Trocaire Boxes are available in the three churches. Please take one per family. A little goes a long way. Thank you again for your generosity.

Mooncoin Readers & Eucharistic Ministers

We thank you for your ministry. You will receive a New Rota for 2016 commencing with the month of February. Readers will receive the readings and prayers of the faithful at the beginning of each month.

Mooncoin/Carrigeen/Kilnaspic Liturgy Readers

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

Carrigeen National School

Enrolment forms for new Junior Infants available in school from Monday to Friday. See www.carrigeenns.com for more details.

Youth 2000

Youth 2000 is a Catholic Prayer Group for people aged 16-35 years. We meet every Friday night in the Waterford Cathedral, Barronstrand Street (side entrance) at 7.30pm. The meeting lasts about an hour, with time for tea and chat after. Hope you can make it. For more information contact Tom – 087 2749643 after 6pm or www.youth2000.ie

Leaving Cert Irish Grinds

Leaving Cert Irish Grinds available – Contact Ailish 087 9841344 for further information.

Yearly Envelopes

Please contact Parish Office if you have not received your Yearly Envelopes.

Medjugorje Pilgrimage

The Medjugorje Irish Centre Pilgrimage – Airport Transport and nights Bed & Breakfast €279.00 per person. Please contact 01 4434510 or email reservations@med-irishcentre.com Call for flight information.

Silver Circle – Week 15 Results

€200 Domo Connolly-Ballincur, €100 Kathleen Tobin-Chapel St., €50 Anthony Cuddihy-Carrigeen, €20 Mary Walsh-Grange, Tom Thompson-Roseleigh, Tommy Dermody-New Aghlish, Kathleen Tobin-Suir Crescent, Pat Kinsella-Clogga, Tom Quinn-Cashel, Leslie Allen-Raheen, Kate & Laura Dunphy-Tubrid, Bernard Mackey-Clonmore, Mark Kearns-Ardera, Mary Sullivan-Licketstown, Margaret Crowley-Polerone, Christy Knox-Suir Crescent, Willie Allen-Carrick Road, Dermot Harrington-Corluddy, Carmel Wall-Roseleigh, Buddy Kelly-Convent View, Esther Howley-Main St., Tom Hennebry-Ballybrazil, June Savage-Grange Road.

Day Centre

The Day Centre is open every Wednesday from 1.30pm to 4.30pm. All are welcome.

Children's Choir

The Children's Choir takes place on Mondays from 3-4pm in The Parish Church. All are welcome.

Food & Craft Fair

Vison Mooncoin will hold a Food & Craft Fair on 6th March in Mooncoin Community Centre from 12pm to 4pm. This is an ideal opportunity for craftspeople to showcase their products. 6 Foot Table only €20. Spaces are limited so early reservation is essential. Please contact Chris on 087 9173353.

Scoil Mhuire Lourdes B.N.S.

Parents wishing to enrol their son for September 2016 can now contact the school for enrolment forms. School office hours are 9.20am – 12.30pm Monday to Friday. Phone 895411 or Email lourdesboys@gmail.com

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

WEEE Collection

Electrical Appliances Collections will take place on Saturday 20th February in the Church Car Park from 10am to 4pm. Please bring along any old Dishwashers, Washing Machines, Dryers, Microwaves etc.

Mooncoin Ploughing Associates

Annual Ploughing Match will take place at Portnascully on Sunday 14th February at 12 Noon. All are welcome.

Respite Care Staff Needed

Family Carers Ireland are recruiting for respite care staff for Kilkenny City, Thomastown, Callan and Kells. If interested please contact 056 7721424.

Ossory Pilgrimage to Lourdes

The Ossory Pilgrimage to Lourdes trip is May 22nd to 27th. All enquiries regarding the pilgrimage should be directed to Eleanor on 051 880414 or glenmore@ossory.ie (9.30am-1.30pm Mon, Tue, Thurs & Friday).

Concert

We wish to thank each and everyone who supported our recent concert of Sacred & Traditional Music. A special word of thanks to all our participants, to those who gave spot prizes, sold and bought tickets and helped in any way. It was a great success. Well done to all. To date we have raised over €4,000 with monies still outstanding. Please find listed the winners of the Raffle on the night:- Josephine Sutton, Margaret Crowley, Helen Murphy, Joan Hennessy, Geraldine McGrath, Eilish McGrath, Eileen Kearns, John Gallagher, Theresa

Moore, Jodie Murphy, Anna Dunphy, Caroline Dunphy, Pat & Irene Kinsella.

Word of God Outreach

A day of prayer will take place on Sunday 14th February from 10.30am to 5.30pm in Edmund Rice Centre, Barrack St., Waterford. Speaker: Sr. Mary O'Duffy. Bring a packed lunch. Contact Sile – 086 8590394 for further details. All are welcome.

Right 4 U Fitness (Piltown)

A beginner ladies running programme will commence Monday 22nd February for 4 weeks. The sessions will take place Monday and Wednesday mornings at 10am. Our goal is to run 5K. Further information contact 087 2601202. All are welcome.

Nightfever Event

A Nightfever event (or called 'Lightfever' as its on during the day) will be held in the Cathedral, of the Most Holy Trinity, Waterford on Saturday the 20th of February, beginning at 2pm and finishing with benediction at 5.45pm in time for the 6.15pm Mass. Nightfever is an afternoon of "Open Church" where street missionaries go in pairs onto the streets of Waterford and invite people to come inside and experience a special atmosphere of music, prayer, confession, and candlelight, allowing us spend some time in prayer and adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. All are very welcome. Feel free to come and go as you want. www.nighfever.org. This is a national event with Churches in other cities holding Nightfever on this date also.

Pioneer Lenten Challenge!

Many people abstain from alcohol and take the Short-Term Pledge for the duration of Lent. Make your Lenten pledge by visiting www.pioneerassociation.ie and joining online or by contacting your local Pioneer centre representative.

Mother, Baby & Toddler Group

The mother & toddler group will meet every Tuesday and Thursday from 10.30am to 12.30 in the Complex. Cost is € 4. New members welcome.

Department of Transport, Tourism & Sport

Councillor Mary Hilda Kavanagh invites all from Mooncoin to the official opening of The N24 Mooncoin Pavement Rehabilitation & Traffic Calming Scheme at the Church Car Park on Tuesday 16th February at 12 Noon. Light refreshments afterwards in Mooncoin Parish Hall. All are welcome.

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

Cleaners: 21st/28th Feb	Anne Purcell, Mary Power, Bernie Walsh
Collectors: Feb	
Sat 6.30pm	Therese Walsh, Michael Lannon
Sun 11.15am	Kieran O'Brien, Kathleen O'Brien
Eucharistic Ministers: Feb	
Sat 6.30pm	Anne Power, Monica Hassett, Bridget McGrath
Sun 11.15am	Alice Kelly, Sarah Kinsella
Readers: Sat 20th/27th Feb	Jonathan Crowley, Maureen Kearns
Sunday 21st/28th Feb	Tom Grant, John Allen

Carrigeen

Collectors: Feb	Margaret Phelan, PJ O'Leary
Cleaners: 20th Feb	Kitty Doyle, Julianne Walsh
Eucharistic Ministers: 21st Feb	Teresa O'Neill, Margaret Brennan
Readers: 21st Feb	Paul & Rebecca Derwin

Kilnaspic

Cleaners: 20th Feb

Eucharistic Ministers: 20th Feb

Readers: 20th Feb

H. Duggan, C. Comerford

Jason Dunphy

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Welcome

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

Andrew Richard Mackey

James Phelan

Daisy-Belle French

Ellie Roche

Anniversaries

Kitty & John Tobin, Chapel Street

Teresa Wong, Mooncoin & Cork

Martin & John Joe Dunphy, Ballytarsney

Neddy Kenny, Lower Corluddy

David, Richard & Mary Phelan, Kilcraggin

John Hearne, Filbuckstown

Nicholas Walsh, Luffany

James Kenny, Luffany

Margaret Delahunty, Luffany

Mary Foley, Rathkieran

Tom Crowley, Barrabehy

Recently Deceased

Nicola Kinsella, Dournane