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**Mooncoin Parish Newsletter**

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ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

~ New Look Newsletter Coming Soon ~

**1. Central Theme of the Scripture Readings for the Sunday Eucharist.** This Sunday's readings remind us that God calls people into a special relationship with Him and sends them out in service to others. In the Book of Exodus, God chooses Israel to be a "kingdom of priests" and a holy nation, entrusted with His covenant and His mission in the world. St Paul reminds us that this calling is rooted not in our own goodness but in God's immense love, revealed in Christ who died for us while we were still sinners and reconciled us to the Father. In the Gospel, Jesus looks upon the crowds with compassion, seeing their need for guidance and hope. He calls and sends His disciples to proclaim that the Kingdom of Heaven is near and to bring healing and mercy to those in need. Together, the readings invite us to recognise both God's love for us and our own vocation to be witnesses of that love in our families, parish, and community.

**2. Message of Encouragement for Parishioners** As we reflect on these readings, we are reminded that each of us is known, loved, and called by God. Jesus still looks upon His people with compassion and continues His work through ordinary disciples like us. We do not need to be perfect before answering His call; God works through willing hearts. This week, may we take confidence in the knowledge that we have been reconciled to God through Christ and entrusted with the mission of sharing His love. Through simple acts of kindness, prayer, encouragement, and service, we can help bring hope to those around us. Let us ask the Lord of the harvest to strengthen us and send many labourers into His harvest.

**The Month of the Sacred Heart, June.** The Month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus reminds us that God's love is not distant or abstract, but tender, faithful, and self-giving. In the Heart of Christ, we see mercy, compassion, and the invitation to rest in his love and bring our own wounded hearts to him. It is a feast that calls us to gratitude, trust, and love in return — and to let the Heart of Jesus shape our own hearts with kindness, patience, and forgiveness.

Littering is still taking place in our cemeteries. Can we ask people to please take away anything you take off your family graves. Thank you for your co-operation

### Mooncoin Parish Pastoral Council – June Meeting

The Pastoral Council had its final meeting before the summer break on Thursday night last.

• The Parish Pastoral Plan 2026 – 2030 has now been finalised and it will be launched on the weekend of June 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup>. The plan is based on the needs of the Parish that were identified in the survey carried out in January and February of this year. Copies of the plan will be available with The Grapevine at all Masses on the last weekend of the month and work to implement it will begin in September 2026.

• Masses are live-streamed from the Church of the Assumption, Mooncoin every weekend. This is to facilitate anyone who may not be able to attend in person. You can access the livestream at this address: <https://www.churchservices.tv/mooncoinparish>

• For the privacy of everyone, the Pastoral Council reminds you not to use a personal device of any kind to record anything while you are attending Mass or any other liturgy. Please do not photograph or film anyone without their knowledge or permission.

• We join with the Parish Community in congratulating Fr. Martin on the recent celebration of 40 years serving as a priest. We are blessed to have you Fr Martin and we pray that you will continue to be blessed in your ministry. Wishing everyone in the Parish a happy and safe summer season and thank you for your support and encouragement.

**June Collection for the Clergy** Thank you for your continued generosity and faithful support of our parish and priests. Your kind contributions are not only deeply appreciated but also necessary and vital for the livelihood and care of the priests who serve us. The June Collection may be offered at the weekend Masses and/or at the forthcoming Cemetery Masses. We are sincerely grateful for your ongoing kindness and generosity.

**Thank you on my Ruby Jubilee of Ordination** I would like to express my sincere gratitude and appreciation to all the kind people who sent good wishes, congratulations, cards, and gifts to mark the Ruby Jubilee of my Ordination to the Priesthood.

A special word of thanks to the Parish Pastoral Council and the Young at Heart Day Centre for the wonderful way they celebrated this special occasion. Your thoughtfulness, generosity, and kindness are deeply appreciated. I thank God for the blessing of forty years of priesthood, and I thank the People of God for your support, love, friendship, and prayers throughout those years. The gift of priesthood is the gift of service, and it has been a joy and a privilege to serve you all. During this Month of the Sacred Heart, I assure you of a special remembrance in my prayers. Just as I will keep you in my prayers, so too will I keep you in my heart, always. With every blessing and grateful thanks.

*Fr. Martin*

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Joe O’Keeffe, St Anne’s Terrace (1st Anniversary)

Patricia Mackey, Mooncoin Heights. Wattie ‘Walter’ Walsh, Polerone.

Michael ‘Mick’ Holden, St. Anne’s Terrace. Teresa Russo nee Holden, St. Anne’s Terrace.

Nellie Phelan, Ballytarsney. Joanie & Jim Kearns, Mooncoin Heights.

Michael ‘Rusty’ Fox, AGLISH. William ‘Bill’ Healy, Carrigeen.

Denis Kinsella, Dournane Road. Mary Dwyer, Portnahully. Maureen Kearns, Ardera.

John Doran, Convent View. Richard & Catherine Walsh, Grange Station.

Edward ‘Ned’ Fielding, Portnascully. Joan Walsh, AGLISH / Ballybrazil.

Nellie Wallace, Listorlin, Mullinavat. Dixon Comerford, Clogga. Leisha Crowley, Kilnaspic.

Paddy Murphy, Barrabehy. William & Patrick Walsh, Knockanure. Luke Roche, Tubrid.

Edward & Statia Bowe, Cloncunny.

Mooncoin Day Care takes place every Wednesday from 1:30pm to 4.30pm in the Parish Hall. Enjoy an afternoon of bingo, music, cards, and good company, with refreshments served afterwards. Cost: €3 per week. New members welcome!

### Masses for week June 15th - 20th

No Mass on Monday or Tuesday in Mooncoin

Monday: Kilmacow 6.30pm Tuesday: Kilmacow 9.30am

Wednesday: End of School Year Mass

Mooncoin 9.30am / Carrigeen 1 p.m.

Thursday: Mooncoin 9.30am

followed with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Nagle Chapel until 12 noon.

Friday: Mooncoin 9.30am

Diamond Ordination Mass of Thanksgiving for the V.

Rev. Frank Canon Moran at Mooncoin Residential Care Centre, 2.30 p.m.

**SVP Collection dates for June Kilnaspic:** Sun. 28th June 8.50am

Next edition of the Newsletter **28th June 2026**

**NB:** The newsletter will only be printed every two weeks for the summer months.

### CEMETERY MASSES 2026

Saturday 20th June Old Cemetery 7pm

Sunday 21st June Carrigeen 11am

Saturday 27th June New Cemetery 7pm

**NB:** All mass bookings MUST be made through the parish office either by hand, by phone or, if it’s outside office hours, by email. This is essential to ensure your loved one’s are prayed for at mass. Thank you for your co-operation.

**Mooncoin Day Care Centre annual summer outing** will take place on:

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July with the bus departing the Parish Hall at 9.45am sharp!

Stopping off in Dungarvan for coffee and shopping. Then on to Fota Island and House returning to Lawlor’s Hotel in Dungarvan for dinner at 6.30pm followed by craic, ceoil agus damhsa. Cost is €50 per person (non-Day Care Centre Members). To book or for further information please contact Cora on: 087-238 3611.

Anyone who was previously reading at mass but is no longer doing so can you please return your missals to the parish office as soon as possible. There are some new readers who require the books. Many thanks.

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