

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Lenten Message – Third Sunday of Lent

In today's readings, God meets his people in their thirst—at the rock in the desert, at the well in Samaria, and in the quiet places of our own hearts. Even when we grumble, doubt, or feel far from him, he offers us living water: his faithful love poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

Like the Samaritan woman, we are invited to let Jesus speak to our real story and to allow his grace to become a spring within us, renewing us from the inside out.

A simple Lenten action:

Choose one moment each day this week to “put down your water jar” by pausing for one minute of silence. In that minute, say quietly: “Lord, give me your living water.” Let that be your small act of trust and openness to God's grace.

Mooncoin Parish Pastoral Council – Survey Update

Dear Parishioners, Last September, the Pastoral Council shared that our work is focused on four pillars:

- a. Worship
- b. Nourishing faith
- c. Community building
- d. Service and outreach

Over the next four weeks, we will share feedback from our recent survey with you under each of the four pillars. We will begin next weekend with ‘Worship’ and continue with one pillar each weekend until Easter Sunday. Thank you again for your participation and we look forward to sharing the findings of the survey, and our plans with you.

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15th March 2026

"In Ireland today, over 45,000 people live with epilepsy. For further information, please visit 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**

Online Resources Online resources for Lent are available on the Ossory website. Download them at www.ossory.ie for use in your parish or home.

St Vincent De Paul Collections

Sunday 8th March KILNASPIC 8.50am Mass

Sunday 8th MOONCOIN 10am Mass

Thank you for your continued support

Mass for the Third week of Lent

Tuesday 9.30 a.m. Carrigeen

Wednesday - Friday 9.30 a.m.
Mooncoin

To our regular weekday Mass-goers, thank you. If weekday Mass isn't part of your routine, would you think about coming one day a week during Lent? Even a single extra Mass can be a grace-filled pause in a busy week.

Advanced Notice

PARISH OFFICE ANNUAL LEAVE

The parish office will close on Friday 13th March @ 12.45pm for annual leave.

The office will re-open on Friday 20th March @ 9.45am

Please have any and all anniversaries for St Patricks week in by 11am on Friday 13th.

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 Stations

Thank you for supporting the Lenten Stations. Each year, the clergy account resets in December, leaving no balance to meet the salary commitments for the first three months of the new year. Your Lenten offering helps ensure that our priests can remain fully available in their ministry to the parish. Your generosity strengthens the mission we share.

Lourdes pilgrimage

The Ossory pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from May 25 to May 30, 2026. All bookings should be made through Joe Walsh Tours by telephone 01-2410800, or online at

www.joewalshstours.ie/pilgrimages/group-diocesan-pilgrimages/ or by post to JWT 89 Harcourt Street, Dublin 2, D02WY88.

SPECIAL ASSISTED/SICK SECTION – Pilgrims who would like to travel with the Special Assisted Section should apply to Anna Colleton at a.colleton@cbskilkenney.ie

This special assisted/sick section is accommodated at the Accueil. Acceptance for travel with the special section for the sick is subject to the approval of the Pilgrimage Medical Board.

Early booking is advisable as space is limited to one plane load.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Pat 'Patsy' Bourke, Manchester / Piltown
(Brother of Kathleen Driscoll)
Jody Laffan, New Aglish
Eamonn Kinsella, Ballytarsney
Frank 'Franco' Cleere, Listorlin, Mullinavat

ANNIVERSARIES:

Wattie McDonald, Emil. Paul Tyler, Grange.

John Keane, Grange Road. Walter O'Keefe, Polerone.

William Power, Cloone Road. Pat O'Hara, Comeragh Close.

Nonie Purcell, Rathkieran. Alma Westcott, Wembley.

Roseanne & Richard Mahon & their family Rosemary, Ellen & Frank, Richard & Margaret & daughter Anne, Paddy Joe, John, Rosie & John, Cellbridge/London/Mooncoin. Andrew Phelan, Dournane. John Phelan, Dournane.

Eamonn Corcoran, Cloneen. Paddy Carroll, Ballybrazil.

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.

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