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**Feast of Christ the King 25<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

**Masses for next week:**

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday      Eucharistic Service 9.30am Mooncoin  
Thursday 10 am—6 pm                              Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament— Nagle Chapel

**Parish Office Opening Hours**

Monday, Wednesday & Friday  
9.45 am to 12.45 pm

You can contact us on Facebook - Mooncoin Parish Office or by email [mooncoin@ossory.ie](mailto:mooncoin@ossory.ie) at any time.  
The next edition of the newsletter is out on **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**

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**Facebook:** Mooncoin Parish Office

**Calling all Volunteers for the Kilnaspic Extravaganza.**

This year will be even better, We are having crafts plus children's Christmas Play with some Carols. Save the day 23rd December 2018 at 18.30hrs. Rehearsals for play starting shortly. Watch out on the Mooncoin FB page / Mooncoin Parish Office FB page. Handmade Christmas Cards available in Kilnaspic Church now. Contacts Jackie 0868125177 / Cindy 0834586496

**South Kilkenny Historical Society Lecture**

Influenza, War and Revolution in Ireland, 1918-19

Speaker: Ida Milne

Date: Thursday, November 29th

Time: 8pm

Venue: Mullinavat Parish Hall (opposite church)

Admission: €5 (society members free)

**Night of Reminiscing, with John O'Connor (formerly of the Munster Express)**

Thursday, December 6th

Time: 8pm

Venue: The Thatch, Grannagh

This event will be preceded, at 6.30, by Colcannon and ribs, Christmas pudding and tea - cost €25 per person. As numbers are limited for the food, pre-booking with a non-refundable deposit of €10 is required by contacting Brigid Barron (087 9507295, [brigidbarron@hotmail.com](mailto:brigidbarron@hotmail.com)) or Eddie Synnott (086 8124349 [edsynnott@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:edsynnott@yahoo.co.uk))

### **S.V.P.**

Our annual Christmas Collection will take place on 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> December. We are greatly indebted to you. Without your help we could not continue our work. Christmas imposes an extra burden on us all particularly those in need. Our income was €10,620 and expenditure was €13,726 outlay on food, fuel, clothing and education help with college fees and ..... This is a deficit of €3,106. Due to a fall in numbers attending masses our collections are in decline. We ask you to be as generous as you can. Thanking you for your continued support.

### **IT'S FREE Seniors Alert Scheme**

Demonstration at the Day Centre on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>. Gardai will attend.

### **Mooncoin Day Centre Christmas Party**

In the Royal Oak on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 5pm – 9pm approx. Come along and enjoy lovely food, good company and top class music. All are welcome. Contact any committee member.

### **N24 Carrick Road Improvement Scheme**

Kilkenny County Council have commenced a public consultation process on the route corridor options for the N24 Carrick Road Improvement Scheme near the village. Three new route corridor options have been developed from studies which followed from a previous Project Appraisal Plan Report. As part of this public consultation the Council will host a public information drop in day in the Community Centre in Mooncoin from 2pm – 7pm on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November to give local people an opportunity to view the proposed routes and discuss the options with technical staff from Kilkenny County Council. The Council is inviting submissions from the public and has prepared a questionnaire which will be available on the day in the Community Centre. The public information drop in day will be useful for people who wish to submit their comments or observations or complete the questionnaires. These must be in writing to N24 Carrick Road Improvement Scheme, Kilkenny County Council, Freepost KK 26, Road Design Section, 1A Dean Street, Kilkenny or by e-mail to [n24carrickrd@kilkennycoco.ie](mailto:n24carrickrd@kilkennycoco.ie). People can also use the Council's [www.consult.kilkenny.ie](http://www.consult.kilkenny.ie) consultation portal. The closing date for submissions and completed questionnaires is Monday, 10th December.

### **Readers in our Parish**

Bishop Farrell is encouraging all those who read at masses to attend two evenings in St Kieran's College.

These evenings, led by Prof Seamus O'Connell and Ms Olivia Maher, will offer a chance for our Ministers of the Word to come together to reflect on their ministry and important service as part of their Advent journey. Can we encourage all those who read in our churches to head along to these short evenings.

Thursday 6th December and Thursday 13th December, 7.30pm at St Kieran's College

**The future of our parish - an evening exploring the changing nature of parishes today**

Our parishes are changing shape - we have fewer priests and thankful more people are involved than every before. Why not come along to an evening reflecting on the changing nature of our parishes chaired by Bishop Farrell and led by Fr Albert McDonnell and Ms Gemma Mulligan on Monday 3rd December 7.30pm at St Kieran's College.

### **Advent Text of the Day**

A short daily text message, free to your phone, from the Diocesan Faith Development group to encourage us to reflect for a moment on something or to pause and say a brief prayer, think of someone, or decide to do something small that day. If you would like to receive this each day simply text your number to [085-8313100](tel:085-8313100)

### **Children's Book - Knowing our Ossory Faith in Advent**

A simple activities based workbook for children are available in the sacristy. They have games and puzzles based on our faith. If you would like to take one and spend some time with a daughter or son on these activities please feel free to take on. Ideal for Children aged 10 to 12 years.

### **A Blessing for a Crib & a Christmas and Daily Grace:**

Next weekend, the first Sunday of Advent, we will have simple prayer cards of a blessing for a crib and another for a simple Christmas or daily grace before meals - why not take one home and place beside your crib or on your table - something simple to do extra this Advent.

### **Advent Tweet**

Follow @ossorydiocese on twitter get get a simple Advent message each day - something to give us all a moment to reflect in our busy days during Advent.

**Mooncoin GAA Silver Circle Week 6:** €200: Christopher Walsh €100: Eugene Fitzgerald €50: Eoin Crowley €20: Mary Keane. Elaine Doyle. Anna Butler. Denis Law. Paddy Barden. Rachel Cody. Joe Cashin. John Power. Isabel Garvey Crowley. Matty Collins. Cian O'Sullivan. Billy O'Keeffe. Jim Freeman. Peggy McDonald. Helen Murphy. Geraldine Bradshaw. Gertrude Butler. Stephen Crowley. Annette O'Keeffe. Tom Hennebry.

**Collection for the Ossory Priests Society – Feast of Christ the King - Week end of 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> November 2018** The Ossory Priests Society is charged with making suitable financial provision for the care of the priests in the Diocese of Ossory in infirmity, sickness and old age. **The Annual Collection for this good cause takes place on the weekend of the Feast of Christ the King , 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> November 2018.**

A contribution to the Ossory Priests Society collection is an opportunity to show appreciation for the many years of service our retired priests have given to God and our parishes throughout the Diocese. The priest is a part of every Catholic family. Please support

**Mooncoin Women's Group** are holding a coffee morning in the Parish Hall on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 10am. If anyone would like to donate any baked goods please drop them to the venue on the morning. Thank you.

### **Mooncoin GAA Monster Card Game**

One week to go to Christmas Card Game on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November. Usual raffle and refreshments served. Anyone wishing to donate spots for raffle please phone 086 602 8873. All proceeds to local S.V.P. Thank you.

**The AGM of Mooncoin GAA** will take place on Wednesday 12th December at 8.00pm in complex. All members and intending members welcome

**Grapevine:** We are looking at how we produce the Grapevine. It is a very important means of sharing information about the Parish and Community. If you have a business and would like to take out an advertisement for the year please contact the Parish Office on 051 895 123 or email [mooncoin@ossory.ie](mailto:mooncoin@ossory.ie). Thank you.

**Safeguarding:**

If you have a Safeguarding concern — the Diocesan Designated Liaison Person is Mr. Cathal Cullen 087 100 0232 [dip@ossory.ie](mailto:dip@ossory.ie) The Safeguarding Reps in this Parish are Katherine Hogan and Bill Doyle.

**Carol Service:**

The Parish Pastoral Council is planning a Carol Service for Sunday 9th Dec in the Church in Mooncoin. It is hoped that the schools and all the choirs in the Parish will take some part in the evening. This short evening of Reflection and carols will take place at 7pm. Why not put it in your diary and join us to help enter into the Advent/Christmas Spirit.

**Community Hall Christmas Raffle Tickets:**

Are now on sale throughout the Parish. €1,000 in prize money to be won. Sellers are needed in each town-land, road and street. Please contact Jacqui in the Parish Hall Office between 9am-1pm daily on 051-896 684 for further information.

**Spanish Girl requiring English Lessons**

If interested please contact 087 903 8305 or 087 655 1599.

**Anniversaries:**

James Quilty, Nicholastown. Molly Joyce, Cornamona, Co Galway. Tom Foskin, Riverquarter. Gwen O'Hara, Comeragh Close. Matt & Eileen Williams, Ashgrove. Peter & Margaret Walsh, Luffany. Michael Asper & Family, Ashgrove. JohnnyCarroll, Luffany. Jo Carroll, Ballybrazil. John Fripps, Grange. Pat Corcoran, Luffany. Sr Laura Corcoran, Cussana. Johanna Moran, Ballybrazil.