



The Grapevine

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Second Sunday of Advent

7th December 2014

Thought for the Week

Advent Shopping

Dear God, as I look through my gift shopping list, I hold up to you each person listed on it. Slowly, one by one, I ask that the fire of your abundant love burn within each of them. I pray that the gift I find for each person will bring joy into that life.

But, help me to keep a balance this season, Lord. Let me keep my buying in perspective, not to spend more than I need to, or can afford. Let me not give in to the pressures of this world and not equate love with money spent. Let me always remember the many, many people who have so much less in material things. Help me to buy wisely, so that my choices will not burden those in other countries who are so deeply affected by this country's economy.

And finally, loving God, help me to find time in the frantic moments of each day to become centred on you. Walking through a store, riding on the bus, hurrying down a street: let each of these times be moments when I can remember your incredible love for me and rejoice in it.

The Christmas Fair – 7th December

The Mooncoin Christmas Fair will be held on Sunday 7th December in the Parish Hall from 1 – 5pm. All the usual stalls will be there and much more!! Please come along and join in the fun.

Masses during the week

Rosary: 9.15am – The Rosary will be broadcast on the radio at 9.15am each morning before the 9.30am mass.
Tues – Fri: 9.30am - Mooncoin
Thurs 10am – 8pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Nagle Chapel.
We require Adorers of the Blessed Sacrament especially between 6-8pm on Thursdays.

Monday – Holyday of Obligation – Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Carrigeen Mass: 10am
Mooncoin Mass: 11.15am – The School Children will be present
Kilnaspic Mass: 7.30pm

Wednesday: Mass & Anointing of the Sick in the Parish Hall. All welcome.
Thursday: Mass in the Nursing Home at 2.30pm

Notices

River Suir Snap Net Fishermen Notice

Snap Net Fishermen Association AGM on Tuesday 9th Dec in Carrigeen @ 7.30pm.

Ferrybank Library

Cúpla Focal? - If you are interested in using yours, our Irish Circle will meet on Tuesday 9th December at 2:30pm.

This is an informal session where the group have a chat 'as Gaeilge' and all are welcome!

Quilting Exhibition by the Ferrybank Patchwork Quilters is now on display. Enjoy the many beautiful quilts that are included in the exhibition. This is truly a visual experience of the art and craft displayed by these quilters. The explosive kaleidoscopic of colour is not to be missed! The group meets every Tuesday at 11:45am in the Community Room. New members to the group are always welcome!

Christmas Crafts with Tanya – for children 6 years plus. Wednesday 10th and Wednesday 17th December from 3:15 – 4:30pm.

Make handmade decorations and take part in the competition for the best handmade Christmas decoration and win a prize from Ferrybank Community Residents Group. The winner will be announced on December 12th in the Parish Hall at Santa's Day. Places limited. Booking essential.

Christmas Craft Fair organised by Brothers of Charity - **FREE Admission.** Get a head start on your Christmas shopping by paying a visit to this wonderful craft fair. Loads of interesting items to suit everyone :-
*Crafts * Gifts * Goodies* Food *

Dates for your diary :- Thursday 18th December from 2:30pm – 4:30pm; Friday 19th December from 10:00am – 4:30pm and Saturday 20th December from 9:30am to 1:00pm

Prize Winners of Short Story Competition - Well done to all to participated in the competition. The quality of the stories submitted were excellent which made it very difficult to pick out the top stories. However, the overall winner was from the Good Counsel Girls School in Ferrybank - Saoirse Clifford, who expressed her creativity in such an imaginative way!

Joint Runner Up were also from the Good Counsel Girls School in Ferrybank - Mariya Lyash and Arabella Radovan whose work was outstanding and who put so much thought and hard work into their stories. Three participants won a Highly Commended award, and they were Zoe McLoughlin, Dunkitt National School; Natalia Pakesova, Good Counsel Girls School and Nadia Stefaniak, Good Counsel Girls School, Ferrybank. Well done to all the young budding authors of the future!

For more information on any of the above please contact Ferrybank Library on 051 897200

Grapevine

Please have any notices for the Grapevine into the Parish Office by 12pm on Wednesday. Thank you. Some weeks we cannot fit all notices received for the Grapevine, however all notices will appear on our online Grapevine on www.mooncoinparish.ie.

Dates to Remember

First Penance: Mooncoin – Wednesday 4th March @ 7.30pm & Carrigeen – Wednesday 11th March @ 7.30pm.

First Holy Communion: Mooncoin – Saturday 23rd May @ 11am & Carrigeen – Saturday 16th May @ 11am.

Confirmation: Mooncoin – Sunday April 26th at 11.15am

Mooncoin GAA Notes

The Mooncoin GAA AGM will take place on Friday 12th December at 8pm in

Mooncoin Children's Choir

Practice for the Mooncoin Children's Choir takes place on Mondays from 3 – 4pm. All children from 2nd class upwards welcome. €1 per family. See you there, Margaret & Maureen.

Silver Circle

Week 7: €200 Gerard Sutton-Dournane, **€100** Eddie Aylward-Grange, **€50** Mary Morahan-Dournane, **€20** Saran O'Keeffe-Grange, Roy Foran-St.Anne's Tce., Ned Norris-Comeragh View, John Bowe-Dungooley, Sean Walsh-Ballincur, Eddie Quilty-Nicholastown, Josie Dolan-Polerone, Mavis Keegan-Piltown, Kenny Walsh-Rathcurby, Tommy Hennebry-Cloncunny, Willie Ryan-Ballygorey, Liam Delahunty-Polerone, Claus Dunphy-Ballygorey, Noreen Purcell-Middlequarter, Tommy O'Brien-New Ross, Mary Dowley-Clonmore, Nicholas Walsh-Ballybrazil, Cormac Daly-Dungooley, Lesley Allen-Raheen, Kevin Dunphy-Glengrant.

Volunteers Required

We currently require volunteers to join the following: a) Prebaptismal Team, b) Children's Liturgy, c) Bereavement Support. Should you be interested please contact Fr. Peter or the Parish Office. Thank you.

Safety Note

Please do not leave any valuable items in your vehicle while unattended.

Want to Stay Fit?

Bootcamp takes place in the Parish hall every Thursday night from 8 – 9pm. Contact Peter Nolan – 086 2470429. All are welcome.

Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2015

Ossory Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2015 May 22nd – May 27th - Cost € 755 p.p.s. All bookings for both Regular and Assisted pilgrims please contact Glenmore Parish Office – 051 880414 / Email: glenmore@ossory.ie
Mon/Tue/Thurs 10.00 – 2.30 & Friday 9.15 – 12.15.

Fatima

Anniversary of St. Lucia – 11th – 15th February 2015 – 4 Nights Full Board – Cinquentenario Hotel - €474.00 pp / €25 Insurance (optional). For information or bookings please contact Imelda Kelly – 086 2755836.

The Nagle Chapel

The Nagle Chapel will be opened for 11.15am Mass every Sunday as a Family Room and a Young Children Friendly Space. All are welcome. For now the only entrance is from the sacristy of the church.

Volunteers Wanted

Volunteers are needed to help with events in the Parish Hall over the coming year. Even if you can spare 2 hours a month – that would be fantastic. Please contact Bernie in the Hall Office on Tue/Thurs Morning or leave your details in the Parish Office. Thank you.

Saint Vincent De Paul

The Christmas Collection will take place on December 13th & 14th. We appeal to you to be as generous as you can due to a big increase for help and a drop of income among households. We wish to thank you most sincerely for your generosity over the past year. Christmas imposes an extra burden on us all particularly those in need. It was a very demanding year and our income was €9,791.00 but unfortunately our expenditure was €15,691.00. This consisted of food, fuel, furniture and education. Your support is vital. Thank you. Our conference meeting will take place on December 15th in the Parish Room.

Finance

As we approach the end of the financial year, we thank all who contributed to the upkeep of the church and parish and remind those who have not – Please do so. Also to keep in mind that now all contributions of €250 and over – we can now claim back 31% tax. Thank you.

2015 Envelopes

The 2015 Parish Envelopes are now ready for collection at the Parish Office. We urge all distributors to collect and distribute the envelopes this week. Thank you.

Thank You

Anna Dunphy would like to thank all for the get well wishes and bouquets she received. A mass will be offered for your intentions. God Bless.

Advent Text

Would you like to receive an Advent Text? It has proven extremely popular encouraging people to take a moment to reflect. Should you like to receive this free text – See details below:

Text your Mobile No. to 085 8313100

Email: afd@ossory.ie

Tel: 056 7753624

Mooncoin Bridge Club

Mooncoin Bridge Club is currently open for new members. We play bridge every Wednesday night at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. Anyone interested contact Margery Godinho – 051 895358 / 087 2896163. All are welcome.

Christmas Cards / Candles

Christmas Cards and Candles are now available for sale in the Parish Office.

Vision Mooncoin

Vision Mooncoin / Parish Hall Office Hours: Monday – Friday 11am – 3pm

Office Secretary: Bernie O'Brien

Office Telephone No: 083 1660658 – 10am to 6pm

Youth 2000 Christmas Retreat

Youth 2000 Ireland will be hosting their annual Christmas Retreat in Newbridge College, Newbridge, Co. Kildare from Friday 12th to Sunday 14th December. Over 500 young people from across Ireland (aged 16-35) are expected at this donation only event, with all newcomers very welcome. This is a great opportunity to find out what your faith is all about in a friendly, chilled out atmosphere. Free buses available. Online booking necessary. See www.youth2000.ie or phone 01 6753690.

Eucharistic Ministers

The Eucharistic Ministers 2015 Rota is now available for collection at the Parish Office.

Carrigeen Church Choir

Choir practice will take place in Carrigeen Church every Tuesday night at 7.30pm in preparation for Advent and Christmas. All new members and musicians welcome or just come along and join us 10am Mass on Sundays.

Advent

Put Christ back into Christmas/Life:

- Meditation – Monday night 7pm in the Nagle Chapel
- Healing – Service with opportunity for confession – Monday December 15th at 7.30 in Mooncoin
- Carol Service – Sunday 21st December at 7pm in the Parish Church, Mooncoin
- Penitential Services & Confessions in the Girls and Boys schools on Wednesday 10th December and in Carrigeen on Thursday.

Carol Service

Colaiste Cois Siúire Carol Service will take place on Monday 15th December at 9.30am in the Parish Church.

Liturgy

The Parish Pastoral Council are in the process of adding new members to the liturgy committee. If you would like to be one of those persons, please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Office – 895123.

Women's Group

Liz & Sandra would like to thank everyone for their contributions and donations to the women's group over the past year. We are looking forward to seeing you all at the Christmas Fair on Sunday at 1pm. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Cleaners / Collectors / Eucharistic Ministers / Readers

Mooncoin

Cleaners: December

Bridget McGrath, Pauline Tobin
Elsie McGrath, Ellen Fitzpatrick

Collectors: December

Sat 6.30pm

Sun 11.15am

Therese Walsh, Michael Lannon
Eddie O'Keeffe, Seamus O'Brien

Eucharistic Ministers: Dec

Sat 6.30pm

Sun 11.15am

Bridget McGrath, Monica Hassett, Kathleen Dunphy
Gaby Kelly, Sarah Kinsella, Joan Thornton

Readers:

13th Dec 6.30pm

14th Dec 11.15am

Therese Walsh, Michael Keane
Mary Ann Foley, Brandon Power

Carrigeen

Cleaners: 13th December

Collectors: December

Eucharistic Ministers: 14th Dec

Readers: 14th December

Margaret Dunphy, Margaret Phelan (B)
Dick & Cecily Walsh, Ronan Walsh
Anne Walsh, Catriona O'Reilly
Ned Phelan, Eimear Phelan

Kilnaspic

Cleaners: 13th / 20th December

Eucharistic Ministers: 13th Dec

Readers: 13th December

Mary Frisby, Dolores Aylward
Catherine Hogan
Pat Kinsella

Welcome

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

Anniversaries

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Michael Purcell, Polerone & Dublin
Skye O'Donoghue, Mullinabro Woods, Newrath
Tommy Lynch, Ballincur
Mary Walsh, Filbuckstown
Michael & Joey Fielding, Portnascully
Catherine Kelly, Silverspring
James Kinsella, Clonconey