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Fourth Sunday of Advent

First, I would like to invite and welcome each one of you to the celebration of Christmas 2024.

Secondly, I want to thank you who serve and support the churches of Mooncoin, Carrigeen, and Kilnaspic. Many good people enrich this parish. Thank You!

Thirdly, I pray that this holy season will be a time of extraordinary blessings for you and especially the members of your family that sometimes you worry most about. Let us continue to support and help each other.

Finally, I hope and pray that you will be safe this Christmas time at home and when you travel. I hope and pray you will remember the less fortunate during these difficult economic times. I hope and pray you will find forgiveness and peace in your own heart and that you will be generous to others with the same love and mercy.

Again, I look forward to meeting you, not only for Christmas but also throughout the New Year too!

*Happy, Happy Christmas and
every Blessing for 2025
Fr. Martin*

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PARISH OFFICE CHRISTMAS OPENING HOURS

The last day the Parish Office will be open before the Christmas Holidays is tomorrow Monday 23rd December from 9.45am - 12.45pm.

The office will re-open after the holidays on Friday 3rd January at 9.45am. A happy and peaceful Christmas to all our parishioners.

"SeniorLine – Don't be alone and lift the phone - Freephone 1800 80 45 91. Would like someone to talk to over Christmas? SeniorLine is Ireland's national telephone service for older people open every day of the year 10am-10pm, Freephone 1800 80 45 91. You may feel isolated, alone, bereaved or far from family. SeniorLine's older volunteers are trained to listen, to support and refer to other helpful services if necessary. So don't be alone and lift the phone. Phone SeniorLine 1800 80 45 91, No problem too big or too small."

There is **no grapevine** on the weekend of **28th / 29th December**. All Anniversaries that took place over the Christmas period will be in the next edition of the newsletter on 5th January

The **Parish Hall** office is closed until Monday 6th January and would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

South Kilkenny Historical Society

Lá an Dreoilín (Wren Day) event Thursday, December 26th (St. Stephen's Day). Venue: Mullinavat Parish Hall and Church Car Park. Time: 11am. Lá an Dreoilín, in Ireland, centres around the tradition of capturing a wren, which is said to bring luck. People march dressed in garbs made of straw, including headwear that is woven into a bell shape, playing drums and traditional music, and singing. Following on last year's very successful event, participants are asked to make costumes and a prize will be given for the best costume. People of all ages are asked to participate in the event and participants are not restricted to 'boys' - for this event the term 'boys' means any gender and any age! Participation is not restricted to those who have costumes and/or can sing or play a musical instrument - people are asked to participate in whatever way they can, or are comfortable doing and everyone is welcome to join in on the fun.

PARISH HALL SCHEDULE

Monday 23rd Dec:

8pm - Bingo

Monday 30th Dec:

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Tuesday 31st Dec:

6pm - Private Function

Friday 3rd Jan:

12pm - Private Function

Mooncoin church will be **closed @ 4pm** for the winter months.

ANNIVERSARIES:

James 'Jimmy' McCarthy, Grannagh. Tom Butler, his wife Nancy Butler & their daughter Annzita Butler. Michael Foran, Comeragh View. Catherine & Michael Cullen, Wexford. Eily Lannon, Comeragh View. Margaret & Mary Cahill, Clonmore. Edward Moore, Rathcurby. Kathleen Kelly, Silverspring.

MONTHS MIND:

Joe Mylett, Suir Crescent & his son Colin whose anniversary occurs at this time.

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE: William O'Keeffe, Roseleigh

CHRISTMAS / NEW YEAR MASSES MOONCOIN PARISH

CHRISTMAS EVE: Mooncoin 4.30pm

CHRISTMAS EVE: Carrigeen 6pm

CHRISTMAS EVE: Kilnaspic 7.30pm

CHRISTMAS DAY: Mooncoin 10am

ST STEPHENS DAY: No Mass

FRIDAY 27th: No Mass

SAT 28th / SUN 29th: Usual Weekend Masses

MONDAY 30th: No Mass

NEW YEARS EVE: Wedding Mass

NEW YEARS DAY: 10am Mass Mooncoin

THURS 2nd/FRI 3rd: No Mass (parish office re-opens Friday 3rd)

SAT 4th / SUN 5th: Usual Weekend Masses

Mooncoin	Date/Time	Names	Date/Time	Names
Flower Group	December	Rene Comerford Joan Foskin		
Readers	CHRISTMAS EVE	TBC	CHRISTMAS DAY	TBC
Eucharistic Ministers	CHRISTMAS EVE	Noreen Holden Bridget McGrath Margaret Crowley	CHRISTMAS DAY	Tom Grant Valery Barlow
Carrigeen	Date/Time	Names	Date/Time	Names
Cleaners	28th December	Martina Walsh Mary Beagan		
Readers		TBC		
Collectors	CHRISTMAS EVE	Pat O'Neill	Eamon Delahunty	
Eucharistic Ministers	CHRISTMAS EVE	TBC		
Kilnaspic	Date/Time	Names	Date/Time	Names
Readers	CHRISTMAS EVE	TBC		
Cleaners	December 2024	J. Corcoran		
Eucharistic Ministers	CHRISTMAS EVE	TBC		