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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

First Sunday of Lent On this First Sunday of Lent, the readings remind us of both human weakness and God's greater grace. In Genesis, Adam and Eve fall to temptation; in the Gospel, Christ resists temptation in the wilderness. Where sin entered through disobedience, salvation comes through the obedience of Christ. Lent invites us to trust God's word more than our own impulses.

Christian Action for the Week: Choose one concrete act of self-denial (food, screen time, unnecessary spending) and use the time or money saved for prayer or charity. Let God's word guide your decisions each day.

Taize Youth Night Praying with the next generation is for us all a real reason to hope - Why not join with us, then, for a special Taizé prayer service of hope during this Lent. We will come together with those who are preparing to travel to Taizé from our Diocese late in the Summer - bringing our prayer to this special place. Come and experience the serene atmosphere of Taizé prayer, a time of song, silence, and hope - all are welcome. Location: St Mary's Cathedral, Kilkenny; Date: Friday, 13th March 2026 at 7.00pm

Parish Retreats During Lent this year we are launching our Adult Faith Development Retreat Evenings for parishes. Why not join with us in reflecting on the theme of "Discipleship in hope: how we can build Church together" on some evening over the months ahead. The AFD retreat team will guide the evening in a gentle reflection on the theme - by means of scripture, music, and a celebration of the Eucharist. Booking made via the Faith Development Office, email afd@ossory.ie or tel. 056 7753624

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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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.

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

Marfans Heart Research Foundation Ireland are holding a table quiz on Monday 2nd March at 8pm in Foxes Den Lounge, Kilmacow. Teams of 4, €20. Raffle prizes & cash prize for the winners. We appreciate your continued support. Everyone welcome!

Painters Wanted – Exterior of Parish Hall:

We are seeking **local Painting & Decorating Companies** to undertake the exterior painting of the Parish Hall.

Requirements:

- Must provide their own access equipment (scaffolding, cherry pickers, hoists, etc.)
- Must carry valid public liability insurance

If interested, please contact **Michael on 087 126 3998** to discuss further details.

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**

ANNIVERSARIES:

Mary Hayes, Co Kerry. Mary Heneberry, Ardera. Philomena McGuire, Ballybrazil/Dungarvan. James Walsh, Rathkieran. Winnie Tyler, Grange. Irene Kinsella, Clogga. Michael Kenny, Killarney. Mary O'Brien, Dournane Road. O'Brien Family. Bridgid Grant, Dournane Road.

MONTHS MIND Brian Walsh, Rathcurby. Debbie Haugan, US.

MONTHS MIND MASS for Phylis Quilty, Nicholastown, on Saturday 28th February @ 7pm in Mooncoin Church

1st ANNIVERSARY MASS for Kevin McKenna, Dublin/Dowling, Piltown on Sunday 1st March @ 10am in Mooncoin Church.

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

Join us, via the ASPAL platform, for a series of reflections on the role of Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist in our parish today. Over a series of three sessions on the ASPAL platform and a fourth in your local parish, this programme helps prepare those who will be commissioned on Holy Thursday to be Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist and those already serving in this important ministry. Register your parish at ASPAL.ie

Lent Tweets Follow @OssoryDiocese for a simple thought each day during this Lenten journey. Have your timeline prompt you to pause each day to be reminded of our Lenten journey.

Online Resources Online resources for Lent are available on the Ossory website. Download them at www.ossory.ie for use in your parish or home.

Mooncoin Parish Hall

Thursday/Friday/Saturday:

8pm - "The Field" by John B Keane, presented by the Moondharrig Players Drama Group

Trócaire Stations of the Cross' Strength and honour are her clothing'. (Proverbs 31:25)

Praying the Stations of the Cross using reflections from Trócaire. Why not join with some of the young people of our diocese as we gather on the evening of Good Friday to pray the Stations of the Cross while reflecting on injustice and inequality in our world. These stations guide us to see the hope in the midst of suffering - perfectly resonate with the story of this day. Come and experience this moment of prayer in song, silence, and hope - all are welcome. Location: St Mary's Cathedral, y; Date: Good Friday, 3rd April 2026 at 7pm

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

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

Acknowledgement: The family of the late Paul (Woolie) Walsh would like to express their gratitude to all who supported them with their love and help following their sad loss. Your thoughts and prayers meant a lot to the family. Mass will be offered for your intentions.

Lenten Dues are now due.

We sincerely thank you for your continued generosity and support. Your Lenten offering directly supports the priests of the parish, enabling them to continue their ministry of prayer, sacraments, pastoral care and service. Your financial support is not only necessary but deeply appreciated. Thank you for standing by your priests in faith and gratitude.

Masses for the 1st Week of Lent 23 - 27th February

Tuesday Carrigeen 9.30 a.m.
1st Penance, 24th February: Carrigeen, 10 a.m. and Mooncoin, 11.30 a.m.
Wednesday - Friday Mooncoin 9.30 a.m.
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Thursday following Mass to 12 noon.
Divine Mercy and Rosary are recited approximately 30 minutes before Mass.
If you are a weekday Mass-goer, thanks; if not, would you consider going to Mass one day a week for this Lent?

Trócaire boxes are now available at the back of the Church. This Lent, please support the work of Trócaire, helping some of the world's poorest communities. Your small sacrifices can make a real difference in the lives of families suffering because of poverty, injustice and the climate crisis. Please take a box home and return it during Holy Week. Thank you for your generosity.

First Penance will be celebrated in Mooncoin and Carrigeen on Tuesday, 24th February. This is a very important step in the faith journey of our children as they encounter God's love and mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We keep them and their families in our prayers. Lent is a special time for all of us to rediscover the healing grace of Confession. The Sacrament of Reconciliation offers each of us forgiveness, peace and a fresh beginning.

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