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**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**Readings for the 6th Sunday of Easter**

This Sunday's readings remind us that God does not leave us alone. In the Gospel, Jesus promises the Holy Spirit, the Advocate, who stays with us and guides us in truth and love. In Acts, the Spirit brings healing, unity, and joy to the people of Samaria. St Peter encourages us to live with hope and to share that hope with gentleness and respect.

**Action for the week:** Invite the Holy Spirit into your daily life with a simple prayer each morning: *"Come, Holy Spirit, guide me today."* Then look for one opportunity to bring hope or kindness to someone else.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION  
 2026**

Kilmacow: 16th May @ 11am

**CONFIRMATION  
 2026**

Mooncoin: 21st May @ 11am

**Mass times 11th - 15th May**

No Mass in Mooncoin on Monday or Tuesday.  
 Mass at 6.30 p.m Monday, Kilmacow  
 Mass at 9.30 a.m. Tuesday Kilmacow  
 Wednesday, Mass at 9.30 a.m. Mooncoin  
 Thursday, Mass at 9.30 a.m. Mooncoin  
 Friday, Mass at 9.30 a.m. Mooncoin

**May – Our Lady, Queen of the May**

The month of May is traditionally dedicated to Our Lady, a time when we honour Mary as our Mother and Queen. As creation comes into bloom, we are reminded of Mary's beauty, humility, and her wholehearted "yes" to God.

Mary always leads us to her Son. In her quiet faith and trust, she shows us how to listen to God and respond with love. During this month, we are especially encouraged to pray the Rosary, reflect on her life, and ask for her intercession in our needs.

May Mary, Queen of the May, guide our parish and our families closer to Jesus, and help us to live with the same faith and generosity that she showed.

### Ferrybank Library Events:

Pop in to Ferrybank library and say 'Hello, how are you?' on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May from 10am to 12. Hello, how are you is a campaign run by Mental Health Ireland about connection and engaging in open conversations about mental health. Join us for tea/coffee and a chat. The library will provide playing cards, mindful colouring sheets, word searches and a jigsaw but the focus will be on chatting and making new friends.

**Storytime & Craft:** Join us on Wed 20<sup>th</sup> May at 4pm & sit back & enjoy some bee themed stories followed by a simple craft to promote awareness among children of the importance of bees. All are welcome

Contact Ferrybank Library on 051 897200 / [ferrybank@kilkennylibrary.ie](mailto:ferrybank@kilkennylibrary.ie)

### South Kilkenny Historical Society Coach Trip to Kilmallock, Co. Limerick

The South Kilkenny Historical Society has organised a Coach Trip to Kilmallock, Co. Limerick on Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2026. The coach will depart from Main Street, Mullinavat (outside The Rising Sun) at 8.30am, returning approximately 10pm

Cost: €75 (members); €80 (non-members), includes coach fare, guided tours, entrance fees, lunch in Kilmallock (soup, tea and sandwiches) and an evening meal at the Talbot Hotel, Clonmel. For further information and booking please

contact Brigid Barron, Blossom Hill, Kilmacow, Co. (087 9507295, [brigidbarron@hotmail.com](mailto:brigidbarron@hotmail.com)) or Mary Ryan, 'GortGlas', Aglish, Carrigeen, Co. Kilkenny (086 3790655, [maryearyan@gmail.com](mailto:maryearyan@gmail.com)).

### MOONCOIN PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPS

Katherine Hogan. Miriam Grace. Marian Walsh  
c/o Mooncoin Parish Office 051 895 123

Teens looking for something different to do? This is suitable for teens aged 13 & upwards in Mooncoin Parish Hall. Learn a new skill? Build confidence with self-defence? Try kickboxing - get fitter, stronger, and more focused. Join a fun, supportive environment where you can challenge yourself, make new friends, and feel empowered. Contact Billy directly on 085-858 9902 for more information.

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Margaret & Edward Reid, Ballincur.

Anna & Lar Dunphy, Tubrid.

Ned & Hannah Mackey, Polerone.

### Diocesan Nurse

The Diocese of Ossory requires a Nurse to provide an advocacy and support service to Priests in the Diocese of Ossory. The Diocese comprises of 42 parishes in Counties, Kilkenny, Laois and Offaly. The post will be part-time, flexible and initially for a three-year period. The ideal candidate must be:

- A registered General Nurse (ideally with Community experience).
- Self-motivated and have the ability to co-ordinate care planning in a community based environment.
- Possess excellent communication skills.
- Competency in time management.

Full clean driving licence and own transport are essential.

Please email your application to [admin@ossory.ie](mailto:admin@ossory.ie) or by post to The Diocesan Secretary, Diocesan Office, James's St, Kilkenny, R95 NH60.

Closing date for applications is Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> May 2026.

**Online 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 **Tuesday 19 May at 7pm.**

Our professional speaker this month is Niamh Finucane. Niamh is a Principal Social Worker with St Francis Hospice, working as the Bereavement Co-ordinator. She has worked in palliative care and bereavement for the past 20 years, supporting patients and their families navigate illness, and loss. She has extensive clinical experience working with and supporting families after the death of a loved one. For more information please email us at [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie) or call 085 288 8888.

### SVP COLLECTIONS FOR MAY Kilnaspic: Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May 8.50am

Note new contact number for SVP Mooncoin  
Phone: 051 350725. [infor.southeast@svp.ie](mailto:infor.southeast@svp.ie)

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