

# PARISHES OF NARRAGHMORE & MOONE

*The Faith Communities of:*



*Ballymount, Crookstown, Kilmead & Moone.*

Bulletin - Fourth Sunday of Advent - December 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> 2018



## MASS INTENTIONS

### SUNDAY

#### BALLYMOUNT -

**CROOKSTOWN** - Jim Leigh – Lipstown, Mary Bridget O’Toole, Christopher & Maudi O’Toole, James & Elizabeth Eustace, Hugh Foley, Eve O’Dwyer (née Brennan) (A), John Byrne – Blackhall (A)

**KILMEAD** - Billy & Bridget Mullins, Kathleen Kelly

**MOONE** - Esther O’Brien (A), Mary Nolan - Ballycore (A), Michael Whelan (A)

### WEEKDAY

**CROOKSTOWN:** Wed & Fri 9.30am - Donor’s Intentions

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**QUIZ TIME!**  
**Question:** Xmas is at best a polite way of removing ‘Christ’ from Christmas and should never be used. True or False?

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“COME AWAY TO A QUIET PLACE, WHERE WE CAN BE ALONE AND GET SOME REST...” *MARK 6:31.*

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. every Sunday November in Moone Church from 5-6pm. A time of quiet and reflection. Everyone is welcome.

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### CAROLS IN KILMEAD

The Choir will sing Christmas Carols beginning at 10:10am on Christmas morning please come early and join in

the singing before Mass begins.

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### NARRAGHMORE VINTAGE CLUB

10<sup>th</sup> Annual Classic Car and tractor run on Friday December 28<sup>th</sup> starting at 11am in Narraghmore, fun for all the family and everyone is welcome.

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### CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE:

#### CHRISTMAS EVE

6pm Vigil: Athy (Family Mass)

7pm Vigil: Crookstown

8pm Vigil: Moone

9pm Vigil: Athy (carols at 8.45 pm)

#### CHRISTMAS DAY:

8.30am Mass - Athy

8.30am Mass - Ballymount

9am Mass - Barrowhouse

10.30am Mass - Athy (carols at 10.15 am)

10.30am Mass - Crookstown

10.30am Mass - Kilmead

12 Noon Mass - Athy

12 Noon Mass - Moone

#### CHRISTMAS TIME

St. Stephen’s Day: 26<sup>th</sup> December Mass at 11 am in Athy Church

Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> - Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> Dec Mass at 11 am in Athy Church

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> Dec Normal weekend Mass schedule

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> December Mass at 11am in Athy

Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2019 Solemnity of Mary, The Mother of God - *World Day of Peace*

Mass at 11 am in Athy

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January: Morning Mass returns to normal time of 9.30 am in Athy

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> January 9.30am Mass in Crookstown

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> *Feast of the Epiphany*

Normal weekend Mass Schedule

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

#### Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> December

Crookstown Church: before & after 7 pm Vigil Mass

#### Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December

Kilmead Church: after 10.30am Mass  
Moone Church: after 12 noon Mass

#### Christmas Eve:

Athy Church: Penitential Service 10 am. Confessions continue until 12 noon.

#### NARRAGHMORE & MOONE PARISH OFFICE - CROOKSTOWN

Office will close on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> Dec. at 3 pm.

And will re-open on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2019 at 10 am

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**THE CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE** is available on the Parish Website: [www.narraghmoreparish.org](http://www.narraghmoreparish.org) and on the parish facebook page: [www.facebook.com/NarraghMoone/](http://www.facebook.com/NarraghMoone/)

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#### NARRAGHMORE SOCIAL ENTERPRISE PROJECT

If you would like to get involved, volunteer or donate then contact the Narraghmore Development Association: 087-9141802 or email: [narraghmore.development@gmail.com](mailto:narraghmore.development@gmail.com) Or find them on Facebook

www.facebook.com/  
NarraghmoreDevelopmentAssociation

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### CHRISTMAS MASS CARDS

Christmas Mass Cards are available to buy from the Parish Office in Crookstown or after all masses between now and Christmas.

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### CROOKSTOWN/BALLYMOUNT MONTHLY PARISH LOTTO - NOVEMBER RESULTS:

Numbers 11, 22, 35.

#### €20 winners:

The Fahy Family c/o M. Cullen  
Billy Byrne c/o M. Cullen  
Michael Cullen c/o M. Cullen  
John O'Reilly c/o M. Cullen  
Cillian Kavanagh c/o M. Harney

Next Month's Jackpot - €2,000.00.

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### THIS CHRISTMAS MAY YOU GET A LITTLE TIME TO...

Hold those you love close to you  
Appreciate what others have done for you and tell them.

Pray for those who aren't with you.  
Please, don't take your blessings for granted.

You can't make it perfect, that's not reality.

Celebrate the day and it's true meaning.

Hug someone who needs encouragement.

Remember those who left you a legacy.

It's not about 'me'...remember.  
Savour moments with family & friends.

Tolerate the inconveniences & inconsistencies.

Make a difference in the lives of those around you.

Ask for forgiveness. It's a gift you receive.

Say the words, "Thank You" & "I love you" often.

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MICHAEL ENGLISH AND HIS BAND IN CONCERT in aid of St. Joseph's & St.

Mary's Parishes Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2019 in St. Joseph's Church, Baltinglass at 8pm.

Doors open at 7pm. Tickets €25. from Moore's in Grangecon, Patterson's Butchers & O'Reilly's Stores Baltinglass

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### PARISH BULLETIN

The editorial staff (*Ahem...tongue very firmly in cheek*) of the Parish Bulletin will be taking a break. The Parish bulletin will return on the weekend on January 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> 2019.

The Parish Team would like to wish all our parishioners - whether at home or away, along with those who may be visiting our parish at this time and those who are far away a very Happy, Peaceful and Joy filled Christmas.

May you and your families be well, safe and happy.

And may we all have a blessed 2019.

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### MASS & CHURCH SERVICE TIMES:

#### BALLYMOUNT:

Sunday 8.30am

#### CROOKSTOWN:

Saturday 7pm (Vigil)

Wednesday & Friday: 9.30am

Tuesday & Thursday: 9.30am - Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion.

Tues. 7-8pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

#### KILMEAD:

Sunday 10.30am

Thursday 9.30am - Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion.

Prayer Meeting - Wednesday 7.30pm

#### MOONE:

Sunday 12noon. Holy Day: 11am

Tuesday & Friday 10am - Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion.

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### ADVENT PRAYER

Holy One,  
awaken my heart,  
quiet my mind,  
open the door of my being  
to perceive your presence.  
Settle what stirs endlessly within me.  
Quiet the voice of haste and hurry.  
Awaken my inner senses to recognize  
your love hiding beneath the frenzy.  
Enfold me in your attentiveness.  
Wrap a mantle of mindfulness  
around every part of my days.  
I want to welcome you with joy  
and focus on your dwelling place.  
Abundant peace,  
*Joyce Rupp*

**ANSWER:** Did you know that Xmas is an abbreviation of Christmas using the ancient Greek letter of X (*pronounced Chi*) the first letter in Christ. So while at first glance it may appear to be removing Christ from Christmas it is in fact a very ancient way of saying the same thing.

Our forefathers, and foremothers for that matter, had very ingenious ways of communicating the message often in very difficult circumstances and to use abbreviations was often a coded means of communication.