

**Temperance Sunday**

This Sunday, we observe Temperance Sunday, inviting us to reflect on our use of alcohol and other habits that may affect our wellbeing and relationships. It is a time to consider moderation, self-care, and support for those who struggle with addiction. We pray for strength, healing and freedom for all who seek it.

**Ash Wednesday, 17th February.**

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. The blessing and distribution of ashes remind us of our need for repentance and renewal. As we receive the ashes, we are called to turn back to God with humble hearts and to prepare spiritually for the celebration of Easter.

**The Season of Lent**

Lent is a sacred time of prayer, fasting and charity. It invites us to reflect on our lives, grow closer to God, and renew our faith through sacrifice and acts of kindness. It is a valuable opportunity for spiritual growth and a deeper commitment to living the Gospel.

**Trócaire**

During Lent, we support Trócaire and its vital work helping vulnerable communities across the world. Through our prayers, awareness and Lenten donations, we stand in solidarity with those facing poverty, hunger and injustice. Trócaire boxes are available in the churches.

**P a r i s h F i n a n c i a l A c c o u n t s 2 0 2 5**

Our 2025 parish financial accounts are now published. We sincerely thank parishioners for your continued generosity and support. Special thanks to Eileen Gaynor for preparing the accounts, to our collectors, counters, envelope distributors, finance committee and bookkeepers, Eileen Hill (Carrigeen), Anne Ahearn (Kilnaspic), and Tracy in the Parish Office. Copies of the accounts for all three churches are available in the churches and the Parish Office.

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**22nd February 2026**

**MOONCOIN CHURCH** will be closed at 5pm for the winter months.

**Bus escort required** for Scoil Mhuire special needs transport. 15 hours per week. Must be available morning and afternoon. If interested please contact school office on 051 895503.

**AN CUMANN GAELACH:** "Beidh 'Pop Up' Gaeltacht againn i Halla an Pharóiste, Cill Bhic Bhúith ar Dé Satharn 21ú Feabhra ag meánlae (12pm). Seans ag éinne cúpla focail a labhairt. Beidh tae/ caife ar fáil. Fáilte roimh gach éinne. A chance to speak Irish- in the Kilmacow Community Hall on Saturday 21st February at 12pm. All are welcome.

"In Ireland today, over 45,000 people live with epilepsy. For further information, please visit [www.epilepsy.ie](http://www.epilepsy.ie). Purple Day (or Epilepsy Awareness Day) will take place on Thursday 26th March."

**Masses 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> February**  
Monday & Tuesday NO MASS  
Ash Wednesday 9.30am Mooncoin  
7pm Carrigeen  
(Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence)  
Thursday & Friday 9.30am Mooncoin

**Monday 16th February:**  
10am - Women's Group  
11.45am - Chair Yoga  
Tuesday:  
7.15pm - Mooncoin Cancer Support Group Meeting  
8pm - Drama  
Wednesday:  
10am - Breastfeeding Support Group  
1.30pm - Day Care Centre  
7pm - Bridge  
7.30pm - Line Dancing  
Thursday:  
3.15pm - Kids Martial Arts  
6.45pm - Yoga with Caoimhe  
7.45pm - Cumann Gaelach  
8pm - Drama  
Friday:  
4pm - Hip Hop  
7.30pm - Drama  
Saturday / Sunday:  
11am - Drama

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Robbie Doherty, Glenmore.  
Canon Laurence Dunphy, Urlingford.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Mike & Lena Foran, Main Street. Jim Shortice, Main St Annzita Butler, Rosslaire Harbour/Waterford & her parents Tom & Nancy Butler. Carmel Drohan, Irishtown, Clonmel. Davy Phelan, Kilcraggan. Nicholas Walsh, Luffany. James Kenny, Luffany. Mary Foley, Rathkieran. James McGrath Jnr, Dungooley. Seamus Doran, St Judes, Mooncoin. Kate Quinn, New Road. John Hearne, Filbuckstown.

**MONTHS MIND MASS** for Brian Walsh, Sunday 22nd February @ 10am in Mooncoin Church.

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

### News from Mooncoin Parish Pastoral Council February Meeting

1. The Pastoral Council looked at the initial results of the survey that was carried out during the month of January. We will continue to feedback to you over the coming weeks and months and keep you up to date on our progress.

#### **Demographic Information Feedback**

- A total of 270 responses were received.
- Responses by Age Group:  
(U18yrs) 3%; (18-29yrs) 4.1%; (30-44yrs) 16.4%; (45-59 yrs) 30.1%; (60-74) 26.8% and (75+yrs) 19.7%
- 62% were from female parishioners and 38% were from male parishioners
- The majority of those who responded live in shared households (85.9%) and the remaining 14.1 % live alone.

We send a special word of thanks to the children in the Primary schools who provided such thought-provoking feedback through focus groups with a member of the Pastoral Council.

2. For those who asked for direct feedback or who volunteered to become involved, be assured that while it may take a little time to do so, we will be in touch with you.

3. **Date for your Diary:** Cois Nore Choir Concert in Mooncoin Church on March 27th

#### **Parish Tarsus Scripture Team**

Tarsus Scripture warmly invites you to join us on the following Bible journey.

We are taking a new and exciting look at St. Paul.

You will be amazed!

The first of 4 sessions begins on Thursday 19th February at 7.30pm  
In the Parish Centre, St. Joseph & Benildus, Newtown Road, Waterford.

Come along, we would  
love to see you!!

**PLEASE NOTE:** The number for the **Mooncoin Cancer Support Group** (on the back page) is no longer in use. The NEW NUMBER is **089 264 0083**.

**Priests:** Fr. Martin Tobin Adm. 086 240 1278  
Fr. Michael Kelly, SJ, CC Kilmacow and Pastoral Area Assistant 087 3791406

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#### **Office Opening Hours**

Monday - Wednesday - Friday 9.45am - 12.45pm (closed bank holidays)

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**Live Streaming:** [www.churchservices.tv/mooncoinparish](http://www.churchservices.tv/mooncoinparish)