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you are the branches*
JOHN 15:15

The Grapevine



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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Making their First Holy Communion

Melaniia Bazarova
Layla Carroll
Andy Cho Holden
Lily Rose Cowman
Casey Doyle
Luis Torres
Maeve Howley
John Kearns
Willow Kizito Byrne
Layla Langford
Molly Law
Cara Maher
Casey McShane
Joseph McTighe
Aidan Moore
Ellen Murphy
Orlaith O'Hanlon
Pearl O'Hanlon Blanc
Charlotte O'Keefe-Bolger
Reuben O'Keefe
Jack O'Shea
Kiefer O'Sullivan
Rowan O'Sullivan
Tommy Quigley
Ciarán Quinn
Luke Quinn
Alex Quirke
Jake Synnott
Noah Troy
Amber Walsh

PRAYER FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

May Jesus come to bless you
on your First Communion Day.
May you feel his loving presence
in a very special way.
And as you strive to follow
in his footsteps may He bless
Your life with many graces
and lasting happiness

World Day of Prayer for Vocations – Sunday 26 April 2026

On the Fourth Sunday of Easter, Good Shepherd Sunday, the Church worldwide prays especially for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, and all forms of Christian mission. Let us ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into his harvest – and ask each of us: how is God calling *me* to serve?

Masses 27th April - 1st May

Monday & Tuesday

NO MASS

Wednesday

Mooncoin 9.30 a.m.

Thursday

Mooncoin 9.30 a.m.

*Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament to
12 noon*

First Friday of May

Mooncoin 9.30 a.m.



Diocesan Nurse

The Diocese of Ossory requires a Nurse to provide an advocacy and support service to Priests in the Diocese of Ossory. The Diocese comprises of 42 parishes in Counties, Kilkenny, Laois and Offaly. The post will be part-time, flexible and initially for a three-year period. The ideal candidate must be:

- A registered General Nurse (ideally with Community experience).
- Self-motivated and have the ability to co-ordinate care planning in a community based environment.
- Possess excellent communication skills.
- Competency in time management.

Full clean driving licence and own transport are essential.

Please email your application to admin@ossory.ie or by post to The Diocesan Secretary, Diocesan Office, James's St, Kilkenny, R95 NH60.

Closing date for applications is Friday, 29th May 2026.

Mooncoin Women's Group were delighted to welcome representatives from Scoil Mhuire and Carrigeen NS last Monday, as both schools were presented with cheques for €800 each as a result of the recently held Coffee Morning. All proceeds will go towards supporting Scoil Mhuire's Sonas & Spraoi Classes and the Carrigeen NS ASD Unit. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who supported the event and helped make this contribution possible. Your generosity and community spirit are greatly appreciated.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026

Carrigeen: 2nd May @ 11am

Kilmacow: 16th May @ 11am

CONFIRMATION 2026

Mooncoin: 21st May @ 11am

Thanks to all who contributed to epilepsy Ireland church gate collection last weekend total monies raised 720euro.

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3rd May 2026

MOONCOIN PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPS: Katherine Hogan. Miriam Grace. Marian Walsh
c/o Mooncoin Parish Office 051 895 123

RECENTLY DECEASED: John Power, Mooncoin Heights.

ANNIVERSARIES: Sean Croke, Ballygriffin. Mike Mulford, Ballincur.

David Mulford, Wembley. James Tobin, Ballymountain. Josie & Joe Dolan, Polerone.

Tom Kinsella, Barrabehy/London (1st Anniversary). John, Josie & Sean Delahunty, Mullinavat. Patrick & Bridget Gilmartin, Barronswood.

Anthony Allen, Carrick Road/Manchester (1st Anniversary) Paddy Allen. Mary Allen Peel. Philomena Allen Geraghty. Deceased members of the Hanna Family.

MONTHS MIND MASS for James O'Halloran, Kilcraggan.
Saturday 2nd May @ 7pm in Mooncoin Church.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY MASS for Mary Reville, Suir Crescent.
Saturday 2nd May @ 7pm in Mooncoin Church.

Mooncoin Parish Pastoral Council – April Meeting

1. The Parish Survey Sub-Committee presented an outline Pastoral Plan to the Council for discussion. A final draft will be shared at the May Pastoral Council Meeting.
2. Thank you to everyone who provided updates on other ministries in the Parish following the publication of information about the Pastoral Council.
3. **Invitation:** There are people from many different countries living in our Parish. On Pentecost weekend, 23rd/24th May, we would like to invite anyone who speaks a language other than English to read a prayer at Mass in their own language. If you would like to volunteer, please fill in this form and leave it in the Parish Office by Friday May 1st.

I would like to read a prayer in my first language, at Mass on Pentecost Weekend.

Name: _____ Phone No: _____

The language I speak is: _____

Survey Feedback – Service and Outreach Pillar

Strengths – The majority of respondents feel welcome when attending liturgies. The Grapevine is the most popular communication option. Parishioners want more information on ministries. There is a high level of gratitude for the work of clergy, volunteers, and existing parish programs.

Challenges - New parishioners struggle to integrate. More transparency needed on parish structures, roles, and volunteer opportunities. The priest's workload. Calls for the parish to be more responsive and socially engaged. **Opportunities** - Look at structural supports to alleviate the priest's workload. Look at improving existing means of communication. Encourage participation by providing clear information on ministries. Consider community focussed events to reach those less engaged.

Teens looking for something different to do?

This is suitable for teens aged 13 & upwards in Mooncoin Parish Hall. Learn a new skill? Build confidence with self-defence? Try kickboxing - get fitter, stronger, and more focused. Join a fun, supportive environment where you can challenge yourself, make new friends, and feel empowered. Contact Billy directly on 085-858 9902 for more information.

SVP COLLECTIONS FOR MAY

Mooncoin: Saturday 2nd May 7pm
Mooncoin: Sunday 3rd May 10.00am
Carrigeen: Sunday 3rd May 8.50am
Kilnaspic: Sunday 10th May 8.50am

New contact number for
SVP Mooncoin phone: 051 350725.
Email: infor.southeast@svp.ie

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Fr. Michael Kelly, SJ, CC Kilmacow and Pastoral Area Assistant 087 3791406
Parish Secretary: Tracy Driscoll **Office Phone :** 051-895 123

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