



# The Grapevine

MOONCOIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Fourth Sunday of Advent

20<sup>th</sup> December 2015

## Thought for the Week

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

### **SVP**

The local Conference wish to thank you for your very generous support for our Christmas Collection. Thank you also to those who gave private donations and also to the parish groups for their support. Your generosity is very much appreciated. Monthly Collection January 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup>

### **Thanks from Mooncoin Women's Group**

The craft & cake sale and coffee morning raised €720, which has been divided between the local St.Vincent de Paul society, Carrick-on-Suir river rescue and the Daffodil Centre (Cancer support) in the hospital. Many thanks to all who came and supported the event.

### **Carrigeen Altar Society**

Cleaning of Carrigeen Church for Christmas on Monday night 21<sup>st</sup> Dec at 7pm. If time is not suitable and you can come at another time, ring Juliane 086 3212483 or Ann 087 6199225. All help appreciated. Thank you.

### **Leaving Cert Irish Grinds**

For further information contact 087 9841344

### **Silver Circle Results - Week 9**

€200 Tommy Delahunty, €100 Bernard Mackey, €50 Michael Egan, €20 Peggy Connolly, Geraldine DeCoursey, Betty Power, Ashling O'Keefe, Mary Reville, Seamus O'Brien, Patrick Tolan, Maurice Kelly, Eamon Holden, Bridie Daniels, Nellie Phelan, Roy Foran, Michael Lannon, Maggie Dobbyn, Kathleen & Maura Doran, Eddie Aylward, Brendan Morris, Kay Dunne, Jack Herron & Jack Lynch.

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

### **Nightfever**

A Nightfever event will be held in the Cathedral, of the Most Holy Trinity, Barronstrand Street on Wednesday December 23rd, beginning with the 5.30pm Mass and finishing with benediction at 10pm. Nightfever is an evening 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 some time in prayer and adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. All are very welcome. Feel free to come and leave as you want. [www.nighfever.org](http://www.nighfever.org)

### **Vision Mooncoin**

Many thanks to all who sponsored our Christmas draw, sold and bought tickets. 1<sup>st</sup> Tablet(€300) Eamonn Phelan, Mullinavat, 2<sup>nd</sup> Morris Oil Voucher (€250) John Ryan, 3<sup>rd</sup> Voucher(€150) Cecily Walsh Carrigeen, 4<sup>th</sup> Trailer of Firewood(€100) J Murphy Nicholastown, 5<sup>th</sup> coal Coucher(€50) K Bowers Portlaw, 6<sup>th</sup> bottle of Whiskey Sean Box Piltown, 7<sup>th</sup> Bottle of Vodka Catherine Daniels, 8<sup>th</sup> Centra €25 Helen O'Hanlon, 9<sup>th</sup> Centra €20 Maire Foskin, 10<sup>th</sup> Carmel Purcell Polerone, 11<sup>th</sup> Eddie Doyle, 12<sup>th</sup> Patrick Quilty and 13<sup>th</sup> Coral Long.

### **ART CLASSES, MOONCOIN HALL**

Starting for 7 weeks in January, €130 p/p, Tuesday the 19th, morning classes or Wed 20th evening classes. Contact Irene @087 2979145 for details.

#### **Christmas Masses**

Christmas Eve, Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> Dec Mooncoin/6.30pm, Carrigeen/8pm, Kilnaspic/9pm

Christmas Day, Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Dec Carrigeen/10am, Mooncoin/11.15am

Carol Service Sunday Dec 20th at 7.30pm in the Parish Church.

Healing and Reconciliation Service with the opportunity for Confession on Tues Dec 21st at 7.30pm in the Parish Church.

#### **Masses the week of 28th Dec**

Tuesday 29th Dec—Mass 10am

Wednesday 30th Dec—Wedding Mass 1pm

Thursday 31st—Mass 10am

#### **Friday 1st Jan 2016 New Years Day**

Mass in Mooncoin at 10am/Carrigeen at 7.30pm.

Christmas Offerings (Pink Envelope) are due at this time. I thank you for your generous support in the past. Masses offered for your intentions.

Next Grapevine the weekend of Jan 2nd/3rd. Wishing you all a very happy and every blessing for 2016. Sick and house bound visited on Mon/Tues. If you are house bound and not on the current list and would like a visit from the priest, do not hesitate to contact the parish office or Fr. Peter 0868265955

### **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 Owning church.

All welcome.

### **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 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 you for 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**

### **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, families and friends A Very Happy and Peaceful Christmas! We appreciate your support and look forward to your continued support in 2016!

**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

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:** 3<sup>rd</sup> 7 10<sup>th</sup> Jan Hannah O'Shea, Michelle Ford, Margo O'Brien Martina O'Reilly

**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 26<sup>th</sup> Dec** Lucy Quinn

**Sun 27<sup>th</sup> Dec** John Lennon

### Carrigeen

**Collectors: Dec** Dick & Cecily Walsh, Ronan Walsh  
**Cleaners: 26<sup>th</sup> Dec** Margaret Dunphy & Margaret Phelan  
**Eucharistic Ministers: 24<sup>th</sup> Dec** Teresa O'Neill, Mary Murphy, Anne Walsh  
**Readers: 24<sup>th</sup> Dec** Pat & Siobhan Dunphy

### Kilnaspic

**Cleaners: 26<sup>th</sup> Dec & 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan** H.Duggan, C.Comerford  
**Eucharistic Ministers: 26<sup>th</sup> Dec** Cathlene Walsh  
**Readers: 26<sup>th</sup> Dec** Pat Kinsella

### ***Months Mind Mass***

*The months mind mass for*

### Welcome

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

### Anniversaries

Michael Foran, Comeragh View  
Nora Jones, Main St..  
William Phelan, Skelpstown  
Mary O'Brien, 31 Comeragh View  
John & Denis Egan Cloncunny  
Margaret & Mary Cahill, Clonmore  
Ellen Lannon, Comeragh View  
James Corcoran, Cussana  
Pauline Haley, Ballygorey

### Months Mind

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?'