



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.

Revelation 4:11

'You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being.'

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.
Mon - Fri	Mass 9.30pm – Mooncoin The Sick and The Housebound will be visited on Thursday & Friday
Saturday 5th March	Mass 6.30pm – Mooncoin
Sunday 6th March	Mass 9.30am – Kilnaspic
Sunday 6th March	Mass 11am - Carrigeen
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.

Celebrating Holy Week in The Parish

Diocesan Liturgy Committee will hold an evening in St. Fiacre's Church in Loughboy on Thursday 3rd March at 7.30pm for Choirs and Parish Liturgy Teams. 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.

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.

Lent

Lenten Retreat

St. Kieran's College on Saturday 12th March from 2-5pm – Free. Led by Fr. Ray Dempsey and the Diocesan Retreat Team. All are welcome. For more information contact 056 7753624.

Lenten Daily Texts

Submit your mobile number to 085 8313100 or 056 7753624 or email afd@ossory.ie to receive a short daily text.

Year of Mercy Scripture Lecture

As part of the programme of events for the Jubilee Year of Mercy, Fr. Sean Maher will present a lecture on the Psalms in St. Patrick's Parish Centre Loughboy, Thursday 25th February at 7.30pm. All are welcome

Sundays of Lent – Reflection Sheets

Sunday Gospel Reflection Sheets available free in your parish

Online Lenten Resources

Download AFD Lenten Resources from the Diocese of Ossory website www.ossory.ie which may be an aid for parishes or groups during Lent

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.

Moondarrig Players

It's been a long dreary winter for all. The Moondarrig's would like to brighten things up a little so "Dancing at Lughnasa" by Brian Friel will be performed by the group in Mooncoin Hall from Tuesday 8th March to Sunday 13th March at 8pm. We look forward to seeing you all and chatting with old friends and new over a cuppa at the interval.

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/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

Leaving Cert Irish Grinds

Leaving Cert Irish Grinds available – Contact Ailish 087 9841344 for further information.

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 17 Results

€200 Sean Dunphy-Glengrant, €100 Mervyn O'Callaghan-Cooleigh, €50 Patsy Law-Mullinavat, €20 Eithne Ponce De Leon-Filbuckstown, Andrew Phelan-Ballytarsney, Joan Hennigan-Filbuckstown, Patricia Kelly-Ballinlough, Maurice Nolan-Grange Road, Evelyn Fielding-Carrick Road, Maggie Dobbyn-Suir Crescent, Jennifer Wong-Piltown, O'Shea Children-St. Annes Tce., Maurice Flynn-Mooncoin Heights, Michael Blanchfield-Main St., Eamon Mackey-Clonmore, Paddy Croke-Luffany, Breda Holden-Convent View, John Gallagher-Ashgrove, Derek Comerford-Clogga, Catherine Walsh-Rathkieran, Rosin Law-Ardera, Kathleen Landers-Suir Crescent, Sonny Murphy-Polerone.

Saint Vincent De Paul

Our monthly collection takes place on 5th/6th March. We will also have a meeting in The Parish Room on Monday 7th March. Your support is greatly appreciated.

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 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.

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).

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: 7th/14th March	Elizabeth Lennon, Rene Comerford, Alice Conway, Noreen Holden
Collectors: March	
Sat 6.30pm	Therese Walsh, Paul Butler
Sun 11.15am	Seamus O'Brien, Eddie O'Keeffe
Eucharistic Ministers: March	
Sat 6.30pm	Kitty Grant, Noreen Holden, Alice Kelly
Sun 11.15am	Catriona Cooney, Valerie Barlow, William Doyle
Readers: Sat 5th/12th March	Jack Conway, Margaret Keane
Sunday 6th/13th March	Rachel & William Doyle

Carrigeen

Collectors: March	Ned Phelan, Noel Walsh
Cleaners: 5th March	Judy Doherty, Margo Delahunty
Eucharistic Ministers: 6th March	Catriona O'Reilly, Declan Walsh
Readers: 6th March	Breda Walsh, Joe Sullivan

Kilnaspic

Cleaners: 5th March	A. Reddy, B. Walsh
Eucharistic Ministers: 5th March	Mary Frisby
Readers: 5th March	Katherine Hogan

Anniversaries

Peter Reid, Ballincur
Margaret Foskin, Rathcurby
Mary Hayes, Kerry
Mary Hennebery, Ardera
Tom Foley, Main Street
Thomas & Teresa Fielding
Robert & Margaret Walsh, New Aglish
William & Stasia Walsh, Crawn
Mary Lennon, Corluddy & Waterford
William Dunphy, Luffany

Recently Deceased

Peggy Sullivan (Nee Norris), Clogga & America
Michael Tolan, Mayo