



Thought for the Week

Celebrating Catholic Schools Week 2016

The theme for Catholic Schools Week this year is **Catholic Schools: Challenged to Proclaim God’s Mercy**. It is hoped that this theme will help contextualise the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy proclaimed by Pope Francis. The year began on 8th December 2015, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, and will conclude on 20 November 2016, the Feast of Christ the King.

Pope Francis wants this to be the year when we remember that our God is a God of Mercy, a God of Love and Compassion, a God who forgives all and always forgives. God’s mercy is for everyone; no one is excluded. This year we are invited to consider what that means for each one of us as a member of God’s Family.

Dear God,

Help us to be open to the challenge of proclaiming your mercy in the modern world. Guide our school to be rooted in your example. Open our hearts to reflect your loving mercy in all we do, and inspire us to be brave in answering the call to “proclaim your mercy”. As we journey through this week, strengthen us to reignite the Catholic ethos upon which our school was formed. Amen

Psalms 36: 3-6

‘Trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe passage. Delight yourself in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him and he will do this; He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn, the justice of your cause like the noonday sun.’

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.
Tuesday – 7.30pm:	Candlemas Day – Blessing of Candles & Throats for Feast of St. Blaise will take place during this mass
Wed - Friday:	Mass 9.30am
Friday 5th Feb:	First Friday Mass in Carrigeen at 7.30pm The Sick & The Housebound will be visited on Thurs & Friday
Thurs 10am – 8pm:	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Parish Church

Notices

Ferrybank Library

Citizens Information Clinic – **FREE - Confidential – One-to One** Thursday, 4th February 2016 @ 10:30 – 1:00pm in Ferrybank Library. Citizens Information provides information on public services and entitlements in Ireland. It is provided by the Citizens Information Board. If you have a query that you would like an answer to, please feel free to come along to Ferrybank Library on the day. No Appointment necessary.

Junior Book Club - Calling all primary school children in 4th, 5th and 6th classes. Would you like to participate in a book club? If yes, come along and join in the fun with other students on the first Tuesday of each month at 3:30pm. Next Book Club meeting is in Ferrybank Library on Tuesday, 2nd February 2016 @ 3:30pm

Business Advisory Clinics - The local Enterprise Office in conjunction with Ferrybank Library will run a **FREE** Confidential Advisory Service which is open to anyone considering a new business start-up and to those who are currently operating a small business. To make an appointment, please contact the Local Enterprise Office on 056 775 2662 or email info@leo.kilkennycoco.ie . DATE: Tuesday 9th February 2016. TIME: 3:00-5:00pm. VENUE: Ferrybank Library

Calling All Parents of Primary School Students (3rd – 6th Class) Are you struggling to keep up with your child's maths homework? Need some help? Then this **FREE** four week course is for you. It will show you how to help your children with their maths homework in a relaxed and stress-free atmosphere under the tuition of a qualified teacher. Day: Thursday Time: 12:00 – 1:00pm Venue : Ferrybank Library (051 897200)

Homework Support Group for Parents - In conjunction with the ETB, a **FREE** Homework Support Group for parents of primary school children is being held in Ferrybank Library. The Support Group runs every Wednesday morning at 10:00am and runs throughout the school year. Contact the library for further details or come along on the day and enjoy a coffee and an informal chat to find out what it's all about and how it can benefit you and your child.

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.

Parish Pastoral Council

Lent is around the corner. 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 12th February, Fr. Patsy Kelly will give a retreat in The Youth Centre.**
4. 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."
5. Fr. Peter McVerry SJ will give a talk on "Beyond Compassion to Solidarity – Call of the Gospel on Monday March 14th at 7.30pm.

Catholic Schools Week 2016

To celebrate the week, prayer services will be held in the Boys and Girl's schools and mass will be held in Carrigeen Church on Wednesday 3rd February at 11am. All are welcome.

Schools Meeting

A joint meeting/workshop of the three Board of Managements of the three schools will take place on Thursday 4th February at 7pm in the Pre Fab in The Girls School. Ms Maria Doyle will be the facilitator.

Bereavement Support Meeting

A meeting will be held on Monday 1st February at 8pm in The Parish Room.

Mooncoin Readers & Eucharistic Ministers

We thank you for your ministry. You will receive a New Rota for 2016 commencing with the month of February. Readers will receive the readings and prayers of the faithful at the beginning of each month.

Mooncoin/Carrigeen/Kilnaspic Liturgy Readers

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

Carrigeen National School

Enrolment forms for new Junior Infants available in school from Monday to Friday. See www.carrigeenns.com for more details.

Youth 2000

Youth 2000 is a Catholic Prayer Group for people aged 16-35 years. We meet every Friday night in the Waterford Cathedral, Barrondstrand 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.

Yearly Envelopes

Please contact Parish Office if you have not received your Yearly Envelopes.

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 13 Results

€200 John Power-Mooncoin Heights, €100 Michael Walsh-Polerone, €50 Maura Howley-Balltarsney, €20 Anastasia Deady-Ballinlough, Jimmy Coady-Kilnaspic, Jacinta Murphy-Corluddy, Mooncoin Women's Group, Cormac O'Shea-Portnahully, Beth Dunphy-Ballygorey, Wayne O'Toole-Suir Crescent, Niall Madden-Ballinlough, Jackie Ryan-Ballygorey, Karen Purcell-c/o E. Holden, Tom Holden-Main Street, Ed Murphy-Grange, Emma Holden-Ballinlough, Sean Aylward-Polerone, Pat Mackey-Mooncoin Heights, Lotto Club-c/o

Paddy Crowley, John Grace-Main Street, Kathleen Tobin-Suir Crescent, Eddie Doyle-Skelpstown, Mooncoin Toddler Group.

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.

Carrigeen GAA Dinner Dance

Takes place on Friday 5th February at 7pm in The Rhu Glenn. Tickets € 25. Music by The Waxi's. Contact Mary 087 7444000 or Catherine 087 7212793.

Carrigeen GAA AGM

The club held its AGM recently. See list of officers elected. Presidents: Richie Quinn, Neddy Power, Jimmy Rochford, Jim Browne, Mary Walsh. Chairperson: Pa Walsh. Vice Chairperson: Catherine O'Brien, Secretary: Pat Dunphy, Assistant Secretary: Mary Delaney. Treasurer: Michael Murphy, Assistant Treasurer: Siobhan Dunphy. PRO Nicky Dunphy. Delegate to County Board: Pat Dalton. Delegate to Southern Board: Clause Dunphy. Committee: Wally Morahan, Stephen Blackmore, Jim Kinsella, Thomas O'Brien, Eoin Gallagher, Brian Gallagher.

Mindfulness Foundation Course

This 6 week course commences on Wednesday 3rd February from 11am to 12.30pm in Nano Nagle Resource Centre, Carrick On Suir. Course Fee is € 120. Please contact Deirdre 086 8551152 or email dmkdowling@gmail.com. Facebook: Mindfulness with Deirdre.

South Kilkenny Historical Society

A lecture on 1916 in County Kilkenny will take place on Thursday 28th January in Mullinavat Parish Hall at 8pm. Speaker: Mr. Jim Maher. Admission €5 (Members & Students are free)

Umbra Clothing Collection

A clothing collection will be collected on Tuesday 9th February in Mooncoin Church Car Park before 12 noon. All types of clean ladies, gents and children's clothing and paired shoes. Your support is much appreciated.

Saint Vincent De Paul

Our monthly collection will take place next weekend 6/7th February. Your support is much appreciated.

Food & Craft Fair

Vison Mooncoin will hold a Food & Craft Fair on 6th March in Mooncoin Community Centre from 12pm to 4pm. This is an ideal opportunity for craftspeople to showcase their products. 6 Foot Table only €20. Spaces are limited so early reservation is essential. Please contact Chris on 087 9173353.

Scoil Mhuire Lourdes B.N.S.

Parents wishing to enrol their son for September 2016 can now contact the school for enrolment forms. School office hours are 9.20am – 12.30pm Monday to Friday. Phone 895411 or Email lourdesboys@gmail.com

Family Life

David Quinn of Iona Institute and Kate Bopp of Family & Life will speak at a Pro Life talk on "How to Protect the 8th Amendment" at The River Court Hotel, Kilkenny at 7.30pm. The talk will focus on arguments to defend the 8th Amendment and what can be done to counteract threats to it. All are welcome.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society

The monthly mass of St. Joseph's Young Priests Society will take place on Thursday 4th February in Mooncoin Church at 9.30am.

Kilmacow Disco

A Valentines Disco for 1st to 3rd Year students will take place in Kilmacow Community Hall on Friday 12th February from 8 – 11pm. Admission €5.

Youth Release – Table Quiz

A table quiz will take place in Comerfords Bar on 6th February at 9pm. Table of 4 - €20. A raffle will take place on the night. 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

Mooncoin Vintage Club

Our AGM will take place in The Royal Oak on 3rd February at 9pm. New members welcome.

Cleaners / Collectors / Eucharistic Ministers / Readers

Mooncoin

Cleaners: 7th Feb

Brenda Holden, Mickey Lannon, Noreen Quilty, Ann Crowley O'Neill

Collectors: Feb

Sat 6.30pm

Therese Walsh, Michael Lannon

Sun 11.15am

Kieran O'Brien, Kathleen O'Brien

Eucharistic Ministers: Feb

Sat 6.30pm

Anne Power, Monica Hassett, Bridget McGrath

Sun 11.15am

Alice Kelly, Sarah Kinsella

Readers: Sat 6th /13th Feb

Ailish Connelly, Mary Ann Foley

Sunday 7th /14th Feb

Liz Knox, Marjorie Godinho

Carrigeen

Collectors: Feb

Margaret Phelan, PJ O'Leary

Cleaners: 6th Feb

Marion Walsh, Mary Murphy

Eucharistic Ministers: 7th Feb

Eileen Dowling, Mary Dalton

Readers: 7th Feb

Ned & Eimear Phelan

Kilnaspic

Cleaners: 6th /13th Feb

A Walsh, M. Rochford

Eucharistic Ministers: 6th Feb

Bernadette Walsh

Readers: 6th Feb

Mary Frisby

Welcome

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

Anniversaries

Dick Keane, Ballytarsney

Pat Delahunty, Portnascully Mills

Annie Jacob, Waterford

Annie O'Keeffe, Moonveen

Peter O'Keeffe, Glengrant

Brid O'Keeffe, Glengrant

Tom Phelan, Skelpstown & Luffany

Philomena Henebry, Luffany
Michael O'Keeffe, Clashroe
Mary Walsh, Luffany
Billy Grace, Aglish
Kitty & Jack White, Clashroe
Nicholas Claus Walsh, Ballincur
Sr. Christopher Foskin, Rathcurby
Willie Morahan, Dournane
John Kinsella, Ardera
Ciss Mackey, Polerone
Willie Doyle, Skelpstown
Tom O'Toole, Rathcurby
Nora & Dick Walsh, Clogga Cottage
Billy, Mary, Maggie & Fred Walsh, London
John Tobin, Main Street
James & Mary Lynch, Ballincur
Tony Gaynor, Lower Corluddy