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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

A Word from Fr. Martin

Dear Parishioners, As we step into 2026, my heart overflows with gratitude for your steadfast support and the extraordinary dedication you bring to our beloved Parish of Mooncoin. Your generous contributions—in time, talent, and spirit—make us truly strong, vibrant, and faith-filled. This weekend, we welcome our Parish Survey, an opportunity to listen to your voices and enrich our Christian life together. Your input will guide us as we walk forward as a Catholic community. As Pope Leo closes the Jubilee Year of Hope, we pray that hope will never fade but guide us into the Year of the Lord 2026 with renewed trust in God's promise. On a personal note, thank you for your kindness and generosity through your gifts, cards, prayers, and good wishes at Christmas. Your prayers and generosity mean more than you know, and I carry you all in my daily prayers and Masses. Together, with hope renewed, we look forward to all that 2026 will bring.

Blessings, Fr. Martin

Mooncoin Parish Pastoral Council Survey

BE PART OF THE CONVERSATION Our Parish Survey begins this weekend and will be open until February 6th. We want to hear from as many people as possible so please encourage your families, neighbours and friends to take part by:



- scanning this QR Code *or*
- following this link <https://forms.gle/22mKTHfKEvzpfkoa8> *or*
- filling in a paper form (available in the 3 churches)

This is your opportunity to help us plan for the future needs of our Parish community.

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18th January 2026

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

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**.

Masses for the coming week

Monday - No Mass

Tuesday - 2.30 Monthly Mass for Mooncoin Residential Care Centre

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

Morning Mass 9.30 a.m

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every Thursday following Mass to 12 noon in the Nagle Chapel.

Divine Mercy and Daily Rosary recited approximately 30 minutes before Mass.

Yamaha Electone Organ (model no: BK2) free to good home. Please contact the parish office for more information.

Anam Cara, which supports parents after bereavement, is hosting an **Online Bereavement Information Evening on Thursday 22nd January at 7pm**. Dr. Róisín Finnegan will be our guest speaker this month. Dr. Finnegan is a Chartered Clinical Psychologist currently working in Cancer Care West with individuals affected by cancer and loss.

Iverk Show Annual General Meeting will take place on Monday 26th January. Church Service will be held in Church of The Assumption Mooncoin @ 7.30pm followed by AGM @ 8.15pm in Mooncoin GAA complex. All members are requested to attend.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Colin Dooner, Carrick Road.

ANNIVERSARIES: Sr Martin Foskin & Sr Christopher Foskin, Daughters of the Cross, Torquay, Devon. Amelia Pereira. Frankie Fitzgerlad, Polerone. Elizabeth Griffin, Comeragh View. Michael Fripps, Dungooley. Colm Doyle, Ballymountain. Michael Keane Snr, Grange Road. William Doran, Liverpool. Gerry O’Keeffe, Polerone. Michael Quinn, Clonmore. Baby Cillian Purcell. Mary Walsh, Ballygorey. Hannah Roche, Ballygriffin. Ned & Kit Power, Old Luffany. Paula Walsh, Slieverue. Tommy Talbot, St Anne’s Terrace. James Hayes, Ballincur. Liam Mackey, Clonmore. Sean O’Toole, Comeragh View. Mary O’Toole, Comeragh View. Philip Rowe, Ballygorey. Mary Galvin. Ann Dobby, 18 Comeragh View. Kitty Begley. Tom & Nellie Henneby & family, Cloncunny. Peig Browner, Grange. Ursula Lawrence, Carrick on Suir. Anastasia Delahunty, Luffany. Cis Mackey, Polerone. James & Bridie English, Carrick Road. Teresa Simento. John French, High Wycombe, his wife Eileen and their sons Desmond & John. Pat Hanna, Dublin. John Fogarty, Kilmacow.

MONTHS MIND MASS for Michael Holden, Convent View.

Saturday 17th January @ 7pm in Mooncoin Church.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY MASS for Peadar ‘Peter’ Walsh.

Sunday 18th January @ 8.50am in Carrigeen Church

MONTHS MIND MASS for Francis Walsh, Lower Corluddy.

Sunday 18th January @ 8.50am in Carrigeen Church.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY MASS for Valerie Walsh, Ballincur.

Sunday 18th January @ 10am in Mooncoin Church

THANK YOU from the Year of Hope Sub-Committee, PPC

The Jubilee Year of Hope came to a close on 6th January. Thank you for journeying with us throughout the year and for taking part in our special ‘moments’ focussed on bringing hope to our Parish community.

Spring – we lit our Easter candles of hope

Summer - Our Lady’s altar became our own parish place of pilgrimage

Autumn – as a parish we reached out to and prayed for the sick and housebound

Winter - we waited in faith, hope, joy, peace and love for the birth of Jesus.

Hopeful Moment: *As the New Year opens before us, may we walk with hope, choose joy each day, and trust that every step forward can lead to something good.*

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

We would like to acknowledge the following donations towards the renovations of our Parish Church.

Remembrance Tree €920. Anon €2000. Anon €1000. Anon €250. Anon €100.

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Thank you all for your generosity.

Carrigeen NS is now accepting applications for Junior Infants, autism classes (and all other classes) for the 2026/27 school year until 1st February.

Carrigeen NS is a co-educational (Junior–6th class), child-centred school offering an inclusive, safe and engaging primary education for all pupils. Applications are **online**

at the following link: <https://www.carrigeenns.com/enrolment.html>

Apply now to secure your child’s place. Parents are very welcome to contact the school and make an appointment to come and visit.

Website: <https://www.carrigeenns.com/enrolment.html>

Email: carrigeen.scoil@gmail.com Phone: (051) 895423

Remembrance tree: We would like to thank everyone who donated to the 2025 Remembrance tree. A total of €920 was raised and was donated to the recent renovations of Mooncoin Church. A mass of remembrance was offered on 6th January.

The parish envelopes for 2026 are now ready for distribution. If you are an envelope distributor please contact the parish office or 051 895123 or call in during office hours to collect the envelopes. Thank you for your continued help.

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