



# The Grapevine

MOONCOIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

**Third Sunday of Lent**

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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 the 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.

Read Hebrews 12:14

Father, I want to help. Please show me how.

## *Masses during the week*

**Tues & Fri:** 9.30am Mooncoin  
**Wed:** 9.30am Carrigeen  
7.30pm Mooncoin  
**Thurs:** 7.30am Mooncoin  
**Thurs:** 10am – 8pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Nagle Chapel. All are welcome.  
For Lent what about spending a little time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament

# Notices

## First Penance, First Holy Communion and Confirmation Dates for 2014,

### First Holy Communion

Confirmation – Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> May @ 11.15am Mass

Carrigeen – Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> @ 11am

Mooncoin – Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup> @ 11.15am

### Silver Circle Prizewinners Week 20

€200: John Fielding, Polerone

€100: Joan Doran, Convent View

€50: Richard Howley, Ballintarsney

€20: Catherine McDonald Grange, Liam Sullivan Polerone, Gemma Peig Keogh Barronswood, Stephen Foran Jnr St. Anne's Tce., Kevin Law Ardera, Jamie McGrath Polerone, Peter Sutton St. Anne's Tce., Tony Treacy Ashgrove, Cian, Derek Kennedy Barrabehey, Teresa Dungan Mullinavat, Bernie O'Keefe Carrick Road, Kate, Megan Hewetson Portnascully, Caroline Flynn Castlemartyr, Andy Aylward Mullinavat, Shane O'Halloran Dournane Road, Frances Hennebry c/o Bingo, Martin Power Cooleigh, Keith Langford Ardera, Paddy Delahunty Portnascully, Mary Reville Suir Crescent.

### Ossory Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2014

May 22<sup>nd</sup> – May 27<sup>th</sup> incl. Cost €745 P.P.S. All bookings for both regular and assisted pilgrims please contact Glenmore Parish Office on 051-880414, email [glenmore@ossory.ie](mailto:glenmore@ossory.ie). Mon, Tues, Thurs 10am – 2.30pm Fri 9.15am – 12.15pm.

### SVP

Conference Meeting – Monday March 24<sup>th</sup> after mass.

Collection April 19<sup>th</sup> / 20<sup>th</sup>

### Graveyard Masses 2014

Mooncoin Old: Fri 13<sup>th</sup> June 8pm

Carrigeen: Fri 20<sup>th</sup> June 8pm

Mooncoin New: Sat 28<sup>th</sup> June 6.30pm

Kilnaspic: Sat 5th July 8pm

### Scrap Metal Collection

Scrap metal collection will take place on Sat Mar 29<sup>th</sup> at the girls school. Scrap that will be collected is: trampolines, gates, bike frames etc. For further information contact Noreen Quilty on 086 1562849

### Lenten Programme

The Parish Pastoral Council at its meeting on Tuesday night finalised the speakers and topics for the three Lenten talks.

1. Faith in our families – Speaker Brian Cody
2. Spirituality and family – Speaker Geraldine Hartnett
3. Understanding the emotional well-being of our children / young people – Speaker Dr. Fergus Heffernan PhD a renowned psychologist and psychotherapist who is a leading educator in the area of stress management & how it relates to our mental health.

Dates 1 Thus 27<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm

2 Thurs 2nd April at 7.30pm

3 Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm

### Mooncoin GAA Upcoming event

Mooncoin GAA Social Committee Presents

### Quiz night

On Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2014 at 9pm in Doyles Bar. €20 entry per Team/ table of 4. All are welcome

**Card Handicap** On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April at 9pm in the Complex. €10 entry per person for 1<sup>st</sup> Round €5 entry from there on. Refreshments served. All are welcome

We are also planning a 5k/10k Fun run/walk on the Monday 5<sup>TH</sup> May,

### **MOONCOIN / PLOUNEVEZ TWINNING**

Our next meeting will take place in Comerford's Lounge on Tuesday March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 8pm. Present and new members welcome.

### **South Kilkenny Historical Society Lecture**

Title: The Waterford-New Ross Railway Line. Speaker: Mr Ernie Shepherd. Date: Thursday, March 27<sup>th</sup>.  
Venue: The Rhu Glenn Country Club Hotel. Time: 8pm. Admission: €5 (members free). All welcome

### **Welcome**

A big Céad Mile Fáilte to Brian Cody one of our own who will speak to us on Thurs March 27<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in the church. Brian has something to say to each and everyone. Opportunity not to be missed. All welcome.

### **Eucharistic Ministers Course**

Ferrybank Parish Centre at 8pm.

Tues March 25<sup>th</sup>

Wed March 26<sup>th</sup>

Thurs March 27<sup>th</sup>

Talks 1 hr approx.

Still not too late to take part... if interested please contact the Parish Office 895123.

### **Lenten Programme**

On next Sunday march 30<sup>th</sup> Geraldine Hartnett will speak at 10am mass in Carrigeen and 11.15am mass in Mooncoin. Theme "Family is sacred and the core of society". Geraldine is an experienced therapist & has worked in Aislinn Centre, Ballyragget for 15 years. We invite all families to these two celebrations. Geraldine has a lot to offer from her training and experience of working with families.

### **Ferrybank Library**

**Seachtain na Gaeilge:** A big thank-you to the classes from Our Lady of Good Counsel GNS and St. Mary's BNS who took part in our Bingo as Gaeilge. Our table quiz as Gaeilge was well attended – well done to all teams and comhghairdeas to the winning team from Slieverue N.S - Maeve Williams, Faith O'Brien, Charlie Byrne and Joel Walsh.

**Age & Opportunity:** A **FREE** 8 week course on positive ageing for men and women aged 55+. If interested please register with the library by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April. Sessions will take place in the library Community Room on Friday mornings, commencing 2<sup>nd</sup> May.

**Computer Classes:** Equal Skills at the library – **FREE** computer classes starting soon. This is a basic course covering Windows, File Management, Internet and Email. The course will consist of two classes of 2hrs duration per week for 5 weeks.

## ***Cleaners / Collectors / Eucharistic Ministers / Readers***

### **Mooncoin**

**Cleaners: Mar / Apr**  
29<sup>th</sup> / 5<sup>th</sup>

Ena Laffan, Catherine Doran  
Therése Walsh, Alice Phelan

**Collectors: Mar**  
**Sat 6.30pm**

JohnJoe Kinsella, Michael Lannon

**Sun 11.15am**  
**Eucharistic Ministers: Mar**  
**Sat 6.30pm**  
**Sun 11.15am**  
**Readers: March**  
**Sun 30<sup>th</sup> 11.15am**

Seamus O'Brien, Melvin Godinho

Kitty Grant, Noreen Holden, Angela Haley  
Sr Kathleen, Catriona Cooney, Alice Phelan

Therese Walsh, Marjorie Godinho

### **Carrigeen**

**Cleaners: Mar 29<sup>th</sup>**  
**Collectors: Mar**  
**Eucharistic Ministers: Mar 30<sup>th</sup>**  
**Readers: Mar 30<sup>th</sup>**

Margaret Dunphy, Margaret Phelan (B)  
Ned Phelan, Michael Fewer, Noel Walsh  
Anne Walsh, Margaret Brennan  
Mary Fewer, Michael Fewer Ward

### **Kilnaspic**

**Cleaners: Mar 29<sup>th</sup>**  
**Eucharistic Ministers: Mar 29<sup>th</sup>**  
**Readers: Mar 29<sup>th</sup>**

Mary Fahy, Anna Walsh  
Mary Frisby  
Kathleen Walsh

## ***Anniversaries / Baptisms***

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James Delahunty, Ballybrazil  
May Moran, Ballybrazil  
John Phelan, Dournane  
Thomas Everett, Dournane Road  
Kathleen Maher, Carrick Road  
Essie Murphy, Grange  
Hilary Delahunty, Grange  
Ger Dowling, Ballinlough  
John Everett, Rathkieran  
Annie Fitzgerald, Cashel  
Thomas Foley, Chapel Street

### **Month's Mind**

### **Recently Deceased**

**Grant Them Eternal Rest O Lord.**

### **Welcome**

We welcome into our faith community the following who were baptised recently: