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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Easter Thank You

As we celebrate the joy of Easter, we offer our heartfelt thanks to all who helped make this sacred time so meaningful. We are deeply grateful to:

- Fr. Kelly, Fr. Moore and Fr. Larry for their pastoral care
- Our sacristans for their dedication
- Our altar servers for their reverence and commitment
- Our readers for proclaiming the Word of God so beautifully
- Our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion for their ministry of service, and a warm welcome to Ewa
- The coordinators of the Readers' Rota and Eucharistic Ministers' Rota
- Our choirs, senior, folk and children choirs, musicians and music directors for enriching our liturgies
- Those who prepared and decorated the church, including flowers, sacred spaces, altar linens and brassware
- Those who clean and maintain the church, inside and outside, throughout the year.
- Our Pastoral Council for their service and leadership
- Our Finance Committee, collectors and counters
- Our Confirmation candidates for the Passion Play and Good Friday prayers
- Our parish secretary and financial administrator
- The organisers who prepared over 700 bottles of Easter water
- All who worked behind the scenes in planning, coordinating and supporting parish life
- Everyone who gave their time, talents and resources in any way
- Every parishioner, family member and visitor who joined us in prayer and celebration
- Those who support the parish quietly through prayer, kindness and unseen acts of service

We also invite you to remember the parish clergy with your **Easter Offering**, if you are in a position to do so. We give thanks to every one of you. Your generosity and faith make our parish a vibrant and living community.

May the joy and hope of the Risen Christ remain with us all.

Mooncoin Parish Pastoral Council – Survey Feedback Continued
This week, we are sharing a summary of feedback under the heading of Building Community.

Building Community Pillar

Strengths – Most parishioners feel supported and know where to go for help. The community values the parish clergy, the social aspects (friendship, volunteering) and the spiritual aspects (Mass, prayer, sacraments) of parish life.

Challenges – There is some concern that an aging population and fewer clergy may reduce traditional participation. There is also a level of concern around the potential closure of smaller churches, the risk of youth disengagement and cultural shifts. How do we maintain the sense of unity we have, amid demographic changes and growing diversity?

Opportunities – Increased lay involvement and volunteering. New housing & population growth could strengthen community if engagement is proactive. Using technology and modern communication. Inclusive events that combine faith, social, and recreational activities.

Action for April: Increase visibility of parish roles and structures – Information on the Pastoral Council will be displayed in the three churches during the month of April.

**South Kilkenny Historical Society
lecture**

'Memories and Memorabilia:
Telling GAA Stories through Objects'
Speaker: Dr Siobhán Doyle
Date: Friday, 24th April 2026
Time: 8pm
Venue: Mullinavat Parish Hall
(opposite St. Beacon's church)

Cois Nore Choir Concert

The Pastoral Council would like to thank all those who supported and participated in the recent Cois Nore Choir event. A special word of thanks to the performers on the night; Cois Nore Choir, Mooncoin Folk Choir, Gemma O'Sullivan and Loinnir. €2,385 was raised on the night in aid of Mooncoin Cancer Support.

RECENTLY DECEASED;

James O'Halloran, Kilcraggan
Andy Kennedy, Dualla, Co Tipperary
Michelle O'Shea, Brenor, Piltown

ANNIVERSARIES:

Paddy Purcell, Rathkieran. Ralph Mulford, Wembley. Billy Reville, Suir Crescent. Nellie Kelly, The Cross. James Barden. Patrick & Statia Walsh & deceased members of the Walsh Family, Aglish. Sr. Mary Lambert, Dublin. John Madden, Ballymountain. Jim Scully, Cloncunny. Thomas Fitzgerald, Cashel. Gerry Harrington, Clonmore (1st Anniversary). William Mackey, Polerone. Michael Norris, Clogga. Emma Sinnott, Mooncoin Heights. Josie Foran, Comeragh View. Bridget Cleere, Listrolin.

MONTHS MIND:

Jody Laffan, New Aglish.
Frank 'Franko' Cleere, listrolin, Mullinavat.

MONTHS MIND MASS for

Alice Phelan, Kilcraggan.
Saturday 18th April @ 7pm in Mooncoin Church.

MONTHS MIND MASS for

Richard O'Brien, Suir Crescent.
Sunday 19th April @ 10am in Mooncoin Church.

MOONCOIN PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPS: Katherine Hogan. Miriam Grace. Marian Walsh
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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026

Mooncoin: 25th April @ 11am
Carrigeen: 2nd May @ 11am
Kilmacow: 16th May @ 11am
CONFIRMATION 2026
Mooncoin: 21st May @ 11am

Masses for the Second Week of Easter

Monday & Tuesday No Mass
Wednesday Mass at 9.30 a.m. Mooncoin
Thursday Mass at 9.30 a.m Mooncoin
Friday Mass at 9.30 a.m. Mooncoin

Colaiste Cois Siuire Tractor Drive & 90th Anniversary Celebration (1936—2026)

Sunday 19th April Starting @ 12pm from the school.
Fundraiser for New Sports Facilities & I.T. upgrade.
Live Music & Refreshments. Face Painting. Sponge the Teacher! Raffle Prizes.
All tractors welcome. Entry Fee €20. For more info call 0861543655.

Easter Offering (Support for Priests)

Our Easter Offering supports the priests of the parish and diocese. Your generosity is deeply appreciated and helps sustain their ministry and service. Thank you for your continued support.

Everyone Welcome ALONE will be in the Parochial Hall, Mooncoin on **Wednesday, 8th April at 1pm**, just before the Day Care Centre session. They will give a 20-minute talk and presentation about the services they offer and how they support people in the Community. Event is open to everyone, not just Day Centre.

Divine Mercy Sunday

On this Divine Mercy Sunday, we are reminded of God's endless love and forgiveness. May we open our hearts to His mercy and share that mercy with others through compassion, kindness and reconciliation.

Volunteers needed for **Meals on Wheels**. If you have time to spare and would like to volunteer, please contact the Parish Office for details.

We implore people when cleaning family graves to please take away dead wreaths, flowers or whatever you take off the grave. We owe it to our loved ones to keep their resting place as beautiful as it can be at all times.

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