

The Parable of the Hidden Treasure

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field." Matthew 13:44 (NIV)



The puzzle is based on Matthew 13:44 (NIV)

Find the hidden words. The words have been placed horizontally, vertically, or diagonally. When you locate a word, draw a circle around it.

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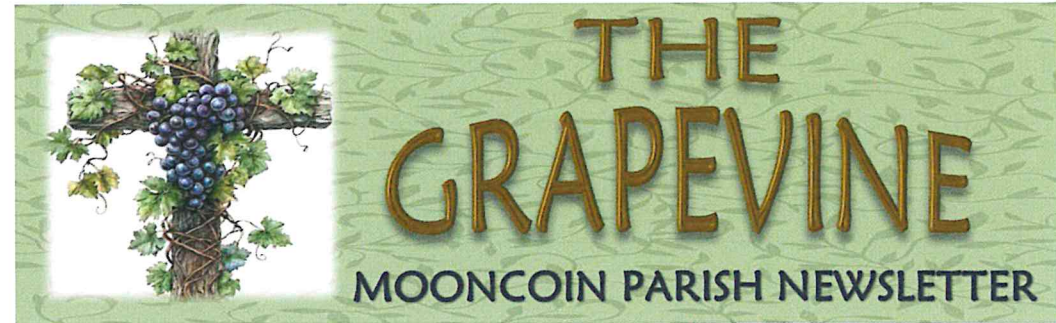
FOUND HEAVEN JOY	KINGDOM SOLD FIELD	PARABLE MAN TREASURE	BOUGHT HIDDEN FIELD
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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

First Reading: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 119
Second Reading: Romans 8:28-30
Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52
Key Theme: The Value of God's Wisdom
Focus: Seeking God's Kingdom

Summary: This Sunday, Solomon teaches us what to truly ask for: not wealth or power, but a wise and discerning heart. Saint Paul assures us that God works all things for the good of those who love Him. And in the Gospel, Jesus presents the Kingdom of Heaven as a treasure so valuable that one sells everything to possess it – and as a net that will one day separate the good from the bad. The question for us: *What am I willing to give up for the Kingdom?* Do I seek wisdom above all else? Do I trust that God is working for my good even in difficulty? May we have the courage to recognise the treasure hidden in our midst – and the joy to give everything for it.

Challenge: Think about what you value most. Choose God's wisdom and kingdom over things that do not last. Trust God's plan even when it is difficult to understand.
Action Step: Spend a few minutes each day asking God for wisdom before making decisions this week.
Verse to Remember: "The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field." (Matthew 13:44)



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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

~ We hope you enjoy our new look newsletter with adverts supplement ~

Mooncoin Parish Pastoral Council News

Dear Parishioners,

I'm sure you have noticed that this week's Grapevine looks a little different. You will still find all the usual information in the newsletter, however there are some changes. The most obvious change is that the back page has been given over to a section specifically for the younger (and young at heart) members of our parish. During the Parish survey, the young people in our Primary schools gave us some insightful feedback. One of their ideas was that there should be an area of The Grapevine that is particularly relevant to them. We are making a start with a Word Search based on this weekend's Gospel and over time, we hope to provide opportunities for our young people to contribute ideas for the content of their page. It would not be possible to publish The Grapevine without the generous support of our advertisers and sponsors. We are very grateful to all of you. A separate page has been printed with the contact details of all our advertisers and sponsors and copies will be available in all three churches. This will also be posted on the Mooncoin Facebook page with every edition of The Grapevine and we send our sincere thanks to Joe Cashin for his help with that. Our Parish survey told us that The Grapevine is highly valued as a means of communication. We want to say a special word of thanks to our Parish Secretary, Tracy who prepares and prints every edition of The Grapevine and who does an amazing job contacting and working with our advertisers and sponsors. The Grapevine will continue to be published every two weeks until the end of August and will then go back to a weekly edition.

Ossory Adult Faith Development.

THE PAINTED GOSPEL: ROME AND ASSISI. Led by Fr Dermot Ryan and Fr Kieran O'Shea. March 8th - 14th 2027. Cost €1195 pps. Single room supplement €240. Book your place not with a €300 non refundable deposit. Balances due by 4th December. Contact Myriam Tours 0579355050 info@myriam.ie Whatsapp 0851792364

PILGRIMAGE TO OUR LADY'S ALTAR

The Parish Church of Mooncoin is dedicated to the Assumption and the late Pope Francis said that the Feast of the Assumption, on August 15th, invites people to look to heaven with hope. Last year, we invited you to make a little 'pilgrimage' to Our Lady's Altar in Mooncoin Church around the Feast of the Assumption and there was a great response from parishioners of all ages. So, we thought that we might make this an annual event. You are welcome to make a pilgrimage anytime between the 1st and 15th of August. When you visit, you may like to leave a petition asking for Mary's intercession or you may simply want to thank Our Lady for her many blessings.

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Mooncoin: Sat 1st August 7pm Mooncoin: Sun 2nd August 10am
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RECENTLY DECEASED:

Julianne Walsh nee Jones, Carrigeen
Tommy Phelan, Dungooley.
Anne Comerford, Clogga, Mooncoin.
Philomena 'Mena' Wilson nee Crowley, Dublin / Mooncoin.
Joan Ryan nee Walsh, Ballygorey.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Tom Henebery, Ballybrazil (1st Anniversary).
Davy McGrath, Dournane (1st Anniversary). Fr Ned Phelan, Dungooley (1st Anniversary).
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Josephine O'Brien, Grange Road. Mary O'Keeffe nee Frippts, Dungooley.
Michael Frippts, Dungooley. Michael & Mary Carroll, Dungooley.
Francie Finn, Woodlawn Grove. Anne Talbot, Comeragh View.
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Kitty Kinsella, Ardera. Paddy Barden, Clonmore. James Holden Snr, Main Street.
Hannie Quinn, Polerone / London. James McGrath Snr. Dungooley.
Ned & Mary McGrath, Ballygorey. Bridget Dobbyn, Ballybrazil / Dungarvan.
John Kinsella, Clogga. Johan O'Keeffe, London. Brigid O'Keeffe, Butlerstown.

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE: Thomas O'Keeffe, Butlerstown.

MONTHS MIND: John Croke, Polerone Green / Old Luffany.

MONTHS MIND MASS for Kit O'Keeffe nee Morahan, Polerone.
Saturday 1st August @ 7pm in Mooncoin Church

Masses for the week 27th - 30th July

Monday & Tuesday	No Mass in Mooncoin
Monday 6.30pm	Kilmacow Church
Tuesday 9.30 a.m.	Kilmacow Church
Wednesday 9.30 a.m.	Mooncoin
Thursday 9.30 a.m.	Mooncoin

*Followed with Exposition and Adoration
until 12 noon.*

Friday 9.30 a.m.	Mooncoin
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Littering is still taking place in our cemeteries. Can we ask people to please take away anything you take off your family graves.
Thank you for your co-operation

Next edition of the Newsletter
9th August 2026

NB: The newsletter will only be printed every two weeks for the summer months.

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

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Roseleigh Residents Association
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