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The Grapevine



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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES

Sacrament of Reconciliation and Mass

Tuesday 31st March at 7 p.m.

Holy Thursday

Thursday 2nd April

Mass of the Lord's Supper.... 7 p.m.
with the renewal of commitments
for all Eucharistic Ministers.

Good Friday

3rd April, The Lord's Passion, 3 p.m.

Holy Saturday

4th April The Easter Vigil, 7 p.m.

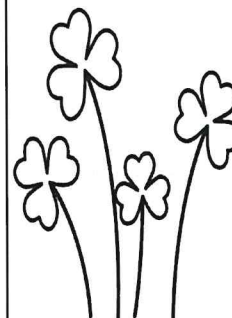
Mother's Day Message

On Mother's Day we give thanks to God for the gift of mothers and all women who nurture life with love, sacrifice, and faith. In their quiet dedication, patience, and care we see a reflection of God's own tenderness. May the Lord bless all mothers, living and deceased, and reward them for the countless ways they bring hope, guidance, and faith into our lives.



St. Patrick's Day – Lá Fhéile Pádraig

As we celebrate Lá Fhéile Pádraig, we give thanks for the faith that St. Patrick helped plant in Ireland. His courage, trust in God, and missionary spirit remind us that faith is meant to be lived and shared. May his example inspire us to remain faithful to Christ and to carry the light of the Gospel into our homes, communities, and daily lives



Encouragement for Lent

The readings this season remind us that God sees the heart.

Like David, who was chosen not for outward appearance but for his faithful heart, we are called to live as "children of light."

The Lord is our shepherd who guides us even through darkness, opening our eyes to His truth. Lent invites us to move from darkness into light—through prayer, charity, and renewal of heart—so that Christ may shine more clearly in our lives.

MOONCOIN PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPS: Katherine Hogan. Miriam Grace. Marian Walsh
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MASSES FROM THE 18TH - 19TH MARCH.

Monday 16th March

Vigil for the Feast of St. Patrick
7.00 p.m. Mooncoin

Tuesday 17th March

"Lá Fhéile Pádraig
10 a.m. Mooncoin.

Wednesday 9.30 a.m. Mooncoin

Thursday

Feast of St Joseph,
9.30 a.m. Mooncoin

Followed with Exposition of the Blessed
Sacrament until 12 noon.

Friday 9.30 a.m.

The Divine Mercy and Rosary are recited
approx 30 minutes before Mass..

Reminder for everyone attending **Hurling and Camogie training**: Please note that the **Hall car park is ONLY for those attending Bingo on Monday evenings**. On **Wednesdays**, the car park is reserved for **Bridge and Line Dancing**. If you're coming to training, please use the carparks at the GAA Complex, Centra and the Church and keep the hall spaces free for those events. Thanks for your co-operation!

Trócaire Collection During this holy season of Lent, we remember our brothers and sisters who struggle with poverty and injustice around the world. The Trócaire Collection is a meaningful way to share our blessings with those most in need. Your support helps bring hope, dignity, and practical assistance to vulnerable communities. Thank you for your generosity and compassion.

RETREAT: FR PATSY KELLY MSC, will be back in Mooncoin next weekend, Friday 20th March(7-9pm) and Saturday and Sunday 21st & 22nd March, starting at 10am until 4.30pm approx. A chance to delve a bit deeper into the "Good News", **ALL ARE WELCOME**

Bereavement Information Evening for bereaved parents. All Anam Cara events are free and open to parents whose child or children have died, regardless of the age of their child, circumstances of their death, or time since bereavement. This event will take place **online on Thursday 19 March at 7pm**. Our professional speaker this month is Diane Clabby. Diane Clabby is a Trauma Informed Psychotherapist, holding a BA (Hons) Degree in Integrative Counselling and Psychotherapy and a Diploma in Trauma Informed Psychotherapy. She combines various theoretical approaches in her clinical work, aiding in her ability to support people in whatever problems they may bring to therapy. Diane has a special interest in working with trauma, complicated and prolonged grief, suicide prevention/intervention and postvention, abuse, and addiction. During the season of Lent, feelings and remembrances of grief even from many years ago can resurface. The wilderness of the journey to Easter can feel all the more isolating and desolate. Our hope is that in this information evening, parents are reminded they need not journey alone. All are very welcome. To find out more about the services we offer please email us at info@anamcara.ie or call 085 288 8888.

ANNIVERSARIES:

John Croke, Chapel Street. Richie Kearns, Ardera.

Bridget Nolan, Rathcurby. Stephanie Hearne, Comeragh View. Mary Holden, London/Mooncoin. Patricia Grant nee Lannon, Mooncoin. David, Gladys & Patrick Grace, Rathkieran.

James 'Buddy' Kelly, Convent View/Ballygorey. Eileen Quinn, Aghlish. Ger Dowling, Ballinlough. Anastasia 'Stasia' O'Connor, Licketstown. John Walsh, Dournane Road. Thomas Wilson, Portlaw. Nellie Dooley, Ballincur. Peter McCarthy, Grannagh. Mary Ann O'Keeffe, Carrick Road.

Maura Walsh, Polerone. Niall Fox, Aghlish & parents Rusty & Joan Fox. Tom & Eileen Reilly.

Baby Cillian Mackey, Emil.

The parish office is **CLOSED FOR ANNUAL LEAVE**
The office will re-open on Friday 20th March @ 9.45am.

Mooncoin Parish Presents. **Cois Nore Choir and local musicians**. A Celebration of Community Concert will be held in the Church of the Assumption Mooncoin on Friday March 27th at 8pm. This is a free event (no tickets necessary) Your kind donations on the night will go to the Mooncoin Cancer Support Group.

Lenten Dues (Stations) – A Word of Gratitude

Sincere thanks to all parishioners who contribute to the Lenten Dues (Stations). Your generosity helps support the priests of the parish and diocese in their ministry and care for God's people. Your kindness and continued support are deeply appreciated. May the Lord bless you abundantly for your thoughtfulness.

Mooncoin Parish Pastoral Council – March Meeting

At our March meeting, the Parish Survey Sub-Committee reported to the full Council under three headings – Strengths, Challenges and Opportunities. Over the next four weeks, we will share this information with you, beginning this week with the Worship Pillar. The Sub-Committee will now work on drafting an outline 3-4 year plan to address the findings of the survey. That will be presented to the full Council in April. Finalising the plan will take some time. In the meantime, we aim to take one small action every month to address some of the suggestions made by you in your responses to the survey.

Worship Pillar

Strengths – strong weekly in-person Mass attendance, high satisfaction and pride in the Parish, a deep appreciation of the clergy, a strong volunteer culture

Challenges – 2/3 of those who attend regularly are not involved in any ministry, there are communication and structural barriers to participation, concern around youth disengagement, disagreements on some church teachings, how to reach and engage with those who do not attend regularly and make them feel welcome

Opportunities – create a pathway for people to get involved, strengthen a welcoming culture, look at flexible ways for involvement, deepen opportunities for worship outside of weekend Masses

Action for March: Using technology and social media - From now on, the Grapevine will be shared every Monday on the Mooncoin Facebook Page.

Celebration of Community Concert - Church of the Assumption, Mooncoin on March 27th @ 8p.m. with the Cois Nore Choir and local musicians. No ticket is needed and your donations on the night will go to the Mooncoin Cancer Support Group.

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