

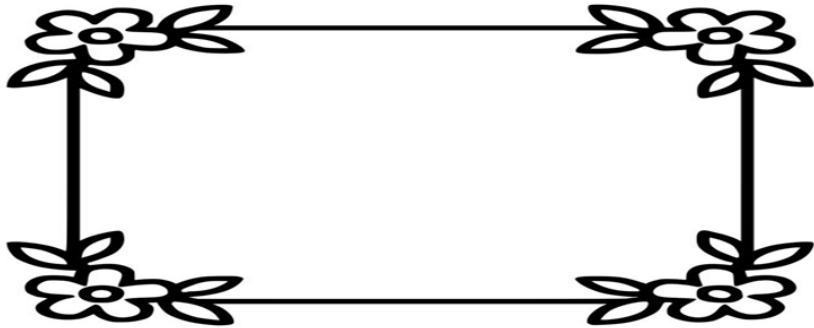
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October 4th is the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi. St Francis was born in Italy in 1181 to a very rich family. When he was young, he liked fancy clothes and wanted to be a knight. After getting sick he had a change of heart and decided to give away all his money and nice clothes. He chose to live a simple life helping people who were poor or sick. St. Francis believed that all plants, animals, and people were part of God's family. Because of his huge love for creation, he is the patron saint of animals, nature, and peace.

Use this space to draw a picture of your pet. If you don't have a pet, maybe you could draw Fr. Martin's pet, Fratello!



This week, bless your pets and animals with holy water. Here is a little prayer you might like to say:

Heavenly Father,
Thank you making our lives better by giving us our pets and animals. Please bless them and allow them to live full and meaningful lives. For those who are hurting, please heal them. For those who are well, let them continue to thrive. For the lost, help them to be found. For us, their human families, guide us as we care for their needs. For all of creation and for our beloved pets and animals, we give you thanks.
Amen.

MOONCOIN PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPS

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TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Bearing Fruit

The readings this Sunday invite us to reflect on the “vineyard” of our lives. God has entrusted each of us with gifts, opportunities and people to love. The question is: what fruit are we producing? St Paul reminds us to fill our minds with what is good, true and worthy, while Jesus calls us to be faithful stewards. May our lives bear the fruits of kindness, faith, generosity and love – fruit that will last.

800 Years of St Francis

This year we mark the 800th anniversary of the death of St Francis of Assisi. Francis lived with a deep love of God, creation and all God's creatures. His Canticle of Creation reminds us that creation is a gift to be treasured. May his example continue to inspire us to live simply, gratefully and peacefully.

The Season of Creation

As the Season of Creation draws to a close, we give thanks for the wonderful gift of our common home. But our responsibility does not end with the season. Our care for creation never ends. May we continue, in the small choices of everyday life, to protect, respect and cherish the earth entrusted to us.

October – Month of the Rosary & Missions

October is traditionally the Month of the Holy Rosary and the Month of the Missions. We are invited to pray the Rosary for our families, our parish and our world, and to support the missionary work of the Church. May our prayer and generosity help bring Christ's love and hope to others.

ST MARY'S RESTORATION FUND DRAW 2026 / 2027

Monthly Draw Tickets available from the parish office €10 per month.

Mooncoin Parish Pastoral Council – October Meeting Update

The Pastoral Council met on Thursday night last. Noticeboards are currently being installed

in all three churches where we will keep you updated on news and developments.

Dates for November Masses for deceased members of our Parish community have been arranged as follows:

Mooncoin Saturday, November 7th,

Kilnaspic Sunday, November 8th

Carrigeen Sunday, November 15th.

This year, during the month of November, on the following Sundays, you are invited to join Fr Martin in saying the Rosary and for the blessing of graves in Portnascully (8th November), Rathkieran (15th November) and Ballytarsney (22th November). More details will follow so keep an eye on the

October is the month of the Rosary. You are invited to join in reciting this beautiful prayer before Mass on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings. Remember, if you are unable to attend Mass in person, you are very welcome to join online at <https://www.churchservices.tv/mooncoinparish>. Wednesday 7th October is the feast of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary.

October Stations

A gentle reminder to all parishioners to please remember the **October Stations**. Your support helps provide for our priests and their ministry among us. As the last collection was in June, the Clergy Account is now depleted and urgently needs your support. **Our sincere thanks to everyone who faithfully supports the Stations.**

Pilgrimage to Lourdes

The Rise & Shine Trust brings around 400 young people with additional needs to Lourdes each Easter for a free, week-long pilgrimage. The week includes Masses, the Grotto, Candlelight Procession, outings and lots of fun. Group 174 is our local Carlow/Kilkenny group, with almost 40 years' experience.

Applications for Easter 2027 close on 15 October 2026. For information and application forms, visit www.riseandshine.ie/easter-pilgrimage.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Michael Walsh, Ballygorey (1st Anniversary)
Thomas 'Tommy' Kenny, Cussana. Anastasia Malone nee Walsh, Corluddy. Catherine & Jack Purcell, Old Luffany

Michael Power, Mooncoin Heights.

MONTHS MIND Tom Dermody, Dunmore Road, Waterford / Carrigeen

Mass times:

Months Mind Mass for Jimmy Grant NY/
Mooncoin, Wednesday 7th Oct , 9.30 a.m. Mass

No Masses Monday or Tuesday

Wednesday 9.30 Mooncoin
Thursday, 9.30 Mooncoin,
followed by Exposition to noon.
Friday, 9.30 a.m. Mooncoin

WEEKLY ADORATION Every Thursday in the Nagle Chapel, from after the 9.30 Mass until 12 noon. You are welcome to come along at any time. You can sit, kneel, read the Bible, pray the rosary or other prayers, or simply sit in silence before the Blessed Eucharist

PARISH HALL To contact us, please email mooncoinparishhall@gmail.com or check out our Facebook page for updates: Mooncoin Parish Hall, Mob: 089-223 2830

SVP Collection dates for October: Kilnaspic: Sun. 11th October 8.50 am

Altar Servers

Well done to all the young people who have recently volunteered as Altar Servers in Mooncoin and Carrigeen. You are a very important part of our Parish life and we wish you well. Thank you to your parents and guardians for supporting you in this ministry.

We are making a special appeal to any young person who would like to serve at Mass in Kilnaspic to contact Fr. Martin or the Parish Office.

COMMUNION / CONFIRMATION 2027

Mooncoin: Confirmation 23rd April @ 11am

Carrigeen: Communion 8th May @ 11am

Mooncoin: Communion 15th May @ 11am

Accord CLG is seeking an Executive Director who will be the chief executive officer of Accord CLG and be responsible for providing strategic and operational leadership across the organisation.

The deadline for applications is 12 noon on Monday, 28 September 2026. For more information, visit www.forvismazars.com/ie/en/executiverecruitment

FLOWERS FOR OCTOBER

Annette Purcell

Eucra Downey

Interested in learning to play Bridge? Mooncoin Bridge Club is starting lessons for beginners at the end of September. Please contact:- 086 1914153 or 083 2074562 to sign up. ALL WELCOME.

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Fr. Michael Kelly, SJ, CC Kilmacow and Pastoral Area Assistant 087 3791406

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