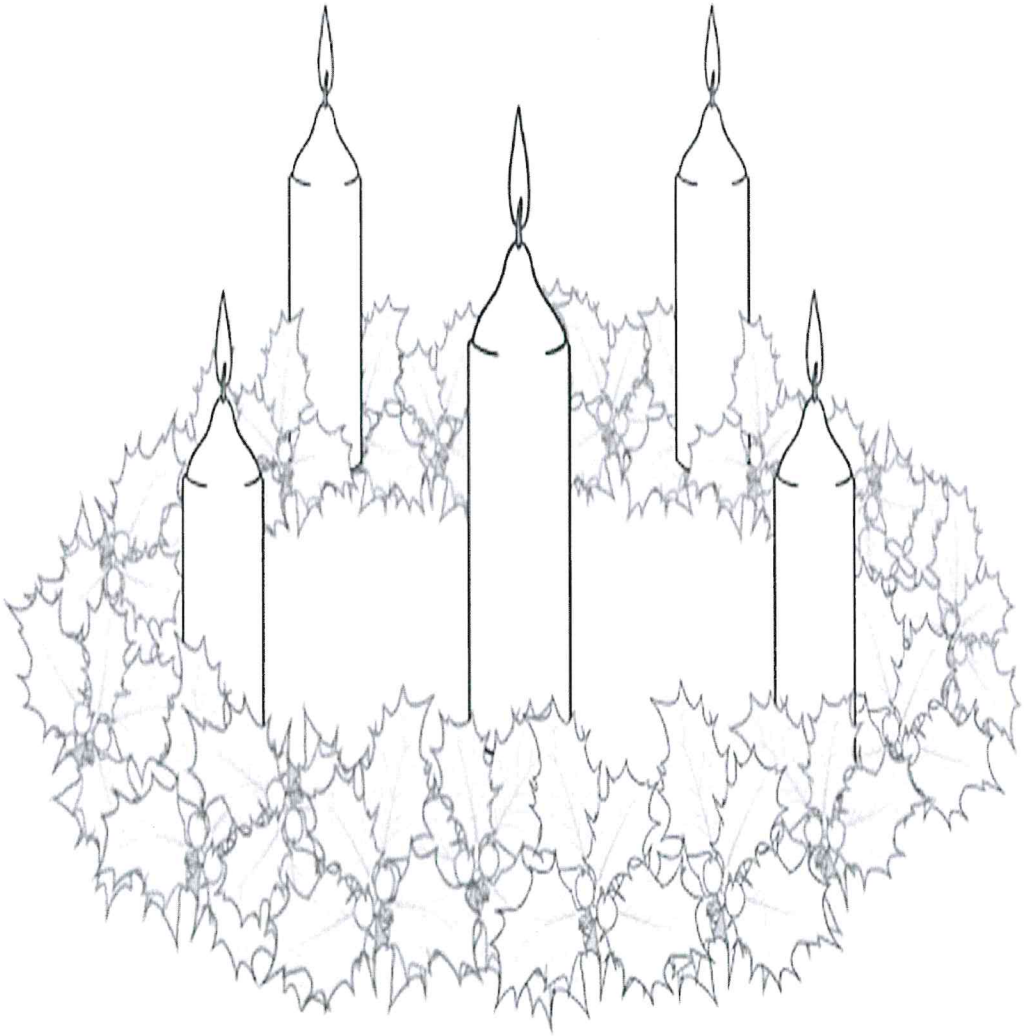
FOR OUR YOUNG PARISHIONERS

The Advent Wreath

The Advent wreath has 5 candles. For each of the 4 Sundays before Christmas the priest will light a candle on the wreath. For the first 2 weeks, he lights a purple candle. On the 3rd week, a pink one and on the 4th week a purple one. Finally, on Christmas Day, the priest lights the final candle in the middle of the wreath, which is white. Use this information to colour your Advent Wreath. Return your completed wreath to the box in the church for display.



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THE GRAPEVINE

MOONCOIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

A short message: Advent – A Time to Prepare
Advent is a time of hope, waiting and preparation. The Scriptures remind us that God is our loving Father, the potter who shapes our lives, and that Jesus calls us to "stay awake" and be ready to welcome him. This week, let us counteract the commercialism of Christmas by giving the gift of time: a visit, a phone call, a kind word or a moment of prayer. Let us prepare not only our homes for Christmas, but our hearts for Christ.

MOONCOIN PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

This weekend we begin our Advent Journey towards Christmas. Last year, we shared some simple ideas to help us to stop for a moment and focus on the season of Advent and we've been asked to share them again. Choose whichever idea works best for you and your family.

- Set up a simple Advent wreath at home. Just place four candles on the kitchen or dining table and light one more candle each week leading up to Christmas. Don't worry if you don't have coloured candles – the idea is to build up a sense of expectation as we journey towards Christmas.
- Take home the picture of the Advent wreath that you will find on the back of this week's Grapevine. Colour in one candle each week (and remember, adults can colour too) or return it to the church where it will be displayed during Advent.
- If you don't have a crib, consider buying one for this Christmas, or create one. It doesn't need to be complicated – maybe use an empty shoebox and create figures from cardboard. Choose a special place in your home for the crib.
- Listen to some Advent carols

We were all so sorry to hear that lovely little Fratello went to pet Heaven recently. We all know that beloved pets can be like family members so please keep Fr. Martin in your prayers and thank you Fr. Martin for sharing Baba with us.



Next edition of the Newsletter **6th December 2026**

Masses for the first week of Advent	
Monday	NO MASS MOONCOIN 6.30pm Mass **Kilmacow**
Tuesday	NO MASS MOONCOIN 9.30am Mass **Kilmacow**
Wednesday	9.30am Mass **Mooncoin**
Thursday	9.30am Mass **Mooncoin** Followed by Exposition in The Nagle Chapel until 12 noon
Friday	9.30am Mass **Mooncoin**
Saturday	7pm Mass **Mooncoin**
Sunday 6th December	8.50am **Carrigeen**
	10am **Mooncoin**

Confirmation Enrolment 2027

We warmly welcome our Confirmation candidates as they begin their journey of preparation and enrolment. Advent is a season of waiting, watching and preparing for the coming of Christ. Similarly, our young people now begin their journey of waiting for Confirmation and the gifts of the Holy Spirit. May this time of preparation help them grow in faith, deepen their friendship with Jesus and discover the gifts God has placed within them. Confirmation is not simply a day to look forward to, but a lifelong journey of living and witnessing to our faith.

November – Month of the Holy Souls

A sincere word of thanks to all who participated in our November Masses for the Holy Souls, our loved ones, especially the Memorial Masses remembering all who died during the past year. These Masses were very beautiful. We are also deeply grateful to everyone who joined us for the Rosary Sundays in the cemeteries of Portnascully, Rathkieran, Convent Cemetery and Ballytarsney. Your prayer, presence and support were a beautiful expression of faith, love and remembrance. May the souls of all our faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

FLOWERS FOR DECEMBER
R. Comerford B. Walsh S. Lennon

NB: The church will be closed at **4.15pm** every evening for the winter months.

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RECENTLY DECEASED: Peter Molloy, Lancashire, UK

ANNIVERSARIES: Tom Foskin, Riverquarter. Anthony Kavanagh, Northampton. Eily Allen, Carrick Road. Peter Allen, Mooncoin/Tramore (1st Anniversary) Kathleen Kidney, Ursaline Court. Peg Walsh, Hennessy's Road. Sean Ryan, Corluddy. Kathleen Fewer, Ballygriffin. John & Kathleen O'Leary, New Ross/Portlaw. Johnny Carroll, Luffany. Mary, Michael & Frank Walsh, Filbuckstown.

MONTHS MIND MASS for Maurice Morrissey, Old Luffany, on Sunday 6th December @ 8.50am in Carrigeen Church.

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE: Matthew & Catherine Walsh, Kilmacow. Ann Dwan, Fiddown.

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE IN CARRIGEEN CHURCH. * Amended* Friday 11th December @ 7.30pm with the Amish Choir and some of our own local choirs also.....Enjoy a lovely relaxing evening before the hustle and bustle of Christmas starts.

DAYCENTRE CHRISTMAS DINNER
Wednesday 16th December.
To book, contact any member of the committee.

CHRISTMAS MASSES 2026

CHRISTMAS EVE	
Thursday 24th December	**Mooncoin 4.30pm**
	Carrigeen 6pm
	Kilnaspic 7.30pm
CHRISTMAS DAY	
Friday 25th December	**Mooncoin 10am**
Weekend Masses as Normal	
Saturday 26th Dec	**Mooncoin 7pm**
Sunday 27th Dec	**Kilnaspic 8.50am**
	Mooncoin 10am

November Offering: God bless all for their generosity. Thank you.

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.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE
Tickets on sale from Parish Hall.
1 strip for €2.
3 strips for €5.
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SVP COLLECTIONS

Mooncoin:
Sat 5th December 7pm
Sun 6th December 10am
Carrigeen:
Sun 6th December 8.50am
Kilinaspic:
Sun 13th December 8.50am

NB: No collection in January 2027.

Congratulations Warmest congratulations to **Mrs Biddy Dunphy**, who celebrates her wonderful 100th birthday on Tuesday, 1st December! On behalf of the parish, we wish Biddy every blessing, happiness and good health on this very special milestone. With heartfelt gratitude for a century of life, may God continue to bless and cherish her.



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