

**Thought for the week:**

**What should we ask for?**

Even those who rarely think of God know how to pray in case of an emergency. We are readily moved to pray when someone we love is sick or in need, or when we ourselves are lost or scared. But is there a prayer for other times, when the immediate concern is not so pressing? The church recommends this formula: Pray first for the universal church and its leaders. Second, pray for the world and global concerns. Next, intercede for the sick, remember the dead, and pray for your faith community. And finally, pray for yourself and what you need to become whole, healthy, and holy.

# March

## A SPIKE OF GREEN

When I went out, the sun was hot.  
It shone upon my flower pot.

And there I saw a spike of green,  
That no one else had ever seen!

On other days the things I see,  
Are mostly old, except for me.

But this green spike, so new and small,  
Had never yet, been seen at all.

*Barbara Baker*



Next edition of the Newsletter  
**8th March 2026**

"In Ireland today, over 45,000 people live with epilepsy. For further information, please visit [www.epilepsy.ie](http://www.epilepsy.ie). Purple Day (or Epilepsy Awareness Day) will take place on Thursday 26th March."

**Painters Wanted – Exterior of Parish Hall:**  
We are seeking **local Painting & Decorating Companies** to undertake the exterior painting of the Parish Hall.

**Requirements:**

- Must provide their own access equipment (scaffolding, cherry pickers, hoists, etc.)
- Must carry valid public liability insurance

If interested, please contact **Michael on 087 126 3998** to discuss further details.

**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**

**Lent Tweets** Follow @OssoryDiocese for a simple thought each day during this Lenten journey. Have your timeline prompt you to pause each day to be reminded of our Lenten journey.

**Online Resources** Online resources for Lent are available on the Ossory website. Download them at [www.ossory.ie](http://www.ossory.ie) for use in your parish or home.

Mooncoin Parish Hall  
**Thursday/Friday/Saturday:**

8pm - "The Field" by John B Keane, presented by the Moondharrig Players Drama Group

**St Vincent De Paul Collections**

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March CARRIGEEN 8.50am Mass  
Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March MOONCOIN 7pm Mass  
Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March MOONCOIN 10 am Mass  
Thank you for your continued support

**Masses for the 2nd Week of Lent  
2nd - 6th March**

Tuesday Carrigeen 9.30 a.m.  
Wednesday - Friday Mooncoin 9.30 a.m.  
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Thursday following Mass to 12 noon.  
Divine Mercy and Rosary are recited approximately 30 minutes before Mass.  
If you already come to weekday Mass, thank you. If not, perhaps this Lent you might consider choosing one weekday to join us. It's a simple way to make space for God in the midst of the week.

**ST MARY'S RESTORATION FUND DRAW  
FEBRUARY 2026.**

€2000: \_\_\_\_\_ Martina Kennedy.  
€1000: \_\_\_\_\_ John & Adrian Hayes  
€500: \_\_\_\_\_ Frances Connelly  
€300 each: \_\_\_\_\_ Mairead Devitt.  
Pat & Nellie Mooney.  
€200 each: \_\_\_\_\_ Trish Byrne.  
Peadar King.  
€100 each: \_\_\_\_\_ Angela & John O'Brien.  
Tim & Geraldine Sherman.  
Jim & Goretti Bradshaw.

**ANNIVERSARIES:**

Kevin McKenna, Dublin/Dowling, Piltown (1st Anniversary).  
Michael Hahessy, Suir Crescent. Tom Foley, Main Street.  
Robert, Margaret, Thomas & Peter Walsh, New Aghlish.  
John 'Jack' Dunphy, Ballygorey. William Dunphy, Luffany.  
Linda Holden, Clonmore. Maura Quinn, Main Street.  
Mary Lennon, Corluddy/Catherine St, Waterford.

**MONTHS MIND:**

Phylis Quilty, Nicholastown.

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**

We are grateful for your support of the Lenten Stations. Because the clergy account is zeroed at the end of December, there are no funds carried forward to cover the early months of the new year, so there are no funds to cover the first quarter's clergy salaries. Your contribution at this time directly supports the continuation of priestly ministry in our parish. Thank you for your kindness.

**Reflecting on the search for a Synodal Church**

The Church throughout the world and here in Ireland has been on a synodal journey. What does this mean? In essence it means we are trying to ensure that the voice of all in our Church is heard. We have tried to do this in Ossory, it has not always been easy or without its setbacks - but much has been achieved. Join us as Fr Declan Hurley, Chairperson of the National Synodal Team, leads us in a reflection on where we are on this journey and where we intend to go. Location: St Kieran's College, Kilkenny; Date: Monday, 2nd March 2026 at 7.00pm

**Trócaire boxes are now available at the back of the Church.** This Lent, please support the work of Trócaire, helping some of the world's poorest communities. Your small sacrifices can make a real difference in the lives of families suffering because of poverty, injustice and the climate crisis. Please take a box home and return it during Holy Week. Thank you for your generosity.

Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Support Evening for bereaved parents on **Tuesday 10th March 2026 at 7.30pm in the Brandon House Hotel, New Ross.** This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or how recent their death was. You do not need to register in advance. Our next meeting will be 9th September. **We also offer an online support group meeting. To find out more call 01 4045378 or email [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie)**

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**Live Streaming:** [www.churchservices.tv/mooncoinparish](http://www.churchservices.tv/mooncoinparish)