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Second Sunday of Lent

21st February 2016

Thought for the Week

Gracious God, my heart renew, God, be merciful to me.

A gracious hostess is always ready to meet the needs of her guest. Her hospitable words and actions express and demonstrate her focused desire to welcome those who enter her home.

God's graciousness toward us is much like that. All we have to do is show up at his "house". When we enter into his presence, he ministers to the needs of our soul. He welcomes us with a smile and invites us to sit and fellowship with him. We share our hearts and he listens. Likewise he share his heart with us as we seek to know him better and see where he is working in our world – and how we might join in.

When it's finally time to move along, we feel renewed and refreshed in spirit and we're prepared to serve again. God is always a gracious host for our weary traveller's heart.

Is it time for a long, leisurely visit with the host of heaven? He's ready.

Psalm 104:33-34

'I will sing to the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live. May my meditation be pleasing to him, as I rejoice in the Lord.'

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

Wednesday

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.

Calling all Teachers and Playschools - Looking for new and interesting books to read to children? If yes, then Ferrybank Library's here to the rescue! We have numerous children's books for loan for extended periods of time. Library membership is **FREE** to all, so every child in your class has access to all our resources. We have a 'block loan' facility for teachers that enables you to take as many books as you wish for a prolonged period of time without having to worry about late fees. To avail of this facility, just head to Ferrybank Library!

Foreign Language Books - Do you have Foreign Language books that you would like to donate to the library? If so, Ferrybank Library is accepting a limited number of donations, fact or fiction. These books must be in a suitable condition for lending. Please contact the library on 051 897200 for further information.

Irish Conversation - The Irish Conversation group meet every second Tuesday at 2:30pm. Our next meeting is 23rd February 2016. It is a friendly, relaxed environment where everyone is welcome, no matter what level of Irish you have. Please feel free to come along and join in. You will be welcomed with a céad mile fáilte!!!!

More Than Books - Did you know that your library offers services such as photocopying; printing; scanning; internet and wifi, public PC's and much, much more? Phone us on 051 897200 for further information.

FREE Membership for everyone!!

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.

Celebrating the Year of Mercy

Pilgrimage on Saturday March 5th & Sunday 6th. The theme is Mercy/Forgiveness. Kilnaspic meeting point – Kilnaspic Church @ 2.30pm. Carrigeen meeting point – Carrigeen Church @ 2.30pm. Walk to Mooncoin with 3 prayer stations on route. Mooncoin meeting point – The Calvary in the Convent Grounds, Polerone – 3 prayer stations on the way and back to the church. Refreshments will be served. Healing and Reconciliation Service at 5.30pm with the opportunity for confessions. Mass at 6.30pm. Prayer and Adoration of Blessed Sacrament until 10pm. Sunday Mass in Kilnaspic at 9.30am, Carrigeen at 11am. The day of pilgrimage will conclude with Mass at 11am in Carrigeen. Please note:

1. Only one mass in Mooncoin that weekend – Saturday @ 6.30pm.
2. This day of pilgrimage – the healing service/confessions will be the only one for lent in preparation for Easter.
3. We suggest that you might consider to include a month fast!
4. Sr. Antoinette Dilworth will speak at the 3 masses that weekend.
5. If weather is wet/cold please bring suitable attire – There is no Plan B!
6. Further details next week.

Scripture Course

A Scripture Course on Tuesday night at 7.30pm in The Parish House. All are welcome.

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.

Liturgy Meeting

A liturgy meeting will take place on Monday 22nd February in The Parish House at 8.30pm.

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, Barrondstrand 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 16 Results

€200 Kathleen Dunphy-Suir Crescent, €100 Eamon Holden-Main St., €50 Annette Purcell-Mooncoin, €20 William Allen-Carrick Road, Paddy Croke-Luffany, Bernie O’Keeffe-Polerone, Breda Holden-Convent View, Susan Walsh-Polerone, Maggie Dobbyn-Suir Crescent, Liam Walsh-Grange, Peggy Walsh-Ballincur, Bessie Wall- Clogga, Orla Wall-Corluddy, Tom Thompson-Roseleigh, Kay Dunne-Skelpstown, Keith Kirwan-Polerone, Hope & McKenzie Walsh-Piltown, Tom Walsh-Polerone, Josie Dolan-Polerone, Matthew & Sean O’Halloran-The Pound, Tish Holten-Cooleigh, Liam Sutton (Jnr)-Fillbuckstown, Joe Vereker-Moonveen.

Saint Vincent De Paul

Meeting on Monday in The Parish Room at 7.30pm.

Carrigeen Community Preschool

Coffee Morning in Carrigeen Hall on Sunday 28th February at 10.30. Plenty of tea/coffee & fresh cakes available. A book sale will also be taking place that morning. All are welcome.

Historical Items – Iverk Show

As the show is celebrating 190 years this year, the committee are keen to develop a permanent record of all historical material from past years. We are looking for any historical artefacts or memorabilia. We do not wish to take any items that may hold precious memories for families. Should you have anything that may be of interest i.e. Photographs, Editorials, Prize Lists or Prizes, please bring them along to the Community Centre on either Monday 22nd or Monday 29th February at 7pm. We will photocopy and record the details. For more information contact the secretary 644621 or email secretary@iverkshow.ie . Thank You.

Kilkenny Bereavement Support

A Public Talk entitled “Understanding Self-Harm and Suicide in Young People” in the Newpark Hotel at 7.30pm on Thursday 3rd March. Admission €5. The speaker, Dr. Eoin Galavan. A workshop will also take place on Saturday 19th March for parents and concerned adults.

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 in Mooncoin Community Centre on March 6th from 12pm to 4pm. There will be many local crafts people involved. It would be great to see as many people as possible there to support the hard-work these people have put into their products. We hope to see you all there.

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

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).

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.

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.

Cleaners / Collectors / Eucharistic Ministers / Readers

Mooncoin

Cleaners: 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 27th Feb	Jonathan Crowley, Maureen Kearns
Sunday 28th Feb	Tom Grant, John Allen

Carrigeen

Collectors: Feb	Margaret Phelan, PJ O'Leary
Cleaners: 27th Feb	Margaret Dunphy, Margaret Phelan
Eucharistic Ministers: 28th Feb	Mary Dalton, PJ O'Leary
Readers: 28th Feb	Mary Fewer, Frank Hogan

Kilnaspic

Cleaners: 27th Feb	A. Reddy, B. Walsh
Eucharistic Ministers: 27th Feb	Cathlene Walsh
Readers: 27th Feb	Padraigh Kirwin

Welcome

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

Ella Mai Power

Niall Michael Cafferkey

Anniversaries

Winnie Tyler, Grange

David, Richard & Mary Phelan, Kilcraggin

John & Mary O'Brien, Dournane Road

Jim & Martin O'Brien, Dournane Road

Brigid Grant, Dournane Road

John & Rita Delahunty, Polerone

Willie Dunne, Carrick Road

Jim Synnott, Carrick Road

Recently Deceased

Jim Walsh, Rathkieran

Kieran Walsh, Fethard

Margaret (Cissie) Comerford, Clogga & Mount Sion, Waterford

Anastasia Walsh, Knockanure