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**The Grapevine**



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**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**A Short Message of Encouragement**

Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we sometimes walk through life feeling downcast or confused. Our hopes may seem shattered, and we struggle to see God at work. But Jesus always walks beside us – even when we do not recognise Him.

He speaks to us through Scripture, and He makes Himself known to us in the breaking of the bread at Mass. Let us ask the Lord to rekindle our hearts, so that – like those two disciples – we may recognise Him afresh and run to share the joy of His resurrection with others.

This Easter season, may our hearts burn within us as He talks to us along the way.

**3rd Sunday of Easter – Scripture Summary**

**First Reading (Acts 2:14,22-33):**

Peter speaks boldly to the crowd, proclaiming that although Jesus was crucified, God raised Him from the dead. Peter and the others are witnesses to this great truth.

**Psalm (15/16):**

“You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence.”

**Second Reading (1 Peter 1:17-21):**

We have been ransomed – not with silver or gold – but with the precious blood of Christ. Through Him, our faith and hope are in God.

**Gospel (Luke 24:13-35 – The Road to Emmaus):**

Two disciples walk to Emmaus, heartbroken and confused. Jesus walks beside them, but they do not recognise Him. He explains the Scriptures to them, and at the breaking of bread, their eyes are opened. They rush back to share the good news: “The Lord has truly risen!”

### Masses for the 3rd Week of Easter

Monday No Mass  
Tuesday 9.30 a.m. Mass Carrigeen  
Wednesday 9.30 a.m. Mass Mooncoin  
Thursday 9.30 a.m. Mass Mooncoin  
Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament to 12 noon.  
Friday 9.30 a.m. Mass Mooncoin  
Saturday 25th April  
First Holy Communion Mass, Mooncoin at 11 a.m.

**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)

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

### Chair Yoga with Lisa

A new 4-week block starts Monday, 20th April at 12pm in the Parish Hall. Everyone is welcome — come along for some gentle movement, fun, and plenty of laughter all for just €25 for the four weeks!!

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.

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Seamus Croke, Old Luffany. Sean & Martin O'Brien.

Mary Fripps, Grange. Willie Regan, Comeragh View. Mary Holden, Main Street.  
Neddy Byrne, Chapel Street. Pete Conway, Carrick Road. Denis Hartigan, Clonmel.  
Ned Hennessy, Kilmacow. Catherine Durney, Jamestown.

Catherine & Oscar Pheasey, Waterford.

Kathleen Doran, St Judes. John O'Brien, Carrick Road. Catherine Kinsella, Cloncunny.  
Peggy Walsh, Ballincur.

### MONTHS MIND:

Alice Phelan, Kilcraggan.  
Richard O'Brien, Suir Crescent.

### BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE:

Michael Power, Mooncoin Heights

### FIRST ANNIVERSARY MASS

for Tom Kinsella, Barrabehy/London.  
Sunday 26th April, Kilnaspic Church @ 8.50am

MOONCOIN PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPS: Katherine Hogan. Miriam Grace. Marian Walsh  
c/o Mooncoin Parish Office 051 895 123

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### Thank you from the Irish Red Cross

The Irish Red Cross has written to Mooncoin Parish to express sincere gratitude for our years of support and generosity. They particularly thanked us for standing with them in their mission of humanity, voluntary service, and unity.

Thanks to our parish's commitment, Red Cross staff and volunteers have been able to help people in crisis—both in Ireland and around the world—with practical care and respect for human dignity. Here in Ireland, our support has contributed to vital work such as:

- **Restoring Family Links** – helping reunite families separated by conflict or crisis.
- **Climate emergency preparedness** – strengthening local communities for weather-related events.
- **Emergency response** – including during Storm Éowyn last year, when Red Cross teams supported vulnerable and isolated communities affected by the storm.

The Irish Red Cross wants to remain connected with our parish and will be in touch again soon. We can be proud that Mooncoin Parish continues to be a source of compassion and hope for those in greatest need.

### PARISH HALL SCHEDULE

Monday 20th April:  
10am - Women's Group  
12pm - Chair Yoga with Lisa  
8pm - Bingo  
Tuesday 21st:  
7pm - Healthy Life Choices  
Mooncoin  
Wednesday 22nd:  
1.30pm - Day Care Centre  
7pm - Bridge  
7.30pm - Line Dancing  
Thursday 23rd:  
6.45pm - Yoga  
7.45pm - Cumann Gaelach  
Friday 24th:  
4pm - Hip Hop  
Saturday 25th:  
12pm - Private Function

### This event has been **CANCELLED**:

Colaiste Cois Siuire  
Tractor Drive  
&  
90th Anniversary Celebration  
(1936—2026)  
*(was due to take place on 19th April)*

Thank you to all who contributed to the Trocaire Lenten Appeal 2026  
€2457 has been donated by the parish so far.

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