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*I Am the Vine
 you are the branches*
 JOHN 15:15

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11th May 2025

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Good Shepherd Sunday, 11th May 2025

My dear people, As we rejoice in the news of the election of Pope Leo XIV, we can recall that Pope Francis, in one of his final statements prepared for this Good Shepherd Sunday 2025 - this annual day of prayer for vocations to the priesthood and religious life - urged that every effort be made to foster vocations in every sphere of human life and activity. He went on to say that 'The Church needs. pastors, religious, missionaries and spouses capable of saying "yes" to the Lord with hope and trust. No one can respond to God's call alone, for all of us need the prayers and support of our brothers and sisters.'

Keen to offer support, the Diocese of Ossory, in union with the Church throughout the world at this special time, prays for and actively encourages young men and women to walk as pilgrims of hope on the path of the Gospel by discerning whether the Lord is calling them to service as priests and religious. As a Diocese, let us never tire of asking the Lord for new labourers for his harvest, certain that with great love he continues to call young people to proclaim with their lives that following Christ in the ordained ministry is a great source of joy and hope. Anyone interested in finding out more about the diocesan priesthood in Ossory is kindly invited to find additional information at www.ossory.ie/ vocations Please find there a link to a video prepared to mark this Good Shepherd Sunday here in the Diocese of Ossory, where I offer some thoughts on the importance, now and always, of the ministry of priests.

'The spirit of the Lord has been given to me,
 He has anointed me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor,
 To bind up hearts that are broken.' (Isaiah 61: 1)

With every good wish and blessing. + Niall Coll

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to: secretary@iverkshow.ie **Show day this year is Saturday, August 23rd 2025**

Mass to mark Philly Walsh's Retirement

A Mass to mark the retirement of Philly Walsh as Caretaker of Carrigeen Church & Cemetery and Caretaker of Carrigeen School, after many years dedicated service, will be held in Carrigeen Church on Thursday May 22nd at 7.00p.m. All are welcome.

On behalf of the Voluntary Hall Catering Committee: On Friday 2nd May we were seeking volunteers to help with making sandwiches and buns for a funeral and also for the DIY SOS - The Big Build on Sunday. We were blown away with the amount of people who offered their time. It was an early 8am to make and prepare the sandwiches. We would once again like to thank everyone and greatly appreciate everyone that helped in any way they could.

Marfans Research Foundation Kilmacow Holding a Charity Golf Classic on Friday 27th June in Waterford Golf Club X91 P768. €120 4 Person Team. GUI / Non GUI. Longest Drive / Nearest to Pin. Ladies / Men. Raffle on the day. To book a tee time, contact Anita 087 794 3817.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Margaret & Edward Reid, Ballincur. Richard Walsh, Clogga. Edward 'Ned' Comerford, Clogga. Annie Graham, Dublin/Clogga. Kathleen Comerford, Cork/Clogga. Anna & Lar Dunphy, Tubrid. Ned & Hannah Mackey, Polerone. Michael & Catherine Morahan, Piltown. James Murphy, Ballincur.

Masses for the coming week

Monday: NO MASS
 Tuesday: Feast of Our Lady Of Fatima Carrigeen 9.30am
 Wednesday, Thursday & Friday Mooncoin 9.30am

LITTER PICK ON SATURDAY 17/05/25

Mooncoin Tidy Towns will be holding a village clean up on SATURDAY 17/05/25 from 9.45 am to 1.00 pm, starting at the COMMUNITY HALL ON THE MAIN STREET. All volunteers under the age of 18 years must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. We would encourage people from various clubs and organisations to put the word out and help out on the day. Please visit the MOONCOIN TIDY TOWNS FACEBOOK PAGE for further updates and information.

Mooncoin Parish Safeguarding Reps:

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

PARISH HALL SCHEDULE

Monday 12th May:
 10am - Women's Group
 8pm - Bingo
 Wednesday:
 1.30pm - Day Care Centre
 NO BRIDGE
 7.30pm - Line Dancing.
 Thursday:
 6.45 - Yoga with Caoimhe
 Friday:
 4pm - Hip Hop with Rachel

CEMETERY MASSES 2025

Sunday 1st June: Carrigeen Cemetery @ 12.30pm (no 8.50am Mass)
 Saturday 7th June: Mooncoin New Cemetery @ 7pm
 Saturday 14th June: Mooncoin Old Cemetery @ 7pm
 Sunday 22nd June: Kilnaspic Cemetery @ 12.30pm (no 8.50am Mass)

Congratulations to all our boys and girls who received their First Holy Communion on Saturday 10th May in Church of the Assumption Mooncoin

Evana Abin. Daniel Budrys. Ellie Clarke. Lucy Comerford. Niamh Comerford. Eoin D'arcy. Michael Foran. Diarmuid Gorman. Ryan Healy. Martin Howley. Luke Jones. Dan Kannen. Tom Kerin. Darragh Mackey. Roanna Mathews. James McDonald. John O'Gorman. Matthew O'Halloran. Ryan O'Hanlon. Huey O'Hanlon Blanc. Lara Owens. Jack Phelan. Annie Power. Benny Power. Abel Shinto. Anna Smyth. Louis Walsh. Charlie Whelan. Hannah Wilson.

Thank you to Mooncoin Women's Group for their very generous donation to Mooncoin St Vincent de Paul it is very much appreciated.

Mooncoin	Date/Time	Names	Date/Time	Names
Flower Group	May	M. Wall		
Readers	17th May	Joe Cashin Mary Kate Quinn	18th May	Emily Doyle Tom O'Hanlon
Eucharistic Ministers	17th May	Margaret Crowley Noreen Holden	18th May	Gaby Kelly Tom Grant
Carrigeen	Date/Time	Names	Date/Time	Names
Cleaners		17th May	Siobhan Walsh	Breda Ryan
Readers	18th May	Angela Crowley Parker	Dylan Delahunty	
Collectors	18th May	Noel Walsh	Anne Walsh	
Eucharistic Ministers	18th May	Declan Walsh	Margaret Phelan	
Kilnaspic	Date/Time	Names	Date/Time	Names
Readers	25th May	Pat Kinsella		
Cleaners	May	Katherine Hogan		
Eucharistic Ministers	18th May	Evelyn Kennedy		