



The Grapevine

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Second Sunday of Lent

1st March 2015

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.

Masses during the week

- Rosary:** 9.15am – The Rosary will be broadcast on the radio each morning before the 9.30am mass.
- Monday:** 7pm - Mooncoin
- Tue/Thur & Fri:** 9.30am – Mooncoin
- Wednesday:** 9.30am - Carrigeen
- Thurs 10am – 8pm:** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Nagle Chapel
- Friday:** Mass at 7.30pm in Carrigeen
- First Friday 6th March:** The Sick and Housebound will be visited on Thursday & Friday

Notices

Ferrybank Library News

FREE events taking place in Ferrybank Library for Adult Learners' Festival

World Book Day Quiz - how well do you know your library and its books? Test your knowledge with this entertaining quiz for adults. Pick up a copy any time from 3rd March or download a copy from www.kilkennylibrary.ie Entries to be returned by Tuesday, 10th March. Prize for first correct entry pulled 'out of the hat'. Good Luck to All.

Junior Book Club takes place the first Tuesday of every month. This month, we will be meeting on Tuesday 3rd March at 3:30pm.

Cupla Focal? – if you're interested in using yours, our Irish Circle will be meeting on Tuesday 10th March at 2:30pm. This is an informal session where the group have a chat as Gaeilge. All are welcome.

ETB [Education Training Board] will commence computer classes in April. The programme aims to

1. Access Windows environment, create a document, use File Management, Internet and email software.
2. This course has been designed to introduce learners with little or no previous knowledge of computers to the basics of Information Communications Technology [ICT]. Topics covered in this course include: Computer Basics; Desktop; etc...
3. Certification on completion of Equal Skills Workbook.

If interested in partaking in this course, please contact the library to register.

Follow us on Facebook and Twitter

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

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.

Kilnaspic AGM

Kilnaspic AGM will take place on Sat 14th March immediately after 8pm mass. All are welcome

Dates to Remember

First Penance: Mooncoin – Wednesday 4th March @ 7.30pm & Carrigeen – Tuesday 3rd 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 17: €200 May Cody-Kilnaspic, **€100** Mooncoin Women's Group-c/o M. Flynn, **€50** Eimear Grant-Slieverue, **€20** Breda O'Shea-Portnahully, Tony Walsh-Polerone, Vinny Kearns-Clogga, Mary Reville-Suir Crescent, David McGrath-Dournane, Sean Wall-Corluddy, Mick O'Keefe-Polerone, Mary Keane-St. Anne's Tee., Ger O'Neill-Corluddy, Peggy McDonald-Main St., Walter Crowley-Polerone, Catherine Reville-Suir Crescent, Jodie Laffan-New Aghlish, Tom Quinn-Cashel, Paul Butler-Roseleigh, Josie Foran-Ardera, Andy Phelan-Ballytarsney, Rhein Delahunty-Grange Road, Liam Hennebry-Ballybrazil, Gemma Peg Kehoe-Barronswood.

Safety Note

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

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.

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.

Vision Mooncoin - 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 083 1660658 11-3 Monday to Friday. Thank you.

Sacristan – Carrigeen

Julianne Walsh together with the assistance of Siobhan Walsh have agreed to co-ordinate and organise the sacristy and the church in Carrigeen from 1st March. We urge you to give them your full cooperation and time to ensure that the sacristy and church is fully maintained. Once again we would like to take this opportunity to thank Peggy & Billy Healy for a job well done over the past 10 years.

Scoil Mhuire Lourdes (Boys' School)

Parents wishing to enrol their son for September 2015 can now contact the school for enrolment forms. School office hours: 9:20am – 12:30pm Monday – Friday - Phone 895411 – Rose Crowley.

Girls School – Enrolment September 2015

If you have not received an enrolment form please contact the school on 895503. Closing date for applications is Friday 27th February.

Set Dancing

Set Dancing is due to return shortly. Are you interested in joining? If so please contact Joan Thornton – 087 7774688. Thank You.

Cemetery Masses

The following dates have been set for this year's cemetery masses:

Mooncoin New Cemetery	-	Saturday 6 th June @ 6.30pm
Mooncoin Old Cemetery	-	Friday 12 th June @ 8pm
Carrigeen Cemetery	-	Friday 5 th June @ 8pm
Kilnaspic Cemetery	-	Saturday 4 th July @ 8pm

Lenten Programme 2015

Drug Awareness & Alcohol Abuse – Thursday 12th March @ 7.30pm in The Youth Centre – Parish Hall – Speakers are John Healy & Jo Maher – Refreshments afterwards in the Parish Hall, Healing and Reconciliation – Thursday 26th March @ 7.30pm in Mooncoin Church – Speaker Fr. Philip Brennan – Refreshments afterwards in the Nagle Chapel. Dr. Fergus Heffernan will be giving a talk and workshop during Lent – Date to be confirmed. On Saturday 7th March from 10am to 1pm a time of evaluation and planning for 2015 – 2016 will take place with Sr. Antoinette Dilworth as facilitator. Any suggestions or ideas are welcome. Contact the parish office or any member of the parish council.

Childminder Required

Experienced Childminder required in the Mooncoin Area to mind two young children in their own home 2/3 days per week. For further information please contact 086 4039156.

Lenten Texts

Each day at 12 noon a short text message is sent to those who have submitted their mobile number with a

simple thought or prayer. The text is to encourage people to reflect for a moment on something or to pause and say a brief prayer, think of someone, or decide to do something small that day. Should you wish to receive a Lenten Text please text your mobile number to Ossory Faith Development Group at 085-8313100, Email afd@ossory.ie, 056-7753624. This service is free of charge.

Mooncoin GAA Juvenile Club

'Pass it On' Scheme

The Juvenile & Camogie Clubs are launching a new 'Pass it On' scheme for 2015. The scheme is to facilitate parents/juvenile members who may have unwanted gear (Hurling Helmets, Boots, Shin Guards, Hurleys, Jerseys or Shorts) that they may wish to donate and also parents of new or younger members of the club who may be looking for such unwanted gear. All available gear must be in very good or good condition. The scheme will work only through the club website (<http://www.mooncoingaa.ie/passiton>). If you have any gear that you wish to pass on please email details of gear and sizes/ages along with a contact number to Fergal O'Hanlon, PRO at info@mooncoingaa.ie. Equally, if you are looking for some gear please email what gear you are looking for along with your contact number also to info@mooncoingaa.ie. (No names will be listed on the website of those looking for gear). Further details available on our website.

Registration for 2015

Registration will take place for the Juvenile Club members on Friday 27th from 7-9pm upstairs in the complex. € 30 U-12 downwards / € 35 Minor, U16 & U14 / Family (2 kids) € 60 / Family (3 kids or more) € 85
New beginners/U6 will receive a free hurley and grip on first day of training. Please note new beginners/U6, must be in school in the current year i.e. 2015 in order to register and play for the club.

Fashion Show

The parents association of **Coláiste Cois Siúire** are holding a Spring Fashion Show in the Parish Hall on Friday 6th March @ 8.00. Tickets are available at the school at a cost of € 12.50 Each or Table of 8 for €100. Star Prize for Best Dressed Lady!! Cheese & Wine Reception – Over 18's Only. All proceeds are in aid of a New Gym for Coláiste Cois Siúire.

Slieverue Drama Group

Eigse Players Drama Group are staging a production of "Barn Dance" (comedy play) in St. Mary's Parish Hall, Slieverue on Friday 5th & Saturday 6th March at 8pm. Tickets available at the door. Admission € 10.

South Kilkenny Historical Society Lecture

Nicholas Wiseman – First English Cardinal since the Reformation – South Kilkenny Connections with Mr. Julian Walton on Friday 6th March at 8pm in Mullinavat Parish Hall – Admission € 5 – Members Free.

Saint Vincent de Paul

Conference Meeting on Monday 2nd March at 7.30 in The Parish Room.

Liturgy Meeting

Monday Night on March 2nd at 8.30pm in the Parish Room. New members welcome.

Ministers of the Eucharist – Course

Monday 23rd March, Tuesday 24th March & Wednesday 25th March – Ballyhale Parish Church at 7.30pm – Attendance is required on the 3 nights. Contact 056-7753624 for further details.

Youth Pilgrimage to Knock

Young People aged 16 – 20 are invited to participate on a Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine on Saturday 14th March 2015. Cost €20 payable to John Paul 2 Account c/o St. Mary's Parish Office, James St., Kilkenny. Bus leaving Kilkenny 7.30am sharp. Pick up points en-route can be arranged. Spiritual Director Fr. Willie Purcell

St. Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund Draw

Annual prize fund is €60,000 and the subscription is €120 per annum or €10 per month. St. Mary's Cathedral

is the 'Mother Church' of our diocese and it should be restored to its former glory. We hope that all the people of the diocese will come together and support this fundraiser. We are looking for volunteers to promote the draw. Tickets available at the Parish Office.

First Confession

Carrigeen – Tuesday 3rd March @ 7.30pm.

Mooncoin – Wednesday 4th March @ 7.30pm

Financial Statement

Financial Statement is available at the back of the 3 churches and at the Parish Office. Thanks for supporting your parish.

Mooncoin Plounevez Twinning

The next meeting will take place in Comerford's Pub on Tuesday 3rd March at 8pm. Anyone interested in joining us on our trip to Brittany this summer please come along to the meeting.

Cleaners / Collectors / Eucharistic Ministers / Readers

Mooncoin

Cleaners: March 7th/14th

Elizabeth Lennon, Rene Comerford, Alice Conway, Noreen Holden

Collectors: March

Sat 6.30pm

Therese Walsh, Michael Lannon

Sun 11.15am

Liam Delahunty, James Delahunty

Eucharistic Ministers: March

Sat 6.30pm

Kitty Grant, Noreen Holden, Alice Kelly

Sun 11.15am

Catrina Cooney, Valerie Barlow, William Doyle

Readers:

Sat 7th March

Sun 8th March 11.15am

Liz Knox, Eileen McGrath

Carrigeen

Collectors: March

Ned Phelan, Michael Fewer

Cleaners 7th March

Margaret Dunphy, Margaret Phelan (B)

Eucharistic Ministers: 8th March

Eileen Dowling, Mary Murphy

Readers: 8th March

Tom & Josephine Jones

Kilnaspic

Cleaners: 7th / 14th March

J. Corcoran, J. Bardon

Eucharistic Ministers: 7th Mar

Catherine Hogan

Readers: 28th February

Andrew Long

Anniversaries

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Peter Reid, Ballincur

Mary Hayes, Asdee – Co. Kerry

Mary Hennebry, Ardera

Thomas Mahon, Wexford

Robert & Margaret Walsh, New Aghlish

Mary Lennon, Corluddy & Waterford

William & Stasia Walsh, Crawn