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 JOHN 15:5

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ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Sunday Scripture explanation:
 The Ascension of Jesus marks his return to the Father, where he reigns in glory, and his promise that the Holy Spirit will empower us to be his witnesses to the ends of the earth.

Message for parishioners:
 We are not left orphans—Christ is seated at the Father's right hand, ruling over all, and he sends us out with his own authority and presence. Our mission is not to stand staring at the sky, but to walk the earth as his disciples.

Practical action for the week:
 This week, intentionally invite one person—by word, gesture, or prayer—to know Jesus' love, remembering that he is with you "always, to the end of time."

Sacrament of Confirmation (Thursday 21st May):
 Confirmation seals us with the gift of the Holy Spirit, deepening our baptismal grace and commissioning us as mature witnesses to Christ. For candidates, it is a personal Pentecost—strengthening them to live and defend the faith. For families, it is a moment to renew their own commitment to nurturing disciples. For the parish, it is a joyful reminder that we are all sent out, empowered by the same Spirit, to build up the Church and transform the world. **Short note on the Ceremony of Light**
 As we celebrate Jesus' return to the Father, the Ceremony of Light recalls that he is the Light of the World, now passed to us. The lighting of candles from the Easter Candle symbolises that Confirmation candidates receive the light of the Holy Spirit, not to keep hidden, but to carry into their families, schools, and communities. It is a powerful sign that, though Christ has ascended, his light lives on in us—calling us to shine with faith, hope, and love.

MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK

No Mass on Monday or Tuesday in Mooncoin
 Monday, 6.30 p.m. Mass, Kilmacow
 Tuesday 9.30 a.m. Mass, Kilmacow
 Wednesday, 9.30 a.m. Mass, Mooncoin
 Thursday, 11 a.m. Confirmation Mass, Mooncoin (No Exposition this Thursday)
 Friday, 9.30 a.m. Mass, Mooncoin

CORK ACCORDION CLUB

Welcomes you and your friends to Comerfords Pub, Mooncoin on Wednesday 10th June.
Local musicians, singers, dancers, storytellers etc...
Free Finger Food, Tea & Coffee.
FREE ADMISSION 8.30pm - 12pm

INVITATION The staff, students & guests of Colaiste Cois Siuire cordially invite you to celebrate 90 years of excellence in education. Friday 22nd May @ 12pm. Rsvp info@colaistecoissuire.ie by Tuesday 19th May.

Mooncoin Parish Pastoral Council – May Meeting

- The Council agreed the final draft of the Parish Pastoral Plan. It will now be compiled into a booklet which will be published to the Parish community by the end of June.
- A number of young people have recently joined our altar servers' teams. You are very welcome and thank you for giving your time to this important ministry in our Parish. It is wonderful to see the children in our Parish showing leadership by volunteering.
- The Council wishes to congratulate all the children in our Parish who received the sacraments of First Penance and First Holy Communion in April and May and those who will receive the sacrament of Confirmation on May 14th. Perhaps some of our Confirmation candidates will consider joining our Mass Readers ministry.
- We want to say a special word of thanks to the staff of our Parish schools who do tremendous work in preparing the children for the sacraments and for supporting the faith formation of our young people throughout their primary school years.

MOONCOIN PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPS
Katherine Hogan. Miriam Grace. Marian Walsh
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SVP Collection dates for June.

Mooncoin Sat. 6th June 7.00pm Mooncoin Sun. 7th June 10.00am
Carrigeen Sun. 7th June 8.50am Kilnaspic: Sun. 28th June 8.50am

Note new contact number for SVP Mooncoin
Phone: 051 350725.
infor.southeast@svp.ie

RECENTLY DECEASED: Baby Lachlan Ellis, Ferrybank / Mooncoin
ANNIVERSARIES: Teresa Quinn nee Hearne, New Road (1st Anniversary)
Eily Delahunty, Ballytarsney. Sean Holden, Clonmore. John Foskin, Rathcurby.
James Walsh, Aglish/Ballybrazil. Jimmy Quinn, Luffany.
John & Mary O'Hanlon, Dournane / Filbuckstown.

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 or by post to The Diocesan Secretary, Diocesan Office, James's St, Kilkenny, R95 NH60.

Closing date for applications is Friday, 29th May 2026.

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

Smilers Run Saturday 23rd May at 10.30am. Mooncoin GAA Complex.

Please come out and support this community fundraiser. All are welcome, non runners and walkers can share a cup of tea or coffee with friends and neighbours. All proceeds to our local Mooncoin Cancer Support group. Run together, Remember together, Support together.

Next edition of the Newsletter **24th May 2026**

NB: The newsletter will only be printed every two weeks for the summer months. Dates will be included in future newsletters.

CEMETERY MASSES 2026

Sunday 14th June Kilnaspic 12.30pm Saturday 20th June Old Cemetery 7pm
Sunday 21st June Carrigeen 11am Saturday 27th June New Cemetery 7pm

We here in the parish office would like to sincerely thank everyone who got in touch wishing to advertise in our newsletter for the coming year. The adverts section is now full for June 2026 to June 2027.

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