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The Grapevine



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CHRISTMAS EDITION

Dear Parishioners,

As we celebrate the joy of Christmas, I thank God for each of you and for your generous support, kindness, and faithfulness to our parish and to me as your priest. You are a true blessing. At this holy time, we remember especially those who are sick, those who are far from home, and all who feel lonely this Christmas. We hold close in prayer those who carry sadness and sorrow because a loved one has died recently—may the gentle light of Christ bring comfort, peace, and hope. May the newborn Lord fill your homes and hearts with His peace, and may the coming year be rich in grace.

With every Christmas blessing and gratitude,

Fr. Martin

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Dear Parishioners, There are many volunteers in Mooncoin, Carrigeen and Kilnaspic who help to make our Parish a better place for everyone, so to anyone who has helped in any way during this past year, we say a sincere 'thank you'. We would like to offer a very special word of thanks to Fr. Martin, whose unfailing commitment is such a blessing to all of us. Early in the New Year, we will be asking you to 'Be Part of the Conversation' and to take part in a survey to identify the current and emerging needs in our Parish. In the meantime, we wish you and your families a safe, peaceful and happy Christmas and much joy in the coming year. *Mooncoin Parish Pastoral Council*

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MOONCOIN CHURCH will be closed at 5pm
for the winter months.

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.

Masses for Christmas 2025

Christmas Eve:

Wednesday 24th December

4.30 p.m. Mooncoin Church

6.00 p.m. Carrigeen Church

7.30 p.m. Kilnaspic Church

Christmas Day,

10 a.m. Mooncoin Church (only)

New Years Day

10am Mooncoin

Mooncoin Men's Shed would like to
acknowledge the receipt of funding towards
its operational costs from the Kilkenny
County Council LCDC Scheme and the
Department of Rural & Community
Development. It would also like to
acknowledge the receipt of funding under
the Council's Yulefest Grant Scheme.

To everyone that helped make our first
Christmas Craft Fair a success last Sunday -
Thank You!! To the Vendors, the Volunteers
who helped make sure everything ran
smoothly on the day, to everyone that came
out in the rain & of course to Santa who
took time out of his busy schedule to visit all
the children!! Finally, we would like to
thank all the local businesses, clubs &
individuals who kindly donated raffle prizes
and donations to the Hall. We really
appreciated it.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Eddie Sauvage Snr, Waterford City
Elizabeth Leighton, Main St, Mooncoin / Canada

ANNIVERSARIES:

Michael & Nora Jones, Main St. Eily Lannon, Comeragh View.
Mary O'Brien, Comeragh View.
John & Denis Egan, Cloncunny.
Tom & Nancy Butler
& their daughter Annzita Butler, Rosslaire Harbour.
Carmel Drohan, Irishtown, Clonmel.
Michael O'Keeffe, Castlecomer / Wales.
Michael & Pauline Haley, Ballygorey.
James McCarthy, Grannagh. Francis & David Wrafter, Carlow.
Margaret & Mary Cahill, Clonmore. Peter & Kattie Sutton.
Jackie & Molly Allen. Michael Butler, Clonmore.
Tom O'Neill, Aglish. Bríd O'Keeffe, Glengrant.
Patrick & Mary Brigid Phelan, Portnahully.
Ambrose Walsh, Carrigeen. Ramie Wall, Clogga.
Babs Henebry & deceased members of Henebry Family.
Ellen Roche, Tubrid. Eily Walsh, Clogga.
Ellen Walsh & deceased members of Walsh Family, Ballincur.
William Quinn, Main Street. Jack Ryan, New Aglish.

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE:

Michael & Anastasia Deady, Ballinlough

WINTER MOMENT *from the Year of Hope Sub-Committee, PPC*

As we mark the last Sunday of Advent and the arrival of Baby Jesus at Christmas, our focus is on PEACE and LOVE. Please feel free to take away a little card this week that you can send or give to someone who might need their spirits lifted. You could pop it through a neighbour's letter box or put it on a colleague's desk or send it to someone who has been bereaved. This Christmas let us pray for peace – in our hearts and minds, in our families, in our Parish and throughout the world

Hopeful Moment: On Christmas Eve and throughout the Christmas season, let us revive the old Irish tradition of lighting a candle in the window to welcome the Holy Family.

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

THE PARISH OFFICE will close on Monday 22nd December @ 12.45pm
for the Christmas Holidays. The office will re-open on
Monday 5th January @ 9.45am. Nollaig Shona Dhaoibh.

NB: Mooncoin Bingo is on as usual on Monday the 22nd & 29th

Carrigeen Choir practice on Monday night 22nd December @ 7.30pm. All new members welcome.

Christmas Offering Appeal At Christmas, we thank God for the gift of all who serve the parish with dedication and care throughout the year. The Christmas Offering is a way of showing your appreciation and providing practical support for the priests of the parish. Your generosity is deeply valued and sincerely appreciated. Thank you for your kindness, prayers, and continued support, and may God bless you abundantly this Christmas.

This Christmas, I would like to express a sincere heartfelt thank you to the wonderful people and community of Mooncoin for the love, support and kindness shown to me and my family over the past 12 months during my sickness and recovery. The cards, masses, prayers, well wishes and general kindness shown to us will never be forgotten. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions. Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas.

Brenda Hogan & Family

CHRISTMAS IN KILNASPIC is welcoming everyone for an evening of Advent carols and a children's play on 23.12. in Kilnaspic church at 7pm."