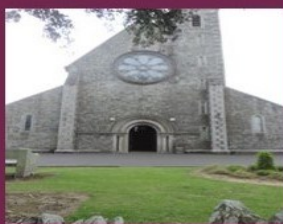


# Parishes of Narraghtmore & Moone

## *The Faith Communities of:*



## *Ballymount, Crookstown, Kilmead & Moone*

## Parish Bulletin - 4th Sunday of Advent - 21st December 2025

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### PARISH SECRETARIES

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### Christmas Eve—Christmas Liturgy

Our Christmas Eve Liturgy will take place at 5pm in Ss. Mary & Laurence's Church, Crookstown. We invite you and your family to this Liturgy. If you would like to be read or be involved in this liturgy please contact Natasha Geoghegan on 087 6730300. we look forward to seeing you there.

**Christmas Eve Mass 9pm Crookstown** -  
 The Choir will be singing carols before Mass @ 8:45pm so do come early to listen and join in with the carol singing.

### MASS TIMES

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

**MASS TIMES IN NARRAGHTMORE & 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

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

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

### Healing Mass

Healing Mass will take place on Tuesday the 23rd of December in Ss. Mary & Laurence Church, Crookstown at 7pm. Confessions from 5pm - 6:30pm

Christmas Schedule is available at the back of the Church. You will find details of all Masses over Christmas and New Years period, in the Parishes of Narraghtmore, Moone and Athy.

**Parish Office Christmas opening Times :** Office will close on Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 3 pm. Re-opens Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> January 2026, at 10 am

### INTENTIONS SATURDAY & SUNDAY CROOKSTOWN 7PM

Ghent Family  
 Jim Leigh - Lipstown  
 Adam Wrobel - Birthday Rem.  
 Maureen Keatley  
 Laurence (Larry Mulryan) Months Mind  
 Maureen Darcy (3rd A)  
 Mary Butterfield (1st A)  
 Christopher, Mary Bridget & Maudie O'Toole (A)  
 Julia & Patrick Conlan (A)  
 Kathleen Corcoran (A)  
 Jack & Molly Dunne (A)  
 Julia Dowling - Ballybarney (A)  
 Dan Losty (A)

### KILMEAD 10:30AM

Donal Flanagan (A) and his Nephew Aidan Murphy (A)  
 Ned Conway (Months Mind)

### MOONE 12:00NOON

Deceased members of the O'Toole Family - Moone  
 Ester O'Brien - Lower Belan (A)  
 Deceased members of the Treacy and Doherty Families  
 Deceased members of the Lynam and Ging Families  
 Recently deceased - Aoife Treacy, Anne Wright, and John Lynam  
 Lar and Moll O' Toole and their Son Patrick.  
 Darby Cummins  
 Eamonn Bolger  
 Michael Whelan Jnr (A) and his dad Michael and deceased members of the Whelan and O' Shea Families  
 John & Margaret Dunne-Scratham(A)  
 Mary Nolan - Ballycore (A)  
 Michael Whelan - Simonstown (A)

## CATECHETICAL CORNER – “O...”

The beautiful Advent hymn “O come, O come Emmanuel...” is a musical setting of a set of prayers or antiphons, called, not surprisingly, the O Antiphons or the Great O Antiphons, that have been in use in the Church, certainly since the seventh/eighth century, and possibly as early as the fifth century. Since that time, this set of seven prayer texts has been sung or recited over the final days of Advent, beginning on the 17th of December, during the daily Liturgy of vespers, or evening prayer. They are voiced in response to the Magnificat (Luke 1:46-55), which is recited every evening as part of evening prayer.

Each antiphon/prayer is in two parts. The first addresses God with "O" and a biblical, messianic title and concludes with a call for Him to come. The phrases of the prayers derive from Scripture. And while you may not be familiar with evening prayer, as recited by priests, religious and a growing number of lay people, you will be familiar with the O Antiphons from the verses of that well-known Advent hymn, "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel." These prayers may, and should, be used devotionally, one a day, from December 17th to 23rd as way of meditating on the coming of Jesus, just as they have been for nearly 1500 years. Here are the texts of the "Great O's" together with some of the biblical references, as they appear in the Evening Prayer of the Church:

- O Wisdom, you came forth from the mouth of the Most High, You fill the universe and hold all things together in a strong yet gentle manner. O Come and teach us the way of truth. (Proverbs 8:12; Isaiah 11:2)
- O Adonai and Ruler of the house of Israel, you appeared to Moses in the fire of the burning bush, and on Mount Sinai gave him your Law: O Come, and save us with your mighty power. (Ex. 3:14b)
- O Root(Stock) of Jesse, You stand for a signal for the nations; before You kings shall keep silence, you whom all nations acclaim. O Come and save us and do not delay. (Isaiah 11:1; Matt. 1: 1- 17; Rom. 15:12)
- O Key of David and Sceptre of the house of Israel: What you open and no one else can close, What You close and no one may open. O Come to lead the captive from of prison; free those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death. (Isaiah 22:22)
- O Dayspring (Rising Sun), you are the splendour of eternal light and the sun of justice. O Come and enlighten those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death. (Job 38:12; Isaiah 9:2; Lk 1:78)
- O King (Ruler) whom all the people desire, you are the cornerstone which makes all one. O Come and save [humanity] who you made from clay. (Psalms 118:22; Isaiah 28:16)
- O Emmanuel, you are our King and Judge, the One whom the peoples await and their Saviour. O Come and save us, Lord our God. (Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 28:20b)

**Athy Musical & Dramatic Society**  
present **WHILE SHEPHERDS WATCHED**  
Drive the Dark Winter Away Sunday,  
21st December at 7.30 pm in St  
Michael's Church Tickets €15. See  
notice boards A celebration through  
music, prose & poetry Ticket €15 on  
the door on the night JM Computers &  
Eventbrite.ie

### **Holy Hour Crookstown**

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

Christmas Eve Mass 9pm  
Crookstown - The Choir will be  
singing carols before Mass, so do  
come early to listen and join in with  
the carol singing.

### **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

Saving Club available.

Further details contact -  
Christopher Rowan  
087 2707 182

#### **Christmas Eve Carols Kilmead-**

Kilmead Choir will be singing  
Christmas Carols from 8.45 in St Ita's  
Church Kilmead before the 9pm Mass  
on Christmas Eve. All are welcome.

**Jubilee Yearn of Hope:** To mark the end  
of the jubilee year of Hope the Parish  
Partnerships of Athy, Narraghmore,  
Moone & Castledermot will have a  
24hour Adoration in Ss Mary &  
Laurence's Church Crookstown,  
commencing with Mass on Monday the  
5th of January at 7pm and concluding  
with Mass on Tuesday the 6th January  
at 7pm.

#### **Crookstown Prayer Space**

We welcome you to pray in our prayer  
room which is situated in the room to the  
left as you come into Ss. Mary &  
Laurence Church Crookstown. This space  
gives you an opportunity to sit and pray  
in front of an image of the Sacred Heart.  
All are welcome