



Thought for the Week

Advent - A Time of Hope

It is said that while there is life
there is hope.
This has an even deeper meaning in reverse:
while there is hope there is life.
Hope is strength.
Hope sheds light into despairing hearts.
It inspires the will to live.
It is the doctor's most powerful ally.
It is a shield against defeat and failure.
It revives ideals and renews dreams.
As long as there is hope,
no situation is impossible.
Advent summons us to wait in joyful hope
for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.
In the final analysis, he is our hope.



Masses During the Week

Monday – Wed: 9.30am Mooncoin

Friday 9.30am Mooncoin.

Thurs 10am – 8pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - Nagel Chapel

Notices

Ferrybank Library

Free Christmas Arts and Crafts for Children 6-12yrs - Wednesday 7th and 14th December from 3:30pm – 4:30pm Registration a must as spaces are limited

Seasons Readings and Poetry - An invitation to all our adult members to come and listen to Christmas themed poetry and readings from our local Creative Writing & Poetry Group in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. The morning will start at 10:30am on Friday, 9th December. The group are inviting others to join them and also to read their own work if they so wish. If you are interested in taking part in this event, please contact Ferrybank Library on 051 897200 before the event. All are welcome!

Patchwork & Quilting Exhibition - from Tuesday, 29th November. All are welcome to come along and view these magnificent, colourful works of art which are handmade locally by the Ferrybank Library P&Q Group who are a very talented and creative group of local ladies. This stunning collection of patchwork and quilting is not to be missed. Some of these one-off pieces will be for sale during the exhibition, so don't miss out, they will go quickly and will make excellent Christmas gifts.

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 on Twitter.

Nagle Chapel

The Nagle Chapel is now available each Saturday evening at 6.30pm and Sunday morning at 11.15am for any young families with children. You may enter from the outside. Some child friendly materials are available and also toilet facilities upstairs. All are welcome.

Mooncoin/Carrigeen/Kilnaspic Liturgy Readers

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

Nagle Chapel Mooncoin

Pobal De Prayer Group invite new and past members to join us on Tuesday evenings from 7pm - 8pm. All are very 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

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 5pm 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.

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.

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 or please see www.gettingmarried.ie

A Sacred Space

Grounds beside the Church, The Nagle Chapel, Grotto and the Sisters Cemetery is a place of reflection and prayer. Entry is from the side of the Church. We would like to put a few seats in the area, they are expensive. If you could see your way of making a donation towards the same would be very much appreciated, As from now there is no access from the Convent grounds to the Church. Access outside to the Nagle Chapel and the Prayer Garden is from the right hand side of the Church.

Family Quiet Time

We are encouraging all individuals and families to have a quiet time each week in their home to pray and reflect. For those who are into social media why not try ‘Sacred Space’ or ‘3 minute retreat’ by Loyola Press. Download for free on your device. From Google Play Store.

Ninth World Meeting of Families during 2018

Hosting a Global event of this size requires a huge amount of planning and financial outlay to support this endeavour, a second collection will be taken up after Holy Communion next week at all the masses. This collection will be an extra collection for the next three years and it is a national collection. Thank you for your support. “The strength of the family lies in its capacity to love and to teach how to love” Pope Francis.

The Irish Cancer Society

The Irish Cancer Society’s ‘Volunteer Driver Service’ is a free transport service available to patients undergoing chemotherapy treatment. To avail of this service, please talk to your healthcare professional or call Rebecca in the Irish Cancer Society on 01 2316 642.

Hospital Visits

Please contact the Parochial House and let Fr. Larry know if you or your loved ones or neighbours are ill at home or hospital and would like a visit (taking into account any restrictions on visits that may occur from time to time). Thank You.

First Holy Communion & Confirmation

Confirmation will take place in Mooncoin on Sunday 7th May 2017. First Holy Communion will take place on Saturday 27th May 2017 in Mooncoin and on Saturday 20th May 2017 in Carrigeen.

Anniversaries/Notices

All anniversaries/months mind/notices etc. must be telephoned, handed in or emailed to the Parish Office only. The office opening hours are as follows: - Mon 9.30am -4pm, Tuesday 9am – 4pm, Wednesday 9am -3pm, Thursday & Friday 9.30am – 1.30pm. The Parish Office can be contacted at 051-895 123 or email mooncoin@ossory.ie

Parish Office

In the Parish Office we have a range of cards for sale - from Christening, Communion, Confirmation, Wedding and Mass Cards. We also stock Christening Candles, / Holy Candles, Rosary Beads, Baby’s Prayers, Motorists Prayers, Pins / Rosettes / Medals and various keep-sakes. Please call in to see any of these during office hours.

AIM HIGH – Parish Ministry for Young People

The AIM HIGH Parish Ministry Programme was developed to encourage young people to take an active part in their Church, parish and community. It helps young people to understand that religion is not just for learning, nor is it a list of rules, but that it is for living, for living life to the full. More importantly it is a journey of faith.

Upon completion, participants will have learned skills to:

Learn and grow spiritually - Participate in Parish Liturgies - Minister in their Parish Communities - Develop practices for self-awareness and self-development. Recipients of the programme will be able to enhance their CV's by: Proving their ability to commit to a project, and Displaying their personal responsibility to develop, improve and grow. AIM HIGH is open to all young people 16 years and over. The award is flexible, non-competitive and requires an ongoing commitment. The program is coordinated through the Parish, in conjunction with parish organisations, second level schools and youth clubs.

November Stations

Purple Envelope in your weekly Envelope Box is for the November Stations which may be paid any time this month. Your support is very much appreciated.

Folk Group

Choir practice takes place every Tuesday from 8-9pm for the Folk Group in Mooncoin Church. New members welcome.

John Paul II Awards

Enrolment for the coming year will be commencing in the coming weeks and anyone interested in taking part should contact the Parish Office. All enquiries welcome.

Southern Deanery Pastoral Council

The SDPC are currently undertaking a brief questionnaire. We would greatly appreciate your time in allowing your children/students in logging on to the following link: <http://tinyurl.com/sdpc2016>. The questionnaire can be completed in five minutes and will help us going forward in understanding the views of young people and their relationship with the church.

Community Hall

Our Community Hall is up and running with a packed winter schedule. Everything from drama to bingo, keep-fit and music lessons. If you want any information about classes and events please contact 083-1660 658.

Silver Circle – Week 6

€200 Finn Hickey O'Shea-Polerone, €100 Christine Comerford-Cloncunny, €50 Del Comerford-Clogga, €20 Jim Freeman-Ferrybank, Ciara Hogan-Grange, Breda Ryan-Ballygorey, Tony Browne-Waterford, Eddie Mackey-Carrick Road, Walter Walsh-Clogga, Victor Bailey-Dournane Road, O'Shea Children-Emil, Donal Holden-Dournane Road, Seamus Phelan-Clogga, Danielle Kammerer-Comeragh View, Ned Healy-Polerone, Annette Cody-Mooncoin Heights, Seamus Delahunty (Max)-Portnahully, TJ Murphy-Grange, Yvonne Lonergan-Polerone, Mary Walsh-Carrigeen, Jack Healy-Ferrybank, John Finn-Ballinlough, Chloe Quinn-Polerone Green.

Take Control of Your Life

Is your life restricted and compromised by chronic illness? Join our support groups to break the cycle and take control of your life. Weekly meetings at Grow Office, Barrack St Kilkenny Friday @ 11am. Contact Mary on 087 284 3424 or visit www.grow.ie

Mooncoin GAA

A Christmas Card Game takes place this year on 2nd December at 9pm in the GAA Complex. All proceeds will to the SVP, Mooncoin. Refreshments will be served with a Monster Raffle being held on the night. Anyone wishing to donate spot prizes please contact Joe on 086 6028873.

The Three Tenors – Concert

The Three Tenors will perform in St. Mary's Cathedral, Kilkenny as part of the Restoration Fund on Saturday 10th December at 8pm. Very Special Guest – CBS Boys Choir, Kilkenny. Tickets are on sale for €25 from St. Mary's Parish Office – 056 7721253 or any Parish Office in the Diocese. A great night is guaranteed.

Saint Vincent De Paul

Our Christmas Collection will take place on December 3rd & 4th. We would like to thank you most sincerely for your generous support over the last year. We are greatly indebted to you and without your help we could not continue our work. Christmas imposes an extra burden on us all and particularly those in need. Our income up until 31st October 2016 was €8,249 and our expenditure was €14,782 – Outlay for food, fuel, clothing, furniture and education. Once again we would like to thank you all for your support.

Mooncoin Scout Group

Reopening of the Mooncoin Scout Group – We are looking for any information on the history of the Mooncoin Scout Group that used to be run in the Parish, any old flags, uniforms, neckerchiefs, old documents or pictures that could be scanned. If anyone is interested in getting involved in the reopening please contact Seamus by email at seamushowley@hotmail.com or on 087 2938982.

Mooncoin Coursing Club

To mark 100 years of our existence, Mooncoin Coursing Club intends to mount a display of various items of interest to represent the foundation and development of Coursing in Mooncoin over the years. This display will be on view at our Traditional Annual Meeting on St. Stephen's Day. In this connection we would be very grateful if our members, past and present, as well as the general public could let us have access to a, and the use of any old programmes, photographs, trophies, newspapers reports or any other coursing memorabilia for display. Any such items provided will be treated with total integrity and will be returned promptly to providers. Please contact Seamus Comerford on 895600 if you can help in any way. Thank You.

Carrigeen NS

Enrolment forms for new Junior Infants available from school office from Monday to Friday(9am to 12.30pm). Alternatively, forms can be downloaded from our website at www.carrigeenns.com or email us at carrigeen.scoil@gmail.com

Kilkenny Fibromyalgia & Arthritis Support Group

Will run a Yoga / Pilates class for three weeks. First class is on Tuesday 29th November. Classes held in Ossory Park Community Centre, Hebron Road, Kilkenny. Time: 11.30 a.m. Cost is €5 per class. Please contact 087-149 1767 for more information.

Carrigeen Preschool

Carrigeen Community Preschool is planning to provide an afternoon session from 12:15 to 3:15pm in January. Families who are interested can contact the preschool: Phone No. 0861525631 to enrol their child.

Thomas Hayes Trust

The Thomas Hayes trust is an organisation I founded in order to provide much needed counselling services and family supports to those effected by suicide, and people struggling with everyday life because of bullying, anxiety, panic attacks etc. We welcome children, teenagers and adults to avail of our services, therefore, raising the awareness that "it's okay not to feel ok, and to ask for help. The door of Teac Tom is open Monday to Friday from 9.30 to 3 and for appointments, so people can come in for a chat and a cuppa. We understand this time of year may be extremely busy but we would greatly appreciate your support. Together we can tear down the walls of silence that surround mental health.

Envelopes

For reasons of security: Anyone wishing to bring their contributions up to date is being asked to do so at their earliest convenience (to avoid keeping unnecessary amount cash or cheques in the house over the Christmas time). The envelopes for next year will be distributed in the next week or so. Many thanks to all who helped to distribute them. If you have not received an envelope and would like to, please contact the parish office. Standing Order: Anyone wishing to pay to Parish Funds or the Clergy Funds by Standing Order, please contact

me for information. Thanks to all who contribute so generously and faithfully to the parish & for the support of the priest.

Visitation of The Sick

First Friday: Visitation of the Sick will take place on Wednesday between 2 – 5 p.m. and Friday from 10.15 - 1 p.m. Should anyone who is recently sick or house bound like a visit or to receive Holy Communion, you are welcome to contact me. Hospital Visits: Contact the Parish Office and let me know if you or your loved ones or neighbours are ill at home / hospital and would like a visit (taking into account any restrictions on visits that may occur from time to time).

Advent Wreath

Today the First Sunday of Advent, the church begins four weeks of preparation to welcome Jesus on Christmas Day. The round wreath symbolizes the eternity of God's love for us. The wreath is made of evergreens reminding us of the eternal life of God in Christ. One candle is lit each week of Advent. The purple reminds us of the spirit of prayer and penance that marks this time of preparation. The red candle lit on the third Sunday symbolising the joy and the hope Christ has to offer. The white candle lit on Christmas Day represents Christ and the peace that he bring.

Ógra Carraigín

The Ógra Carraigín Christmas Party is being held on Saturday 3rd December 2016 from 6.00pm to 8.00pm. All children in the community are welcome. The venue is upstairs in the new complex (Megabounce). Santa Clause has been invited, so a good evening and lots of fun is guaranteed.

Christmas Fair

The Annual Christmas Fair will take place in The Parish Hall on Sunday 4th December. All the usual attractions including Spinner, Arts & Crafts, Cake Sale, Toys, Flowers etc. Any donations can be dropped to the hall on Monday 28th Nov from 10am-12.30pm, Wednesday 30th November from 10am-12.30pm, Saturday 3rd December from 10am-12pm or to any committee member. Please contact 083 1660658 for further details.

Choir Practice – Carrigeen

Choir Practice for Carrigeen Church will take place on Wednesday nights at 7.30pm. We are now preparing for Advent and Christmas. All musicians and singers welcome.

Available Services – People Do Care!

Kilkenny Bereavement Support:	056- 775 6538
Your local Priest: Mooncoin Parochial House	051- 895 123
Support after Homicide: (7 Days)	087-983 7322
Suicide Prevention Help line	1800 742 745

Samaritans: -

Kilkenny	056-776 5554 / 1850 60 90 90
Waterford	051-872 114
Freephone	116 123

Waterford Drop in 16 Beau Street 9.00 a.m. to 9.00 p.m.

Cleaners / Collectors / Eucharistic Ministers / Readers

Mooncoin

Cleaners: 5th Dec

Ena Laffan, Catherine Doran, Therese Walsh, Alice Phelan

Collectors: Dec

Sat 6.30pm

Therese Walsh, Michael Lannon

Sun 11.15am

Seamus O'Brien, Pdraig Power

Eucharistic Ministers: December

Sat 6.30pm

Bridget McGrath, Kathleen Dunphy, Monica Hassett

Sun 11.15am

Joan Thornton, Gaby Kelly

Readers: December

Sat 3rd Dec 6.30 pm

Lucy Quinn, John Lennon

Sun 4th Dec 11.15am

Mary Grace, Brid Hennigan

Carrigeen

Collectors: Dec

Dick & Cecily Walsh, Ronan Walsh

Cleaners: 3rd Dec

Collette Fanning, Louise Doyle

Eucharistic Ministers: 4th Dec

Peggy Healy, Mary Dalton

Readers: 4th Dec

Ronan Walsh, Josephine Jones

Kilnaspic

Cleaners: 3rd /10th Dec

H. Duggan, C. Comerford

Eucharistic Ministers: 3rd Dec

Jason Dunphy

Readers: 3rd Dec

Clare Walsh

Welcome

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

Anniversaries

- Tom Foskin, Riverquarter
- Nellie Doyle, Ballygorey
- Kathleen Quirke, Suir Crescent
- Johanna Carroll, Ballybrazil
- Nora & Bill Lawlor, Portlaw

Recently Deceased

Months Mind

- Patrick O'Brien, Thomas St. Waterford & formerly of Polerone.