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The Grapevine



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Ascension Of The Lord

Planning for greater lay involvement in the life of the Church

The revised Constitution for the Ossory Diocesan Forum was published recently. The greater involvement of laity in the life of the Church in Ossory at parish, pastoral area and diocesan level is the main theme of the new Constitution. The Forum consists of Parish Pastoral Councils, thirteen Pastoral Area Councils, an Ossory Diocesan Pastoral Council and a Plenary Body consisting of all members of these three groups. The Parish Pastoral Council is a consultative leadership group through which priests and lay people work together as co-responsible partners in furthering the mission of Christ in their own parish. As a group, they think, discern and plan for the parish on an ongoing basis to identify and respond to present and future pastoral needs. The Pastoral Area Councils will enable member parishes to both discern and work collaboratively and form a basis for the co-responsibility of priests, religious and lay people for the faith life of the pastoral area. The revised Constitution has been approved by Council of Priests and The Ossory Diocesan Pastoral Council (ODPC). The ODPC is the Executive Body of the Diocesan Forum, which works in liaison with the Parish Pastoral and Pastoral Area Councils. It is a consultative group with whom the Bishop can promote, support and coordinate the work of these Councils. This is achieved through modelling synodality, collaboration and co-responsibility for the life of the diocese / Bishop, priests and laity working together. Through its monthly meetings, the ODPC considers issues from various areas of life in which the diocese is engaged. Currently its focus is on the establishment of the Pastoral Area Councils. Membership of the ODPC: Bishop Niall Coll, President, Ms Sarah Rice, Chairperson, Mr John Shortall, Secretary, Mgr Dan Carroll, Vicar General, Fr. Martin Delaney, Fr. Dan Bollard, Sr. Helen Maher, Forum Coordinator, Ms Gemma Mulligan, Pastoral Coordinator, Ms Ann Daly, Ms Bríd Duffy, Mr Diarmuid Healy.

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Day Centre Outing to Kilkenny Wednesday 25th June. Visiting Kilkenny Castle and other places of interest. Bus leaving @ 10am and returning @ 10pm. Cost €55 including Dinner. Contact any member of the Day Centre for more information, booking etc...

An Cumann Gaelach: -

The Cumann gaelach have organised a free family event for Friday the 6th June at 6.30 pm in the parish hall. Fanzini productions will perform a circus act as gaeilge. Refreshments will be available. Tá an Cumann gaelach ag eagrú eachtra saor in aisce don clann go léir, Dé Aoine 6ú Meitheamh, 6.30pm i.n, halla an pharóiste. Beidh Sorcas Fanzini anseo, tae, caife, cácaí le fáil. Fáilte roimh cách-everyone welcome!

Masses for the coming week

Monday & Tuesday NO MASS
 Wednesday, Thursday & Friday
 Mooncoin @ 9.30am
 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after mass on Thursdays

The Parish Office is closed on Monday 2nd June for the Bank Holiday. The office will reopen on Wednesday @ 9.45am.

June Cemetery/Priests collection is now due. Anyone with envelopes can drop them to the parish office. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Walk The Longest Day for Teac Tom

Every day can feel like the longest day for someone struggling with their mental health. On 21st June, gather your group, club, or workplace for a 30-minute walk to support Teac Tom. every €10 donated goes to directly funding Teac Tom's vital mental health and suicide prevention services. - To get your group involved, email events.teactom@gmail.com. - Let's walk for hope. Let's walk *The Longest Day*. **What Teac Tom Does** Teac Tom, part of the Thomas Hayes Trust, provides immediate, no-wait mental health support & suicide prevention services. From counselling to a 24-hour phone line, Teac Tom is here when it matters most. - If you or someone you know needs support, call **Teac Tom 24/7 on 056 779 6592**. - You are never alone. **Visit the Cathedral Café – Coffee with a Cause** Located in the beautiful St. Mary's Cathedral, the Cathedral Café is a warm, volunteer-run space where every coffee & slice of cake supports Teac Tom's life-saving work. Open Saturdays from 10am–4pm & Sundays from 10am–1pm, it's the perfect spot to relax & give back - All profits go directly to Teac Tom's mental health services. Drop by next time you're in Kilkenny City & enjoy a cuppa that truly makes a difference.

St Vincent de Paul Collections. Sunday 8th June: Kilnaspic @ 8.50am.
 Sunday 15th June: Carrigeen @ 8.50am (updated).
 Thank you for your continued support it is very much appreciated.

CEMETERY MASSES 2025
 Sunday 1st June: Carrigeen Cemetery @ 12.30pm (no 8.50am Mass)
 Saturday 7th June: Mooncoin New Cemetery @ 7pm
 Saturday 14th June: Mooncoin Old Cemetery @ 7pm
 Sunday 22nd June: Kilnaspic Cemetery @ 12.30pm (no 8.50am Mass)

Please have your loved ones anniversaries in to the parish office by 12 noon on Fridays to ensure they are included in the parish newsletter.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Ann Purcell nee Keogh, Suir Crescent/Slieverue
 Margo Anthony nee Comerford, Owing, Piltown
ANNIVERSARIES: May 'Mary' Walsh, Clooneen, Clogga.
 Ann Gahan, Luffany/Mountain Grove. Ned Power, Ballymountain.
 Patrick Bourke, Piltown. Joseph 'Joe' Bourke, Piltown.
 Vera O'Brien nee Bourke, Piltown. Annie Henebery, Ballybrazil.
 John Joe Henebery, Ballybrazil. Nonie Dunphy, Ballygorey.
 William Healy, Carrigeen. Tom Nolan & Kathleen Nolan, Whitehall.
 Carmel O'Neill, Aglish. Wattie Henebery, Luffany. Willie Walsh, Luffany.
 Michael Foley, Rathkieran. Dickson Comerford & parents, Clogga.
 William Walsh, Knockanure. Geraldine Simento. Greg Power, Waterford.
 Kathleen Kinsella, Dournane. Denis Kinsella, Dournane Road.
MONTHS MIND: Mary Reville, Suir Crescent.

Best of Luck to all the students starting exams this coming week
PRAYER FOR EXAM STUDENTS
 Loving God, be with me now as I prepare for my exams. Thank you for my talents and gifts you have given me and for the opportunity of education. Calm my nerves and anxiety, help me to remember all that I have studied. To express it clearly and to answer the questions as best I can. Holy spirit, sit with me in my exams and always. In Jesus' Name AMEN

| Mooncoin | Date/Time | Names | Date/Time | Names |
|-----------------------|-----------|------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| Flower Group | June | Rene Comerford Joan Foskin | | |
| Readers | 7th June | Blaithnaid Keane Muireann Keane | 8th June | Margaret Brennan Faye Sutton |
| Eucharistic Ministers | 7th June | Lucy Quinn Kitty Grant | 8th June | Valery Barlow Dermot McGrath |
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| Carrigeen | Date/Time | Names | Date/Time | Names |
| Cleaners | 14th June | Judy Doherty | Helena Walsh | |
| Readers | 15th June | Joe Sullivan | June Vereker | |
| Collectors | 15th June | Ronan Walsh | Margaret Phelan | |
| Eucharistic Ministers | 8th June | Susan O'Mahony | | |
| | | | | |
| Kilnaspic | Date/Time | Names | Date/Time | Names |
| Readers | 8th June | H. Barden/McTighe | | |
| Cleaners | June | Dunphy's | | |
| Eucharistic Ministers | 8th June | Bernadette English | | |