

Parishes of Narraghmore & Moone

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Ballymount, Crookstown, Kilmead & Moone

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MASS TIMES

MOONE TUESDAY 10AM - Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

MASS TIMES IN NARRAGHMORE & MOONE

ST JOSEPH'S BALLYMOUNT: Sunday 8:30am

SS MARY & LAWRENCE CROOKSTOWN: Saturday 7pm (Vigil)
Wednesday & Friday: 9.30am

ST ITA'S KILMEAD: Sunday 10.30am
Mass is celebrated most weekdays at 10am but is subject to change

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MOST BLESSED TRINITY MOONE: Sunday 12noon. Holy Day: 11am

INTENTIONS SATURDAY & SUNDAY

CROOKSTOWN 7PM

Maureen & John McGann -
Lipstown whose anniversaries occur at this time

Nina and Pat Harney (A)

Paddy Brennan (A)

Edward Lawlor (A)

Mary Keogh (A)

Daisy Rooney (A)

Willie Doyle - Mullaghmast (A)

John Leigh (A)

Tommy O'Mara (A)

Jim O' Mara (A)

John Dempsey-Inchaquire (A)

Margaret (Madge) Delaney (A)

Patsy O'Gorman (A)

MOONE 12:00NOON

James Martin - Back Moone (A)

Elizabeth Byrne (A)

Margaret (Madge) Delaney (A)

Stephen Weldon - Meadow Brook House (5th A)



The parishes of Narraghmore, Moone . Athy and Castledermot will be leading Lenten prayer evenings each Thursday night throughout Lent. We invite you to come to pray, to relax and to reflect as you journey through Lent. Dates are as Follows:

Church of the Most Holy Trinity
Moone, 12th March @7pm

St. Ita's Kilmead - 19th March @ 7pm

Ss. Mary & Laurence Church ,
Crookstown 26th March @7pm

The Key Quarterly Paper - Irish

Dominican Friars, is Free and available at the back to the Churches. Please pick one up on your way home.

Stations of the Cross will take place every Friday evening during Lent at 7pm in Kilmead Church. All are welcome

St. Patrick's Day Masses in Narraghmore, Moone & Athy

**Athy - 9:30am &
12:00noon (As Gaeilge)**

Kilmead - 10:30am

Moone - 11am

Crookstown - 7:00pm

Holy Hour Crookstown

Holy Hour takes place every Tuesday evening in Ss. Mary and Laurence Church Crookstown from 7pm-8pm.

Catechetical Corner – Who Celebrates?

When you are at mass who celebrates the Mass? The obvious answer is the priest. However according the Catechism of the Catholic Church, we all, those of us who have gathered for the Liturgy are, in fact, celebrants.

The word Liturgy comes from two old Greek words, Leitos meaning the people and Ergon meaning work, which, when combined, means the work of the people. It originally meant, ‘work on behalf of the people’, in the sense of some civic activity at the expense of the individual. But in the religious context, it refers to the work of the people. So, when we talk about Liturgy we are referring to something that we all do.

In paragraph 1140 of the Catechism of the Catholic Church we read: ‘It is the whole community, the Body of Christ united with its Head, that celebrates. “Liturgical services are not private functions but are celebrations of the Church which is ‘the sacrament of unity,” namely, the holy people united and organised under the authority of the bishops. Therefore, liturgical services pertain to the whole Body of the Church. They manifest it, and have effects upon it.’

It continues, in the very next paragraph: ‘The celebrating assembly is the community of the baptized who, “by regeneration and the anointing of the Holy Spirit, are consecrated to be a spiritual house and a holy priesthood, that . . . they may offer spiritual sacrifices.” This “common priesthood” is that of Christ the sole priest, in which all his members participate: (Mother Church earnestly desires that all the faithful should be led to that full, conscious, and active participation in liturgical celebrations which is demanded by the very nature of the liturgy, and to which the Christian people, “a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a redeemed people,” have a right and an obligation by reason of their Baptism)’ - here quoting from the Vatican Document on the Liturgy. There is only one priest, Christ, the High Priest. The ordained priest share in this priesthood. The non-ordained share the common priesthood and we all engage in the Leitos ergon, the work of the people.

When we come to Holy Mass, we are not spectators. We are active participants. Yes, some have particular roles and functions, according to their office: ‘Certain members are called by God, in and through the Church, to a special service of the community. These servants are chosen and consecrated by the sacrament of Holy Orders...’ (CCC #1142) The roles are not restricted to the Ordained; ‘other particular ministries also exist, not consecrated by the sacrament of Holy Orders, their functions determined by the Bishops... “Servers, readers, commentators, and members of the choir also exercise a genuine liturgical function.”’ (CCC #1143) So when next you are asked who celebrated Mass, your answer should be, ‘We all did.’

Dublin Diocese Pilgrimage to Knock

will take place on Saturday 25th of April 2026. This years theme ‘Baptised and Sent. Workshops include; 1. Living your Baptism and your mission in life; 2. Baptism and Ministries; and 3. How Confession renews our Baptism. For more information email: knockpilgrimage@dublindiocese.ie

Live Lent 2026 is the Lenten Programme of the Parishes of Athy, Narraghmore & Moone. You are invited to join your parish community online where, each day during Lent you will receive a message by either WhatsApp or email with words of inspiration and encouragement as we journey through Lent together. To join, all you have to do is scan the QR code on the posters in the Church or in the Newsletter or send an email livelent2026@gmail.com. Posters with QR code at back of Church.

The Ballitore Burial Ground Restoration Group (BBGRG) is a heritage-led group of volunteers actively involved in the restoration and regeneration of the historic Quakers Buriel ground in the village of Ballitore Co Kildare. Part of this work includes caring for the grave of Mary Leadbeater. Mary Leadbeater, December 1758 – 27 June 1826 was an Irish Quaker author and diarist who lived most of her life in the planned Quaker settlement of Ballitore, County Kildare. Her work the Annals of Ballitore is widely seen by scholars, academics and historians as being historically and culturally important and is considered as part of the knowledge base of civilization as we know it. The 200 anniversary of Mary Leadbeater's death will occur on Saturday the 27th of June 2026. To mark this occasion the group will be erecting an information sign indicating the location of Mary Leadbeater's grave and is also offering local schools and youth organisations an opportunity to join or organise a guided tour of the Burial ground during the period before and after the anniversary. The group works with the support of Kildare Co Council.

Jumbo Easter Egg Raffle in Aid of the Parish Lourdes Pilgrimage

Great prizes to be won.
Tickets €2 per strip
or 3 Stripes for €5.
Tickets on sale after Mass .
Draw will take place after the
Easter Vigil.

PARISHES OF ATHY, MOONE & NARRAGHMORE
PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2026
7 nights 4 Star Hotel Padoue 22nd June – 29th June 2026. Cost €995 pps
Spiritual Director Fr. Francis McCarthy. There is a Saving Club available. Further details contact -
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