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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Message from the Scriptures

On this Word of God Sunday, let's celebrate how scripture is like a guiding light on our journey. Isaiah talks about a people walking in darkness who are suddenly seen by a great light, and in the Gospel, we see that wonderful light shine through Jesus. Jesus starts his ministry in Galilee, inviting everyday people to follow him and sharing that the Kingdom of God is near. Saint Paul reminds us that this same Word calls us to come together as one. We're not divided by who we follow, but united as one family baptised into Christ and gathered by his loving Word. When we listen closely to scripture, God can heal our differences, strengthen our faith, and fill our hearts with joy. Let's cherish the Word of God in our homes and our parish. May Christ's light show us the way, bring us closer, and help us grow as one community of faith.

Word of God Sunday: Living with the Scriptures

On this Word of God Sunday, we are reminded that the Scriptures are not just words from the past, but God's living Word spoken to us today. Through the Bible, God brings light into our darkness, offers guidance in times of uncertainty, and speaks hope into our everyday lives. Parishioners can deepen their relationship with God's Word in simple, practical ways. Setting aside a few quiet minutes each day to read the Gospel can open our hearts to God's presence. Keeping a Bible in a visible place at home reminds us to turn to Scripture for wisdom and comfort. Reading the Sunday readings in advance can help us listen more attentively at Mass. Families might choose a short Scripture verse to pray together, especially at meal times or before bed. When we allow the Word of God to shape our thoughts, choices, and relationships, it gradually transforms us. May we grow in love for the Scriptures and let Christ, the living Word, guide our lives and strengthen our parish community.

Feast of St Brigid, Sunday 1st February As we prepare for the Feast of St Brigid, one of Ireland's beloved patron saints, we give thanks for her witness of faith, compassion and hospitality. St Brigid reminds us of the importance of care for the poor, generosity of spirit, and trust in God's providence. May her example inspire us to keep the flame of faith alive in our homes, our parish and our hearts.



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1st February 2026

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.

The parish envelopes for 2026 are now ready for distribution. If you are an envelope distributor and haven't collected your envelopes please contact the parish office or 051 895123 or call in during office hours to collect the envelopes. Thank you for your continued help.

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 only** 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

Masses 26th - 30th January

Monday 7.30 p.m.
(Iverk Show annual Mass)
Tuesday No Mass
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
Mass 9.30 a.m. Mooncoin
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Thursday in the Nagle Chapel following Mass to 12 noon.
Divine Mercy and Rosary are recited approximately 30 minutes before Mass.

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

Candlemas – A Light to Offer

As we prepare for the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas, 2nd February), we kindly invite parishioners to donate candles, or make a donation towards candles, for use in our liturgy and prayer. Your generosity will help ensure that our celebrations are prayerful and fitting. Candles hold deep meaning in our faith. When they are blessed on Candlemas, they remind us that Christ is the Light of the world, who dispels darkness and brings hope. In our churches and homes, candles symbolise prayer rising to God, faith burning steadily, and Christ's presence among us. If you are able, please be generous in supporting this tradition. In doing so, you help keep the light of faith shining brightly in our parish throughout the year.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Debbie Haugan, only daughter of Joan Dunphy.
Brian Walsh, Rathcurby

ANNIVERSARIES:

Anna Walsh nee Cleary, Clogga. Pauline O'Brien, Carrick Road. Ellen Norris, Clogga. Martin Howley, Ballytarsney. Brenda Holden, Polerone. Cosmos McGuire, Ardera. Patrick 'Paddy' O'Keefe, Carrick Road. Michael Doherty, Glenmore. Vinny & Catherine Kearns, Clogga. Tom Rochford, Barronswood. Johanna Kiely, Williamstown. Elizabeth Power, Kilcraggan.

BIRTHDAY BLESSING for Paddy Dermody who turned 90 this week.

Upcoming 1st Anniversary Mass for Kathleen 'La' Walsh, Clogga. Saturday 31st January @ 7pm in Mooncoin Church.

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



Mooncoin Parish Pastoral Council
BE PART OF THE CONVERSATION
The Council wishes to thank everyone who has already taken part in the survey. We need your help to keep reaching out to anyone who may not be a regular visitor to our three churches because hearing what everyone who lives in the Parish has to say is important to us.

Anyone can complete the survey before February 6th by:

- scanning this QR Code or
- following this link <https://forms.gle/22mKTHfKEvzpfkoA8> or
- filling in a paper form (available in the 3 churches)

Remember: The survey is completely anonymous and no-one is required to sign it.

FOUND: A hearing aid was found in the Parish Hall car park on Wednesday 14th January and has been handed into the Parish Hall office. As the Day Care Centre, Bridge, and Line Dancing were on Wednesday, we're wondering if it may belong to someone who attended one of these activities. Please contact the Parish Hall Office if you think it might be yours.

FOUND: An engagement ring was found by Marion's Hair Salon and handed into Mooncoin Parish Hall on Thursday 22nd January. Please contact the hall for more details.

Mooncoin Healthy Life Choices is currently seeking Transition Year and 5th Year students to participate in a Peer-Led Healthy Life Choices Programme. The programme will run over 4-6 evenings in the Parish Hall.

Community Employment Programme. Office Receptionist & Front of House Representative ref: #CES-2401914 Scheme Category: Maintenance & Front of House Community Hall Scheme Location: Mooncoin Parochial Hall Main Street Mooncoin Co. Kilkenny X91 T959 Job Type: Community Employment Hours per week: 19.5 Hours Duties: Office Administrative Support Hospitality and Care-taking of Facilities. For more information on eligibility call Carmen at 087 2864982 or Clive at 085 7858691

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

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