



The Grapevine

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Thought for the Week

**Make friends of God's Children; help those who are weak, forgetting in nothing his blessing to seek.
Take Time to Be Holy**

Power in Weakness

While the world rarely celebrates vulnerability, Jesus applauds our transparency. Authentic love helps to sustain us all during seasons of frailty. Some days we need help navigating stormy seas with waves that threaten to take us under. On other days we are aboard a ship, tossing out a life ring to others. In either case, a silver lining of blessing pushes through adversity's cloud.

Our saviour modelled strength in weakness. He proved spiritual strength triumphs over physical, emotional or mental weakness. He showed compassion and caring to friends and enemies alike, and taught us to rely upon one another. Jesus didn't keep a "stiff upper lip" – he wept, and sees our tears now. In our weakness and desperation, we allow him closer.

Helping others experiencing weakness extends Jesus' earthly ministry. Be available. Rely on God's strength; seek his blessing. Respond with faith, not criticism. Show compassion, aiding everyone you meet with tender, humble loving care. Just as Jesus loves us.

Masses during the week

Monday:	7pm – Mooncoin
Tuesday:	9.30am - Mooncoin
Wed:	9.30am – Carrigeen
Wed:	7.30pm – Mooncoin – Way of the Cross
Thurs & Fri:	9.30am – Mooncoin
Thurs 10am – 8pm:	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Nagle Chapel

Notices

Ferrybank Library News

Seachtain na Gaeilge was a great success. Well done to all who chatted 'as Gaeilge', even those who had the cúpla focal joined in the craic! Remember you can continue chatting 'as Gaeilge' in our Ciorcal Cómhra every second Tuesday at 2:30pm. A Céad míle fáilte is extended to all who attend!

School Quiz 'as Gaeilge' – Congratulations to the Strangsmill National School team who won first prize in our Seachtain na Gaeilge table quiz! Members of the winning team - Billy Phelan, Kate Sheridan, Danielle Mate and David Maher.

Computer Classes - 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. We are taking names now, places on a 'first come, first served' basis.

Parent & Toddler morning – a chance to meet up for a chat and a cuppa while the little ones play. It takes place on Thursdays from 10am-12pm

Bibliotherapy – The Power of Words – Read Yourself Well.....now available in the library. This NEW collection which has been compiled by GP's and other professionals includes books on many of the common psychological problems people experience, e.g. depression, grief, stress, addiction and low self-esteem etc...

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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.

Dates to Remember

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.

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.

Safety Note

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

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.

Cemetery Masses

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

Mooncoin New Cemetery - Saturday 6th June @ 6.30pm

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

Lenten Programme 2015

Healing and Reconciliation – Thursday 26th March @ 7.30pm in Mooncoin Church – Speaker Fr. Philip Brennan – Priests will be available for confessions. This will be an opportunity to experience the mercy, forgiveness and healing of Jesus as we prepare for Easter. Refreshments afterwards in the Nagle Chapel.

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.

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.

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.

Bowles

The Game of Bowles is re-commencing in the Day Centre every Wednesday morning at 11am. Great fun to be had – All are welcome.

Mooncoin GAA

Senior Football League Final Result:

Mooncoin 2-11, O'Loughlin Gaels 0-4

Card Handicap on Friday 3rd April at 9pm in the Complex. €10 entry per person for 1st Round, €5 entry from there on. Refreshments served – All are welcome.

Mooncoin GAA Juvenile and Camogie Club

Training for new beginners – U6-U8 and U10 will begin on Sunday 29th March from 10am – 11am. The club shop will be open on Saturday 28th March from 11-1pm for all your gear requirements. Free hurley and grip for all new beginners.

Art Therapy Service

Professional Art Therapy Service available locally for children, adolescents and adults. Art Therapy is a creative way to help deal with issues such as anxiety, stress, sadness, behavioural difficulties or a bereavement. Contact Kathleen Kelly on 051 896964 or 087 6419226 for further information.

Sale of Work

Sale of Work in aid of Spring Garden & Respite Centre on Sunday 29th March at 1pm in The Parish Hall. All the usual stalls, spinner, bottle stall, cakes, fruit, veg and garden plants etc. Donations will be gratefully accepted for this deserving cause which is of service to Mooncoin Parish and all surrounding areas. Contact 895155 for further information. Please drop donations to the Parish Hall between 10am – 2pm 28th/29th March. Thank you.

Mooncoin Town Twinning

We are off to Brittany, France in June and we welcome anyone interested in travelling with us. Contact Mary 086 3790655 or Pat 087 2480456

South Kilkenny Historical Society

W.B. Yeats and Irish Politics with Dr. Jay Starliper on Thursday 26th March at 8pm in The Parish Hall, Mullinavat – Admission €5 – Members Free. All welcome.

Saint Vincent De Paul

Conference Meeting on Monday 23rd March at 7.30pm in The Parish Room.

Thank You

Michael & Alice Blanchfield would like to thank all friends, neighbours and customers who offered good wishes and support during Michael's recent illness. The Holy Sacrifice of the mass has been offered for your intentions.

Headstrong Heroes Challenge

Mooncoin Singer/Songwriter Hannah B. Foley is taking part in the Headstrong Heroes Challenge of abseiling down Croke Park on Sat 18th April. Headstrong is the National Centre for Youth Mental Health and to help Raise Awareness and Assist Those in Need. Show your support and visit www.mycharity.ie/event/hannah_foleys_crokepark_abseil/ to donate what you can. Thank you.

Women's Group

Coffee Morning in aid of The Irish Alzimers Society and The Ronald McDonald House on Monday 23rd March from 10-12 in the Parish Hall. All are welcome.

Horticulture Course

Skillnet Horticulture L3 starting the week after Easter. The programme will be eight weeks long, 4 days per week. The programme is linked to a particular end of the horticultural sector and to 10 potential jobs in the county. Content includes; 2 x three days sessions in each of the functions, Manual handling, Benefit 4 IT, FETAC L3 Planting & Potting. The programme is linked to the Thomastown Town of Food but the training is more linked to the production end of large scale production. Training base; Fitzgerald Nurseries, Stoneyford, Tomastown Topwn of Food Ballybeg Community Centre in Waterford.

Circuit Training

Circuit Training commences in the Parish Hall on Thursday 26th March at 7.00. €5 per class. Further details contact Robbie – 086 1646449. All are welcome.

Friends of Calcutta – Clothes Collection

Clothes Collection in Mooncoin on Wednesday 25th March in the Church Car Park from 2pm-3pm. All items of clothing, footwear, curtains etc. most gratefully accepted. On the day I will be delighted to meet anyone interested in Calcutta and our work.

Liturgy Meeting

Liturgy Meeting in The Parish Room on Monday 23rd March @ 8pm.

Confirmation Retreat

Tuesday 24th March in Peace in Christ. Please keep the children in your prayers as they prepare for the sacrament of confirmation.

Cleaners / Collectors / Eucharistic Ministers / Readers

Mooncoin

Cleaners: March 28th	Ena Laffan, Catherine Doran, Therese Walsh, Alice Phelan
Cleaners: April 4th/11th	Trish Conway, Kathleen O'Brien, Angela Haley, Kitty Grant
Collectors: March	
Sat 6.30pm	Therese Walsh, Michael Lannon
Sun 11.15am	Liam Delahunty, James Delahunty
Collectors: April	
Sat 6.30pm	John Joe Kinsella, Peter Butler
Sun 11.15am	John Allen, John Purcell
Eucharistic Ministers: March	
Sat 6.30pm	Kitty Grant, Noreen Holden, Alice Kelly
Sun 11.15am	Catrina Cooney, Valerie Barlow, William Doyle
Eucharistic Ministers: April	
Sat 6.30pm	Bridget McGrath, Kathleen Dunphy, Monica Hassett
Sun 11.15am	Sarah Kinsella, Joan Thornton, Gaby Kelly
Readers:	
Sat 28th Mar	Maureen Joesph, John Lennon
Sun 29th Mar	Mary Grace, Margaret Hayes
Sun 5th Apr 11.15am	Tom Grant, John Allen
Sat 11th April	Maureen Kearns, Michael Keane
Sun 12th April	Ann Lee, Eileen McGrath

Carrigeen

Collectors: March	Ned Phelan, Michael Fewer, Noel Walsh
Collectors: April	Michael Walsh, Eamon Delahunty, Jack Ryan
Cleaners 28th March	Siobhan Walsh, Breda Ryan
Eucharistic Ministers: 29th March	Anne Walsh, Catrina O'Reilly
Readers: 29th March	Pat & Siobhan Dunphy

Kilnaspic

Cleaners: 4th / 11th April	A. Walsh, M. Rochford
Eucharistic Ministers: 28th Mar	Mary Frisby
Readers: 28th March	Pat Kinsella

Anniversaries

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Nonie & Paddy Purcell, Rathkieran
Tommy Foley, Chapel St
John Phelan, Dournane
Ger Dowling, Ballinlough
Kathleen Maher, Carrick Road
Patrick Purcell, Carrick Road & England
Annie Fitzgerald, Cashel
Nicholas & Mary Walsh, Aglish
Statia Doody, Ballincur
William Delahunty, Curragh Martin
James Delahunty, Ballybrazil