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PALM SUNDAY

1. A Message for Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday shows both joy and suffering: Jesus is welcomed as king, yet walks the path of the cross. We are called to follow him faithfully, in good times and in trials, trusting in God as he did.

2. An Action for Holy Week

Take time each day to pray, reflect, or attend a Holy Week ceremony. Show love in a practical way—through kindness, forgiveness, or helping someone in need.

3. The Significance of the Palm

The palm reminds us of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, where he was welcomed as king. It is a sign of victory, but also calls us to remain faithful to Christ, not just in words, but in our lives.

4. Importance of Sharing in Holy Week Ceremonies

Holy Week invites us to walk with Jesus—from the Last Supper to the Cross, and finally to the joy of Easter. By taking part, we deepen our faith and remember that Christ's love and sacrifice are for each of us.

SIGNIFICANCE OF HOLY WEEK

- Holy Thursday** We remember the gift of the Eucharist and Christ's call to serve in humility and love.
- Good Friday** We reflect on the sacrifice of the Cross—God's boundless love poured out for our salvation.
- Easter Vigil** We celebrate the triumph of light over darkness, life over death—the heart of our faith. *Why participate?* To journey with Christ, deepen faith, and fully experience the mystery of our redemption.

EASTER MESSAGE FROM FR. MARTIN

May the Risen Lord fill your hearts with hope, your homes with peace, and your lives with renewed faith. As we celebrate Easter, may Christ's victory over death inspire us to live in love, joy, and compassion.

Wishing you and your families every blessing this holy season.



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

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!

Volunteers needed for Meals on Wheels. If you have time to spare and would like to volunteer, please contact the Parish Office for details.

Come along to Mooncoin Women's Group "Coffee Morning" after dropping the kids to school for a cuppa and chat on Tuesday 31st March from 10.30am - 12.30pm. All proceeds will go towards Scoil Mhuire's Sonas & Spraioi classes and Carrigeen NS ASD Unit. Donations of cakes and buns are greatly appreciated. There will be a raffle on the day with some fab prizes on offer.

CARRIGEEN/KILNASPIC SUNDAY MASSES
Carrigeen Sunday 29th March @ 8.50am
Carrigeen Sunday 5th April @ 8.50am
Kilnaspic Sunday 12th April @ 8.50am
Carrigeen Sunday 19th April @ 8.50am
Kilnaspic Sunday 26th April @ 8.50am

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Richard O'Brien, Suir Crescent
Mary O'Brien, Maryland, USA
(cousin of Kathy Sinnott RIP)

ANNIVERSARIES:

Kathy Sinnott, Main Street. Noel Doyle, Ballymountain.
Michael & Maura Phelan & their son Michael 'Stretch' Phelan, Middlequarter.
Jackie Lannon, Suir Crescent. Eamonn Walsh, Mooncoin Heights.
Jimmy Power, Dournane Road. Thomas Everett, Dournane Road.
Jim McCarthy, Comeragh View. Mickey 'Chucks' O'Keefe, Middlequarter.
Pat & Esther Delahunty, Portnascully Mills. William Delahunty, Curraghmartin.
Helen Murray, Ballinlough. Margaret Walsh, Lower Corluddy.
James & Margaret O'Keefe, Rathcurby. Clause Dunne, Newrath. Ned Browner, Grange.
Nikki Jenkins, Aintree, Liverpool. Nellie Kelly, The Cross, Mooncoin.
Eily Phelan, Portnahully.

MONTHS MIND:

Eamonn Kinsella, Ballytarsney

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CARRIGEEN :

SUNDAY 5th April 08-50am Mass

MOONCOIN:

SATURDAY 11th April 7pm Mass

SUNDAY 12th April 10 am Mass

KILNASPIC :

SUNDAY 12th April 08-50am Mass

Thank you for your ongoing support, and every good wishes for the Easter season.

PARISH OFFICE

The parish office will be closed on Good Friday 3rd April and Easter Monday 6th April
All anniversary masses for the weekend of 4th/5th April need to be in to the parish office by 12 noon on Wednesday 1st April
Apologies for any inconvenience

Easter Offering

Your Easter Offering is a meaningful way to support your priests, who serve the parish.
Your generosity is deeply appreciated and sustains their ministry.

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.

There will be no newsletter on the weekend of 4th/5th of April.
Next edition of the Newsletter 12th April 2026

PARISH HALL NOTICES

- Mooncoin Parish Hall are seeking a person to call out the Bingo numbers on Monday evenings from 8pm. Please contact any member of the Bingo or Hall Committee if you are interested.
- Healthy Lifestyle Choices Mooncoin (formerly the Drug Awareness Group) are holding their Annual Easter Raffle with the Draw taking place this Friday 3rd April. All proceeds go to supporting the Healthy Life Style Choices. Tickets are on sale now at local shops and cost 1 strip for €2 and 3 strips for €5.
- Reminder the Women's Group Coffee Morning will take place on Tuesday 31st March from 10.30am in the Parish Hall. All proceeds go to Scoil Mhuire Sonas & Spraioi classes and Carrigeen NS ASD Unit.

HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES 2026

Tuesday 31st March Sacrament of Reconciliation and Mass 7pm
Spy Wednesday 1st April Morning Mass 9.30 a.m. Mooncoin
Mass of Christm, St. Mary's Cathedral, Kilkenny 7.30 p.m.
Holy Thursday 2nd April Mass of the Lord's Supper.... 7 p.m. Mooncoin
with the renewal of commitments for all Eucharistic Ministers.
Good Friday 3rd April The Lord's Passion, 3 p.m. Mooncoin
Stations of the Cross, 7 pm Kilnaspic
Holy Saturday 4th April The Easter Vigil, 7 p.m. Mooncoin
Easter Sunday 5th April 8.50 a.m. Mass of Resurrection, Carrigeen;
8.50 a.m. Mass of Resurrection, Kilnaspic,
10 a.m. Mass of Resurrection, Mooncoin.

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