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Fifth Sunday Of Lent

6th April 2025

The Fifth Sunday of Lent and Its Central Message: Food to Nourish Hope

The central message in our Sunday Gospel is about Jesus's compassionate response to a woman caught in adultery, which demonstrates his rejection of hypocrisy and his commitment to mercy over rigid judgment. When religious leaders brought a woman before Jesus, demanding she be stoned according to the law, Jesus challenged them with "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." This response exposed their hypocrisy and transformed a moment of condemnation into one of compassion. Our Gospel today contrasts Jesus's treatment of the woman with the Pharisees' approach, highlighting how Jesus opposed machismo and oppression while offering both forgiveness and guidance. It suggests that pride, not lust, may be the greatest sin and encourages readers to seek mercy rather than condemn others. The passage also raises questions about the continued mistreatment of women in society and the church's responsibility to address these injustices.

Confirmation 2025 On Friday, 11th April, we will welcome Bishop Coll, who will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to 42 candidates from our parish during the 11 a.m. Mass. We commend the boys and girls to your prayers and ask the Holy Spirit to inspire them to be faithful disciples of the Lord.

Lenten Collection for your priests: Thanks to all who have contributed to the Lenten Dues. Your support and generosity are very much appreciated.

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MASS FOR THE FIFTH WEEK OF LENT
 Tuesday 9.30 a.m. Carrigeen
 Wednesday 9.30 a.m. Mooncoin
 Thursday 9.30 a.m. Mooncoin
 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament to 12 noon.
 Friday Confirmation Mass
 11 a.m. Mooncoin
 (no 9.30 a.m. Mass)

Caretaker required for Carrigeen Church & Cemetery

General Maintenance duties. Part-time Position. Hours Negotiable.
 Expressions of Interest to 086-2645970
 Closing date for applications is Friday April 11th 2025

Caretaker required for Carrigeen National School

General Maintenance duties. 10 hrs per week. Expressions of Interest to 051-895423 or email carrigeen.scoil@gmail.com
 Closing date for Applications is Friday April 11th 2025

GAS TICKET a new play by Ger Bourke from Piltown, Co Kilkenny.

Directed by Jim Nolan
 Gas ticket is an emotional rollercoaster of a play. Though often very funny it will also break your heart.
 Hole in the Wall Kilkenny 24th April.
 Brewery Lane Carrick on Suir 26th April.



Colaiste Cois Siuire Clothing Collection. Cash for Clothes. Bring us in your clothes from your spring clean. All profits towards TY fund. Deadline 28th April. You can drop the clothes to Colaiste Cois Siuire during school hours.

St Vincent de Paul Collection Sunday 13th April Kilnaspic @ 8.50am.
 Thank you for your continued support, it is very much appreciated.

ANNIVERSARIES: John Madden, Ballymountain. Nellie & Eamonn Kelly, The Cross. Paddy Purcell, Rathkieran. Ralph Mulford, Wembley. Elsie McEvoy, Ferrybank. Margaret Walsh, Lower Corluddy. Michael 'Stretch' Phelan, Middlequarter. Maura & Michael Phelan, Middlequarter. Billy Reville, Suir Crescent.
MONTHS MIND for Eileen Quinn, Aglish.

Sharing the Good News - Pilgrims of Hope SPRING MOMENT

Dear Parishioners, Will you help us to light up our Parish with 500 Candles of Hope this Easter? The candles will be distributed through our Primary schools and they will also be available in the three churches next weekend. All we are asking you to do is to light the candle in your window (safely please!) at 9p.m. on Easter Saturday. The candles can be a reminder to family members who are away from home that we are thinking of them, a symbol of welcome to anyone who is new to our community, a reminder to those who are unwell that we are praying for them or a message to anyone who feels down or disheartened that they are not alone. The Year of Hope Sub-Committee *Hopeful Moment: For the needy will never be forgotten, nor will the hope of the afflicted ever fade. Psalm 9:19*

Mooncoin Women's Group are hosting a Coffee Morning in aid of the local St. Vincent de Paul on Tuesday 8th April in the Parish Hall from 10am - 12pm. Any donations towards the raffle or buns/cakes are most welcome. Contact any members of the Women's Group or contact the Parish Hall office. Please come along for a chat and a cuppa.

On 16th April (spy Wednesday) **Eucharistic adoration in Carrigeen** from 10am until 2pm. All are welcome

Palm Sunday will be celebrated next weekend, 12/13th April, with the blessing of palms at all Masses.

HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES: Mooncoin Church: Tuesday 15th April, Mass at 7 p.m. with the Sacrament of Confession during Mass.
Spy Wednesday Mooncoin Church 9.30 a.m. Chrism Mass in St. Mary's Cathedral at a time to be confirmed.
Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper. Mooncoin Church at 7 p.m. Time in the Garden of Gethsemane following Mass, remembering the words of the Lord on the first Holy Thursday night, "could you not stay awake with me for one hour?". All of our parish Eucharistic Ministers will be rededicated to the service of the Eucharist during Mass. We invite our Adores of the Eucharist to come and pray for the parish and the world.
Good Friday: The Passion of the Lord at 3 p.m. in Mooncoin Church.
 Good Friday is a day of Fast and Abstinence. There will be a special collection for the Holy places in the Holy Land.
Holy Saturday: The Easter Vigil at 7 p.m. in Mooncoin Church. It is the "mother of all Vigils". We will pass from death to life, from darkness to light. In this Jubilee Year of Hope, we are all invited to be pilgrims of hope and angels of mercy.
Easter Sunday: Mass of the Resurrection 8.50 a.m. Kilnaspic: 8.50 a.m. Carrigeen: 10.00 a.m. Mooncoin

Stations of the cross in Carrigeen Church on Tuesday 8th April @ 7.30pm.
 All are welcome

Mooncoin	Date/Time	Names	Date/Time	Names
Flower Group	April	Annette Purcell Eucra Downey		
Readers	12th April	Fintan Molloy Therese Walsh	13th July	John Allen Lucy Quinn
Eucharistic Ministers	12th April	Bridget McGrath Noreen Holden	13th April	John Allen Kitty Grant
Carrigeen	Date/Time	Names	Date/Time	Names
Cleaners	19th April	Martina Walsh	Mary Beagan	
Readers	20th April	Brid Mackey		
Collectors	20th April	Pat O'Neill	Eamon Delahunty	
Eucharistic Ministers	13th April	Mary Murphy		
Kilnaspic	Date/Time	Names	Date/Time	Names
Readers	13th April	Jackie Murphy		
Cleaners	April	Evelyn Kinsella/Kennedy		
Eucharistic Ministers	13th April	Jason Dunphy		