



Thought for the Week

More and more people are becoming conscious that our God is not just a powerful Lord telling us to obey or be punished, but our God is *family*. Our God is three persons in love with each other: our God is communion. And this beautiful and loving God is calling us humans into this life of love. We are not alone; we are called together to drop barriers, to become vulnerable, to become one. The greatest thirst of God is that “they may be one, perfectly one, totally one.” But we have to die all the powers of egoism in ourselves in order to be reborn for their new and deeper unity where our uniqueness and personal gifts and creativity are not crushed but enlivened and enhanced.

Community means caring: caring for people. Dietrich Bonhoeffer says: “he who loves community destroys community; he who loves the brethren builds community.” A community is not an abstract ideal. We are not striving for perfect community. Community is not an ideal; it is people. It is you and I. In community we are called to love people just as they are with their wounds and their gifts, not as we would want them to be. Community means giving them space, helping them to grow. It means also receiving from them so that we too can grow. It is giving each other freedom; it is giving each other trust; it is confirming but also challenging each other. We give dignity to each other by the way we listen to each other, in a spirit of trust and of dying to oneself so that the other may live, grow and give.

Psalms 63:3-5

‘Because Your loving kindness is better than life, my lips shall praise You. Thus I will bless You while I live; I will lift up my hands in Your name. My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness. My mouth shall praise You with joyful lips!’

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

Masses During the Week

Tue - Fri: 9.30am Mooncoin

Thursday: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after 10am mass in the Nagle Chapel until 8pm.

This time of prayer is offered for all the people of the parish community. You are welcome to join us for a long or short period. Drop in and say hello to the Lord in case he might ask when you are carried in ‘Who are you’?

Notices

Ferrybank Library

Craft Taster Sessions in the Library - Card Making; Sparkle Glasses; Window Boxes; - Tuesday 24th May - 3:00 – 4:30pm. All are welcome to come along and see how the different crafts come to life!

Heritage Week – Ferrybank Through the Years. Do you have any old photographs that you would like to share? We are currently preparing this exhibition and would welcome any old photographs or other information that people may have about the area. If you have anything that might be of interest please contact us – all material will be copied and handled carefully.

Athenaeum House - Do you know anything about the history of **Athenaeum House**? We would welcome any stories, pictures or any other information you may have that we can add to our Heritage Week Exhibition.

FREE parking for patrons of the library - Wheelchair Friendly.

Remember there is now **FREE Membership** to Ferrybank Library for everyone! Contact the library on 051 897200 for further details. **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.**

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.

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.

Nagle chapel is now refurbished and ready for use. Open for mass every Sunday and Saturday evening. May be accessed from the outside. The new facilities also have a bathroom upstairs. Child friendly materials available in the room. We thank all who worked on the refurbishment– a job well done. Thank you.

Mooncoin/Carrigeen/Kilnaspic Liturgy Readers

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

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

Music Lessons

Tin Whistle, Flute, Piano & Piano Accordion lessons. Please contact Ailish on 087 9841344.

Mooncoin Old Cemetery

It has come to our attention that crosses on some of the graves in the Old Cemetery have been damaged. We appeal to people not to use the cemetery as a recreational venue and urge all to be vigilant to ensure that our cemeteries are preserved and respected as sacred places where our loved ones are laid to rest. We also urge people to dispose of old wreaths appropriately and not to leave them in the graveyard. Your cooperation and assistance is much appreciated. Thank you.

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.

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

World Youth Day 2016

World Youth Day will be celebrated this July in Krakow from July 25th to July 31st. Young people, over the age of 18 years of age, are invited to contact Fr. Richard Scriven (087 2420033) or Derek Dooley (087 938 4242) if they would like to participate in this pilgrimage with Pope Francis to the homeland of Pope John Paul II. **Further information from Fr Scriven, PP Inistioge, 087 2420033 or inistioge@ossory.ie or wyd@ossory.ie**

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.

Health & Wellbeing

Gina Ryan is providing a personal service with natural, chemical free, Aloe Vera based products ranging from everyday essentials which can be used from birth, sports and fitness products, skincare and beauty, animal care, products to naturally support the digestive system, immune system and healthy joints. 100% nutritionally correct weight management programmes are also available. Call Gina on 0863958826 for information

The Rite of Baptism for Children

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated in our parish at 4pm on the following days:

Carrigeen—1st Saturday of every month

Mooncoin—2nd Saturday of every month

Kilnaspic—3rd Saturday of every month

To arrange a baptism contact the Parish Office on 895123. We ask parents to give 3-4 weeks notice. Two members of the preparation team will visit each family before the baptism with a Pack for Parents which consists of all the information you require. This pack will also include the prayers and readings for the celebration and a house blessing. As baptism is a community celebration—all children will be presented to the faith community on a designated day each year.

Thinking of Getting Married?

If you are thinking of getting married please contact the parish office to book the church and also to receive the Marriage Booklet which guides you through the steps to be taken prior to the marriage. Both parties must give at least three month notice to their Parish and to the State. A pre marriage course is required. The following documentation is required.: **Baptismal Certificate** issued within 6 months of your proposed marriage. **Confirmation Certificate, A Letter of Freedom** is required if you lived permanently outside of your present parish for a period of 6 months or more. **A Pre Marriage Course Certificate.** When you have all the documentation make an appointment with the priest to complete the Pre-Nuptial Enquiry Form. For further details please contact the Parish Office—051 895123

Be Vigilant When Parking!!

We advise all to take due care when parking your car. Please ensure no valuables are visible and doors are locked as we are not responsible for the safety of your car whilst parked either on church grounds or parish hall grounds. Thank you.

Concert

A Concert of Sacred & Traditional Music on will take place on Friday 27th May at 8pm in the Parish Church Mooncoin. Admission will be €10 and tickets are available in the local shops and the parish office. They are also available on the door on the night. Proceeds will go towards the development of The Nagel Chapel and the precincts of the convent that will remain part of the church. Funds are needed to complete the work. Please give it your generous support. All donation great appreciated.

Saint Vincent De Paul

Our monthly collection will take place on June 4th & 5th. Your support is greatly appreciated.

St Oliver Plunkett Camino Walk

The Annual Knights of St Columbanus St Oliver's Walk, visiting seven beautiful churches in Drogheda, will be held on both Friday May 27th and Saturday May 28th. The Camino style walk starts from Our Lady of Lourdes Church and follows a 3.2km route finishing at St Peter's Church where the National Shrine of St Oliver Plunkett is located. Walkers can complete the walk at their own pace or even over the two days and they will get their Camino style passport stamped at each church. Full details on www.stoliverswalk.com

Rosary Procession

Crowning of Our Lady from Ballybricken Green at 3pm to the Dominican Church on Sunday 22nd May. All are welcome especially children who have received their First Holy Communion.

Childminder Wanted

Responsible person wanted to care for two children in children's own home 3 days a week for the summer holidays. Must have own transport. For more information contact Marcella – 086 3491037.

Camp Veritas

Camp Veritas is a one week 'play and pray' sleep away summer camp for teens 12 to 18 years old. This is it's second year running in Ireland and it is being held in Maynooth University Campus from the 26th June to July 1st this year. Cost is 450 dollars with an early bird reduction for early registration. Volunteers are also needed and can be aged 18 and upwards...(free for volunteers). Lots of fun and lifelong friendships to be made and a chance to deepen your relationship with Christ Our Lord. A week not to be missed!!! For more information and registration log on to www.campveritas.ie.

National Children's Hospital

We are currently running a National Petition asking the Taoiseach to build the new Children's Hospital at the 145 acre, M50, Greenfield site at Connolly Hospital in Blanchardstown, Co Dublin instead of at St James's. We believe this would be in the best interests of all the sick children of Ireland and its islands and would be cheaper and faster to build. For those who have concerns as to whether the St James's Hospital Campus is the best location for the New National Children's Hospital, visit www.connollyforkidshospital.com. You are invited to review the website and, if you agree, to sign a petition which is available to print or sign online and spread the word. For more information please visit our website www.connollyforkidshospital.com, to read the Petition, see the Petition signature sheet we use for people to sign, our 'About us' page, hospital locations, informative videos, and links to a wealth of further information and to some of our member organisations websites. Should you require further information please contact a member of the C4KH central team at connollyforkidshospital@gmail.com or telephone 086 8955354.

Vision Mooncoin

On receipt of donations, Vision Mooncoin would like to acknowledge recent donations towards the upkeep of the Community Centre. These donations help immensely in the day to day running of your community Centre.

Diocese of Ossory

The Diocese of Ossory Accounts for 2016 are on the Notice Boards of the 3 Churches for viewing.

Youth 2000 Summer Festival

Youth 2000 Summer Festival, Cistercian College, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary from Thursday 7th – Sunday 10th July 2016. For young people aged 16-35, an opportunity not to be missed to experience the Catholic faith and meet many new people, with over 1000 young people from all corners of Ireland attending last year. The festival is donation only. Free buses available from all around Ireland. For more info and to book online, see www.youth2000.ie or phone 01 6753690

You Are Not Alone

Who Are We?

We are a Voluntary and befriending group who together with the priest of the parish reach out and offer a supportive presence in a safe no-judgemental environment to those who have suffered a significant loss or change in their life. We offer friendship and a listening ear. Please contact the parish office.

Readers

The New Rota will be circulated in Mid-June. We are looking for new people to proclaim the Word of God each weekend. If you are willing to do so please contact the parish office or Fr. Peter – 086 8265955. We thank all who do so and encourage you to keep up the good work. New volunteers always welcome.

Carrigeen Communion

First Holy Communion Mass will take place in Carrigeen on Saturday 28th May at 11am. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers.

Graduation Service

Graduation Service will take place on Thursday at 7pm in Colaiste Na Suir.

Exam Mass

Mass for all students doing their exams on Thursday June 2nd at 7.30pm in Mooncoin. Please keep them and all their families in your prayers. Wishing them every success and blessing.

Boys School – Copper Hunt

The boys from Scoil Mhuire Lourdes are having a 'Copper Hunt' to collect copper coins as a school fundraiser. All contributions from the community would be greatly appreciated. Coins can be given to boys attending the school or dropped directly to the school. Many thanks for your help!

Dournane House Fire Relief Fund

A meeting of the Dournane House Fire Relief Fund is taking place on Tuesday 31st May at 9pm in Comerford's Lounge. Anybody willing to help are welcome to attend.

Fundraiser - Ethiopia

On the 1st July 2016 Catriona Crowley will be going to Ethiopia to volunteer in the youth release centre. She needs to raise €1500 in order to do so she is hosting afternoon tea Saturday 28th May at 1pm. €10 entry. Hope to see you there.

Mass in Honour of St. Peregrine in St. John's Waterford

Mass will take place in honour of St. Peregrine in St. John's Church, Parnell St., Waterford on Wednesday 25th May at 7.30pm for all who have been touched by cancer.

Clothes Collection

Clothes Collection supporting Friends of Calcutta on Wednesday May 25th in the Church Car Park from 2pm-5pm. All items of clothing, footwear, bedsheets, curtains in any condition most welcome.

Cleaners / Collectors / Eucharistic Ministers / Readers

Mooncoin

Cleaners: 30th May

Mary Grace, Noeleen Kinsella, Margaret Crowley Riverquarter

Collectors: May

Sat 6.30pm

Therese Walsh, Michael Lannon

Sun 11.15am

Seamus O'Brien, Padraig Power

Eucharistic Ministers: May

Sat 6.30pm

Teresa Connolly, Gertie Butler

Sun 11.15am

Tina Fitzgerald, Alice Phelan

Readers: May 28th/29th

Sat 6.30 pm

Jack Conway, Margaret Keane

Sun 11.15am

Rachel & William Doyle

Carrigeen

Collectors: May

John Hogan, Dick Madden

Patrick Dunphy

Cleaners: 28th May

Collette Fanning, Louise Doyle

Eucharistic Ministers: 29th May

Peggy Healy, Teresa O'Neill

Readers: 29th May

Mary Fewer, Frank Hogan

Kilnaspic

Cleaners: 28th May

M. Fahy, A. Walsh

Eucharistic Ministers: 28th May

Mary Frisby

Readers 28th May

Padraigh Kirwan

Welcome

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

Anniversaries

Ned & Breda O'Keeffe, Filbuckstown

Paul O'Keeffe Junior, Filbuckstown

Mary O'Keeffe, Filbuckstown

James Murphy, Ballincur

Mary O'Toole, Comeragh View

Sr. Josephine Walsh, Clogga

Walter Henebery, Luffany

Carmel O'Neill, Aglish