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Fourth Sunday of Lent

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Thought for the Week

The Wilderness

What does it mean to be led into the wilderness?

To find yourself without bearings, without direction, without food, drink, company?

For many the wilderness is to be without direction.

Not knowing how to find love, meaning, joy in life.

Losing faith, hope, friends, commitment.

This seems to be part of life.

In the wilderness Jesus was tempted to lose direction and to change his plans.

Can you allow yourself to find refreshment, faith, self-confidence when you feel in the wilderness of aloneness or of failure or confusion?

In you desert you will know God: he comes looking for you then.

If you trust and hope you will know that you are not lost, for he has come to find you.

It's not that he will bring you to his home but he will make his home in you.

Psalms 55:22

'(Cast your burden on the Lord [releasing the weight of it] and He will sustain you; He will never allow the [consistently] righteous to be moved (made to slip, fall, or fail).'

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 & Tue:

Mass 9.30am – Mooncoin

Wednesday:

Mass 9.30am – Carrigeen

Mass 7.30pm – Mooncoin

Thurs & Friday

Mass 9.30am – Mooncoin

Thurs 10am – 8pm:

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Parish Church

Notices

Ferrybank Library

Easter Arts & Crafts - for Children 6 years + Date: Wednesday 2nd March and Wednesday 9th March
Time: 3:30pm Venue: Ferrybank Library 051 897200 Spaces Limited so early registration recommended.
€3.00 per class – all materials supplied.

Easter Colouring Competition – for all primary school children. For our younger participants, come into the library and pick up colouring pages at the desk and for those in 4th to 6th classes, we are asking you to use your imagination and make a library related Easter Card!!

Universal Online eLearning Class - Why not learn something new today? Universal Class in conjunction with Ferrybank Library offers hundreds of online Continuing Education classes facilitated by dedicated instructors sharing their knowledge on almost any imaginable topic. Learn in your own time, at your own pace and enjoy this unique online educational experience. These courses are **FREE** to library members. Logon with your membership and pin.

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!

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? And remember – membership is now **FREE** for everyone!!!! 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.

Mullinavat ICA Guild 60th Anniversary Celebrations

We would love the Ladies of Mullinavat and surrounding areas to join us for our 60th celebrations on THURSDAY 10th March. Mass at St. Beacons Church at 7.30 pm with dinner and music to following at the Rising Sun. Tickets 20 euro can be purchased from Geraldine Holden, President 087-7701722 Centra and Take away Chip Shop Mullinavat.

Carrigeen Church Finance Meeting

The A.G.M. of Carrigeen Church Finance Committee will be held on Wednesday 9th March at 8pm in Carrigeen Hall

Scripture Course

A Scripture Course on Tuesday night at 7.30pm in The Parish House. 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.

First Confessions

First Confessions will take place in Mooncoin on Monday 7th March at 7.30pm and in Carrigeen on Tuesday 8th March at 7.00pm.

Carrigeen GAA

Carrigeen GAA's Juvenile Hurling Launch Day is coming soon. Registration and a fun based coaching initiative will commence on Saturday 12th March at 11am in All Weather Pitch, Carrigeen. All boys and girls aged 5 and upwards are welcome. Free Registration and Hurley for all. Guest appearances by Kilkenny Hurler Ger Aylward and Waterford Hurler Austin Gleeson. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

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. 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.

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

Our producer Tom Nealon is busy putting the finishing touches to this year's play "Dancing at Lughnasa" by Brian Friel. Ronan Walsh and his crew are doing Trojan work with our very imaginative set. Please come along and see the fruits of their labour in Mooncoin Hall from Tuesday 8th March to Sunday 13th at 8pm nightly. A warm welcome awaits you.

Fashion Show

A fashion show will take place in Kilmacow Community Hall on Wednesday 16th March at 8pm in aid of Kilmacow Sports Complex and Community Centre. Pamela Scott, Kelly's, Shaws, Orchid Boutique, Penny's and many others will feature on the night. Hair by Marion's Hair Salon and Make Up by Grainne Grogan. Tickets €10 – Adults, €5 – Children. Tickets are on sale on the door or from the Community Centre – 051 881984. It promises to be a great night of fun and fashion!

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, 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.

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 18 Results

€200 Cillian Flynn-Cork, €100 Simon O'Shea-Portnahully, €50 Maura Fenton-Ballinlough, €20 Selina Kearns-Mooncoin Heights, Joe Murphy-Agligh, Tina McCarthy-Narabane, Tyler Cremin-c/o Marie Flynn, Maurice Kelly-Dournane, Emma O'Keeffe-Grange, Marie Flynn-Mooncoin Heights, James Grace-Ballincur, Frank Meade-Clonmore, Kathleen Driscoll-Comeragh View, Benny O'Brien-Polerone, Tommy Henebery-Cloncunny, Mark O'Keeffe-St. Annes Tce., Margaret Crowley-Polerone, Conor & Ciara Haley-Ashgrove, Agnetha Power-Suir Crescent, Raymond Connolly-Clonea, Stephen Gilchrist-Clonmore, The Lotto Club c/o Paddy Crowley, Sean Dunphy-Glengrant.

Saint Vincent De Paul

Conference Meeting in The Parish Room on Monday 7th March.

Thank You

Enable Ireland wishes to thank all your supported their recent collection. A total of € 519 was raised. Your support is great appreciated.

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.

A Date for Your Diary

A special concert will be held on Friday 8th April in St. Mary's Cathedral, Kilkenny at 8pm featuring Liam Lawton, The RTE Concert Orchestra and Special Guests. This concert is in aid of St. Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund and tickets cost €25 and are available in Centra, Mooncoin. Your support would be greatly appreciated. Thank You.

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: 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 12th March	Jack Conway, Margaret Keane
Sunday 13th March	Rachel & William Doyle

Carrigeen

Collectors: March	Ned Phelan, Noel Walsh
Cleaners: 12th March	Ann Finn, Mary O'Keeffe
Eucharistic Ministers: 13th March	Eileen Dowling, Peggy Healy
Readers: 13th March	Eileen Dowling, Frances Dunphy

Kilnaspic

Cleaners: 12th/19th March	K. Kinsella, K. Hogan
Eucharistic Ministers: 12th March	Annette Reddy
Readers: 12th March	Andrew Long

Anniversaries

Larry O'Shea, Hugginstown
Siobhan Crowley, Mountneil
Linda Holden, Clonmore
Tom Delahunty, Barnacole
Richard & Rosanna Mahon, Cellbridge/Mooncoin