



*Thought for the Week*

*“Is Not This the Fast I Choose?”*

Here, at the very beginning of the Lenten Season, we are reminded of the type of fasting that is pleasing to the Lord. We are not just called to fast from food or small acts of self-denial: rather we are called to fast from behaviour that is hurtful to our brothers and sisters.

Lent is a time to become more aware of the needs of our neighbours, family, co-workers, friends etc. We are not being asked to perform great acts, but to be faithful to simple things in love. We are called to make some small difference in our world, for we may not pass this way again.

So this Lent let us:

- Fast from criticism and feast on praise
- Fast from self-pity and feast on counting our blessings
- Fast from bad-temper and feast on forgiveness and acceptance
- Fast from jealousy and feast on love
- Fast from pride and feast on humility
- Fast from selfishness and feast on generosity
- Fast from self-centredness and feast on the care of others
- Fast from fear and doubt and feast on trust in God

Nahum 1:7

‘(The Lord is good, a Strength and Stronghold in the day of trouble; He knows (recognizes, has knowledge of, and understands) those who take refuge and trust in Him.’

A quote for each day can be found on the website: <http://mooncoinparish.ie>

**Lent**

**The weekend of 12<sup>th</sup> February, Fr. Patsy Kelly will give a retreat in The Youth Centre commencing on Friday at 7pm, Saturday at 10am and Sunday at 10am. All are welcome.**

## Masses during the week

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| <b>Rosary – 9.15:</b>          | 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. |
| <b>Tuesday</b>                 | Mass 9.30am – Mooncoin  |
| <b>Ash Wednesday</b>           | Day of Fast & Abstinence<br>Mass – Mooncoin at 10am – Children of both schools will be present<br>Mass – Carrigeen at 12pm – Children of the school will be present<br>Mass – Mooncoin at 7.30pm  |
| <b>Wednesday – Parish Hall</b> | 3pm – Penitential Service and Distribution of Ashes<br>Kilnaspic at 7.30pm – Eucharistic Service & Distribution of Ashes  |
| <b>Thurs - Friday:</b>         | Mass 9.30am   |
| <b>Thurs 10am – 8pm:</b>       | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Parish Church  |

## Notices

### Ferrybank Library

**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](mailto:info@leo.kilkennycoco.ie) DATE: Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2016. TIME: 3:00-5:00pm VENUE: Ferrybank Library

**Healthcare Support Group** - Would you like to participate in **FREE** part-time classes in Ferrybank, leading to a major award in Healthcare Support? If yes, find out more at the upcoming information/registration session:-Venue: Ferrybank Library Date: Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> February 2016 Time: 10:00am – 12:00noon Course Organiser is Back to Education Initiative (BTEI), Kilkenny and Carlow ETB. Tel: 056 770 1020 Email: [BTEI@kkadulsted.ie](mailto:BTEI@kkadulsted.ie) Register online at: [www.bteikilkenny.com](http://www.bteikilkenny.com)

**Liz McGuire Art Exhibition** - An Oil Painting Exhibition not to be missed, currently on display in Ferrybank Library [during opening hours]. Some of Liz's favourite projects have been done on black canvas. The application of vibrant reds and cadmium oranges have the ability to transform the blank, dark canvas into a feast of colour to fill the viewers imagination. Colour has the very powerful ability to transform a mood and it never ceases to amaze at how different palettes attract each individual. Over the years, Liz has taken courses here in **Ireland, London and Berlin**. These courses provided her with the various skills needed to teach some of her methods to students of all levels. Liz's favourite subjects are Florals and her signature pieces are Dancers. Liz is a Certified Ross Floral Instructor. Liz's paintings are for sale, for further details check out her website [www.lizmeguiregallery.com](http://www.lizmeguiregallery.com)

**Calling All Parents of Primary School Students (3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Class)** Are you struggling to keep up with your child's homework? Need some help? Then this **FREE** support group is for you. Come along 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. Day: Wednesday Time: 10:00 – 1:00pm Venue : Ferrybank Library (051 897200)

**For further information on any of the above, please contact Ferrybank Library on 051 897200 or email [ferrybank@kilkennylibrary.ie](mailto:ferrybank@kilkennylibrary.ie) Follow us on Facebook and Twitter.**

### Enable Ireland

Enable Ireland National Church Gate Collection will take place on the weekend of the 14th and 15th February 2016. Please support. Many thanks.

### **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 12<sup>th</sup> 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**

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 12<sup>th</sup> February, Fr. Patsy Kelly will give a retreat in The Youth Centre.**
4. The weekend of 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm.

### **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.

### **Cemetery Masses 2016**

The following dates have been set for this year's cemetery masses:- Mooncoin New Cemetery – Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June at 6.30pm, Mooncoin Old Cemetery – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June at 8pm, Carrigeen – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June at 8pm, Kilnaspic – Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

### **Pastoral Council**

Meeting in The Parish Room on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February at 8pm.

### **Liturgy Meeting**

Meeting in The Parish Room on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February at 9pm.

### **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](http://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, 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](http://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](mailto:reservations@med-irishcentre.com) Call for flight information.

### **Silver Circle – Week 14 Results**

€200 Tomas Kinsella-Clogga, €100 June Savage-Grange Road, €50 Noreen Walsh-Comeragh View, €20 Pdraig Walsh-Ballygorey, John Walsh-Grange, Angela Haley-Polerone, Siobhan Kearns-New Road, Tracey Healy-Roseleigh, Margaret Hayes-Ballincur, Cormac Moore-Roseleigh, Eddie Crowley-Polerone, Eoin Hennebry-Ballybrazil, Christine Comerford-Cloncunny, Eddie Doyle-Luffany, Mary Reville-Suir Crescent, Willie O'Brien-Grange, Alan Conway-Roseleigh, Dick Croke-Polerone, Aine Delahunty-New Road, Nathan Flynn-Cork, Joe Dunphy-Luffany, John Joe Kinsella-Dournane, Wattie & Ann Walsh-Clogga.

### **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.

### **Umbra Clothing Collection**

A clothing collection will be collected on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Food & Craft Fair**

Vison Mooncoin will hold a Food & Craft Fair on 6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:lourdesboys@gmail.com)

### **Kilmacow Disco**

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

### **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](http://www.alhomecare.ie)

### **WEEE Collection**

Electrical Appliances Collections will take place on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> February in the Church Car Park from 10am to 4pm. Please bring along any old Dishwashers, Washing Machines, Dryers, Microwaves etc.

### **Mooncoin Ploughing Associates**

Annual Ploughing Match will take place at Portnascully on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February at 12 Noon. All are

welcome.

### **Saint Vincent De Paul**

Conference Meeting will take place in The Parish Room on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm.

### **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 22<sup>nd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup>. All enquiries regarding the pilgrimage should be directed to Eleanor on 051 880414 or [glenmore@ossory.ie](mailto:glenmore@ossory.ie) (9.30am-1.30pm Mon, Tue, Thurs & Friday).

### **Concert**

We wish to thank each and everyone who supported our recent concert of Sacred & Traditional Music. A special word of thanks to all our participants, to those who gave spot prizes, sold and bought tickets and helped in any way. It was a great success. Well done to all. To date we have raised over €4,000 with monies still outstanding. Please find listed the winners of the Raffle on the night:- Josephine Sutton, Margaret Crowley, Helen Murphy, Joan Hennessy, Geraldine McGrath, Eilish McGrath, Eileen Kearns, John Gallagher, Theresa Moore, Jodie Murphy, Anna Dunphy, Caroline Dunphy, Pat & Irene Kinsella.

### **Word of God Outreach**

A day of prayer will take place on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February from 10.30am to 5.30pm in Edmund Rice Centre, Barrack St., Waterford. Speaker: Sr. Mary O'Duffy. Bring a packed lunch. Contact Sile – 086 8590394 for further details. All are welcome.

## **Cleaners / Collectors / Eucharistic Ministers / Readers**

### **Mooncoin**

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| <b>Cleaners: 14<sup>th</sup> /21<sup>st</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> Feb</b> | Anne Purcell, Mary Power, Bernie Walsh      |
| <b>Collectors: Feb</b>  |   |
| <b>Sat 6.30pm</b>   | Therese Walsh, Michael Lannon               |
| <b>Sun 11.15am</b>  | Kieran O'Brien, Kathleen O'Brien            |
| <b>Eucharistic Ministers: Feb</b>                                     |   |
| <b>Sat 6.30pm</b>   | Anne Power, Monica Hassett, Bridget McGrath |
| <b>Sun 11.15am</b>  | Alice Kelly, Sarah Kinsella                 |
| <b>Readers: Sat 13<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>                               | Ailish Connelly, Mary Ann Foley             |
| <b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>                                     | Liz Knox, Marjorie Godinho                  |

### **Carrigeen**

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| <b>Collectors: Feb</b>                            | Margaret Phelan, PJ O'Leary   |
| <b>Cleaners: 13<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>              | Teresa Comerford, Joan Dunphy |
| <b>Eucharistic Ministers: 14<sup>th</sup> Feb</b> | Anne Walsh, Peggy Healy       |
| <b>Readers: 14<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>               | Pat & Teresa O'Neill          |

### **Kilnaspic**

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| <b>Cleaners: 13<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>              | A Walsh, M. Rochford |
| <b>Eucharistic Ministers: 13<sup>th</sup> Feb</b> | Catherine Hogan      |
| <b>Readers: 13<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>               | Aoife Kearns         |

## **Welcome**

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

### **Anniversaries**

Christopher Cuddihy – Licketstown

Paul Cuddihy – Licketstown

Judy Vereker – Kiliney & Licketstown

Walter Walsh – Luffany

Packie Walsh (Taylor) – Portnascully

Stasia Deady – Licketstown

Willie Rowe – Kilcraggin

Seamus Doran – St. Judes, Mooncoin