

## The Faith Communities of:









Ballymount, Crookstown, Kilmead & Moone

### Parish Bulletin - 1st Sunday of Advent - 30th November 2025

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#### St. Vincent de Paul collection.

The diocesan collection for the Dublin Council of the Society of St Vincent de Paul will take place as per the Diocesan Diary on the weekend of Sunday, December 7. Proceeds to be returned to the Regional Co-ordinator, Society of St Vincent de Paul,

Kilmead Holy Hour will take place on the First Friday of every month from 7pm-8pm. Our next holy hour will be on Friday 5th December . All are welcome.

#### **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

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

**Most Blessed Trinity Moone:** Sunday 12noon. Holy Day: 11am

#### 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

#### INTENTIONS SATURDAY & SUNDAY

#### **Recently Deceased:**

Larry Mulryan Breda Fleming

#### **CROOKSTOWN 7PM**

Joe Murphy (10thA) Oliver Callaghan (A) Patricia Brady (4th A) Michael Fogarty (A) Matt & Mary Lawler (A)

Matt & Mary Lawler (A) and deceased members of the Lawler Family Des O'Shea (Birthday Rem)

# BALLYMOUNT 8:30AM Recently Deceased:

Larry Mulryan Breda Fleming

#### KILMEAD 10:30AM

John Bradley (4th A) Róisín Keegan and deceased members of the Keegan Family

#### Moone 12:00 noon

John Brien-Lipstown, Narraghmore (A) Kathleen Weldon (A) Collette English (A) Tom Whelan - Bolton Hill (A) his wife Jane and siblings Brendan, Ester and Sally

#### **Mass Intentions**

If you wish to have your deceased loved ones name in the Mass intentions on the weekly newsletter. Please have your intentions into the parish office by the Wednesday evening beforehand. Your Mass intention will still be prayed for at Masses but will not be on the newsletter as our newsletter is printed on Thursdays. Thank you.

#### **CATECHETICAL CORNER - 12 STARS**

Did you know that the European Flag, 12 gold stars on a blue background, was designed by a Catholic who worked for the Council of Europe? It is based on the Miraculous Medal and was officially adopted as the flag of Europe on the 8th of December – Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary – 1955.

Why does Mary wear a crown of 12 stars? The crown of 12 stars is deeply significant and represents many things. There is one star for each of the twelve Apostles and the 12 tribes of Israel, representing the fact that Mary holds a unique place in salvation history and stands as queen of both the Old and New Testaments.

Her crown also represents what are called the Twelve Privileges of Mary. Traditionally theologians have spoken of Mary as having twelve special privileges, namely: Her Immaculate Conception, Her perpetual virginity, Her divine motherhood, Her freedom from actual sin, Her fullness of grace, Her role as Mother of the Church, Her Assumption into heaven, Her coronation as Queen of Heaven, Her role as Mediatrix of graces, Her spiritual motherhood of all humanity, Her role in the work of redemption and Her perfect union with Christ's will.

The crown of 12 stars also represents the twelve virtues of Mary. Many Catholics have a great devotion to Mary. Many people will recite the Rosary every day, or have other prayers and devotions in Her honour. According to St Louis Marie De Montfort, who wrote, what is considered one the classic books on devotion to Mary, entitled; 'A TREATISE ON TRUE DEVOTION TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN', true devotion resides not in our outward expressions of devotion such as; the Rosary, Marian shrines, statues etc., however good and meritorious these are. Rather, he maintains, true devotion resides in imitating Her virtues in our everyday lives. Her twelve virtues are often listed as: Faith, Hope, Love, Chastity – (in accordance with our state of life), Poverty, Obedience, Humility, Patience, Mercy, Joy, Gratitude, Prayer. Mary is considered to be a model of these virtues and true devotion to Her is to be found in our striving to imitate these virtues.

In addition, there are also what are called Ten Evangelical Virtues, which are: Most Pure (implying purity and innocence), Most Prudent (implying wisdom and discernment), Most Humble, Most Faithful, Most Devout (implying devotion and prayer), Most Obedient, Most Poor, Most Patient, Most Merciful, Most Sorrowful. These are evangelical virtues as they are to be found in the Gospels. You may even recognise some of them from the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary (the Litany of Loreto).

As we begin Advent, in which Mary is a central figure, let's try to become more Mary like, let our devotion to Mary be more than outward expressions, rather let it be rooted in virtue and holiness. As the concluding prayer of the Rosary says: "...that meditating on these mysteries we may imitate what they contain..."

Ballymount Christmas Raffle—1st prize
Luxury Christmas Hamper; 2nd Prize—
Fergal Byrne's Organic Turkey; 3rd Prize—
Bottle of Whiskey & numerous other
prizes. Draw will take after mass on
Sunday 21st December 2025. Proceeds in
Aid of St. Joseph's Church, Ballymount.

**Holy Hour Crookstown** 

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



All Night Vigil in Knock (7th/8th December)

The parishes of Athy, Narraghmore& Moone are running a bus to the all Night Vigil in Knock on Sunday 7th December for the Solemnity of The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The night begins with Confessions from 10pm. Ceremony



begins at 12midnight on the 7th of Dec and continues into the early morning and concludes with Mass at 4am. The vigil includes Rosary, stations of the Cross, Holy Hour, guest speaker, quiet time for prayer and offering sacred space to reflect on Mary's Role in

the life of the Church and to seek her intercession. Cost of the Bus is  $\ensuremath{\mathfrak{E}} 40.$ 

Bus will depart from the following area's on Sunday 7th December.

Castledermot Church at 4:30pm St. Michael's Athy, 5:15 Moone Church 4:45pm Stradbally 5:30pm Mountmellick 6pm

Portlaoise 5.45pm

Stopping briefly in Athlone and arriving in knock at 10pm approx. Bus will leave knock at 5:30am Monday 8th Dec. Non refundable deposit of €20 for bus is required to secure your

seat. For further information contact Peggy Whelan on 086 849 2381.