

# Parishes of Narraghmore & Moone *The Faith Communities of:*



*Ballymount. Crookstown. Kilmead & Moone*

Parish Bulletin - 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 15th February 2026

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## PARISH SECRETARIES

**BER MURPHY & BETTY MURPHY**

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## Narraghmore, Moone & Athy, Mass Times for Ash Wednesday

**Athy: 9:30 am Mass with blessing and distribution of Ashes**

**Crookstown: 9:30 am Mass with blessing and distribution of Ashes**

**Moone: 7:00 pm Mass with blessing and distribution of Ashes**

## 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



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 Assumption, Castledermot Thursday 26th February @ 7pm**  
**St. Michael's Church Athy - 5th March @ 7pm**

**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**

## INTENTIONS SATURDAY & SUNDAY RECENTLY DECEASED:

Mrs. McEvoy  
 Mary Keogh  
 Thomas O'Connor  
 Denis Flood

**Special Intention:** Please Remember in your prayers John Price who is Ill

## CROOKSTOWN 7PM

John Leigh - Ballymount (60thA)  
 Mary Kelly (3rdA)  
 Ellen (Nellie) Byrne - Mullamast (A) and deceased members of the Byrne and Fennell Families  
 Eva Buggy (4thA)  
 John Buggy (5th A)  
 Lil Cullen (A) and her husband Ned Ann Price (14thA)  
 Michael Price (11th A)  
 Joey Clarges (11th A)

## BALLYMOUNT 8:30AM

Martin Dowling - Kilgowan (15th A)  
 Joseph Doyle - Blackrath (A)  
 Maureen & Eugene Craig - (Birthday Remembrance)

## KILMEAD 10:30AM

Mark & Kitty Gilmore (A)  
 Mary Ellen Kavanagh and Joney Kavanagh - Rathconnell and deceased members of the Kavanagh Family

## MOONE 12:00NOON

Valerie Anthony (2nd A) and her son Gavin  
 Dora Phelan (nee Carton) (A)  
 Donnie McGrath - Hughestown (A)  
 Eamonn O'Toole (A)  
 Julia O'Neill (nee Kavanagh) (M.M)

## CATECHETICAL CORNER – ARE WE CATHOLIC OR ROMAN CATHOLIC?

The Creed which we recite on Sundays and holy days speaks of ‘...one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.’ However, the Church referred to in this Creed is more commonly called just the Catholic Church. It is not, by the way, properly called the Roman Catholic Church, but simply the Catholic Church.

The term Roman Catholic is not used by the Church herself; it is a relatively modern term, it was promoted mostly by Anglicans, supporters of the "branch theory" of the Church, namely, that the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church of the creed was supposed to consist of three major branches, the Anglican, the Orthodox and the so-called Roman Catholic. Nowhere is the term Roman Catholic used in any of the First Vatican Council's (1869-1870) official documents about the Church herself. Neither is it used in the 16 documents of the Vatican II. Pope Paul VI signed all the documents of Vatican II as "I, Paul, Bishop of the Catholic Church." Simply that - Catholic Church.

Today, many Catholics have recently taken to using the term ‘Roman Catholic’ in order to affirm their unity with the Pope. However, caution is advised in using the term, not only because of its dubious origins in Anglican circles, intending to suggest that there just might be some other Catholic Church around somewhere besides the Roman one: but also, because it often still is used today to suggest that the Roman Catholic Church is something other and lesser than the Catholic Church of the creed. Some others also use the term who appear to be attempting to categorize the Roman Catholic Church as just another contemporary "Christian denomination", not the body that is identical with the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church of the creed.

The proper name that the Church adopted, dating from the late first century, and adopted precisely in order to distinguish herself from rival bodies, which by then were already beginning to form. The name by which she has been known ever since is the Catholic Church. The name appears in Christian writing for the first time at the start of the second century, 107A.D., in a letter of St Ignatius of Antioch. By the time it was written down, it had certainly already been in use, for the indications are that everybody understood exactly what was meant by the name when it was written.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church has concisely summed up all the reasons why the name of the Church of Christ has been the Catholic Church: "The Church is catholic," the Catechism teaches, "[because] she proclaims the fullness of the faith. She bears in herself and administers the totality of the means of salvation. She is sent out to all peoples. She speaks to all men. She encompasses all times. She is 'missionary of her very nature'" (CCC #868).

(Adapted from an original article by Kenneth D. Whitehead. First publish by Our Sunday Visitor in May/June 1996)

### Holy Hour Crookstown

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

### RELATIONSHIP CARE

The annual collection for Relationship Care, the Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family, will be made at all masses this weekend of the 14th & 15th of February 2026. Relationship Care offers; Marriage preparation courses both online & small groups; counselling for couples and individuals experiencing difficulties, both online or by phone. Relationship Care needs your support this year more than ever. Please give what you can on the 14th & 15th February. Thank you.

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](mailto:livelent2026@gmail.com). Posters with QR code at back of Church.

**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 - Christopher Rowan  
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