

PARISHES OF NARRAGHMORE & MOONE

The Faith Communities of:



Ballymount. Crookstown. Kilmead & Moone.

Bulletin - Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord - January 12th/13th 2019

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY

BALLYMOUNT -

CROOKSTOWN - Agnes McLaughlin (A), Patrick & Catherine Daly – Fullers Court, Ballitore, Christopher Mackey, Matthew Mackey, Val & Cathleen Mackey, Bridget Mackey Barry and her husband Seán Barry – Mullaghmast, John Delaney – Simonstown (A), Michael & Owen Callaghan – Mullaghmast, Samuel & Teresa Kelly (A)

KILMEAD -

MOONE - Thomas Hipwell, William (Bill) Carton – Sheriff Hill (A), Patrick Mahon (A), Bradley & Christina Hegarty and deceased members of Hegarty family, Ann & Charles O'Donnell – Moone (A), John Leigh (A)

WEEKDAY

CROOKSTOWN: Wed & Fri 9.30am - Donor's Intentions

Question: Monday, January 14th sees the beginning of 'Ordinary Time' in the Church's liturgical cycle. How many liturgical seasons are there and can you name them?





HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR PARISHIONERS FAMILIES & FRIENDS. MAY GOD BLESS US ALL WITH A YEAR OF FAVOUR

SAINT ITA

PATRON OF KILMEAD CHURCH & SCHOOL

Ita was born in Waterford in 480AD. When she was born, she was given the name "Deirdre", but later it was changed to Ita which means "Thirst for God". Ita was a beautiful girl and she had many offers of marriage, but Ita wanted to give her life to God.

She set out with her sister and some friends. They travelled westwards until

they reached an area known as "Cluain Credail" [Meadow of Faith] in West Limerick. This place is now called Killeedy.

The people of "Cluain Credail" offered Ita land and helped her build a monastery. Her monastery became a well-known place of prayer and healing.

At the time, it was the custom for parents of noble rank to give children for fostering. Ita became a great foster mother to many baby boys. Many went on to become bishops and monks; none would ever be dearer to her than Brendan, later to become St. Brendan.

Ita was foster mother to Brendan until his seventh birthday.

For many years, Ita continued her life of work, prayer, foster mother and teacher. She was often called "Brigid of Munster". Before she died, Ita had a vision that she was in Brendan's Church in Clonfert and she received Communion from him.

Ita died on 15th January 570AD. She is buried in the grounds of her monastery in Killeedy.

We celebrate her feast day on Tuesday next, 15th January.

PRAYER TO ST. ITA

St. Ita, our dearest Patron Saint,
For thy loving children pray,
Grant that we by thy protection,
May grow in virtue day by day.

MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED on the Feast of St Ita at 10am in St Ita's church, Kilmead with the staff and students of St Ita's NS. Everyone is welcome.

"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 in Moone Church from 5-6pm. A time of quiet and reflection. Everyone is welcome.

CROOKSTOWN/BALLYMOUNT MONTHLY

PARISH LOTTO - DECEMBER RESULTS:

Numbers 9-10-21.

€20 winners:

Anne Kelly c/o M. Cullen
Catherine McLaughlin c/o M. Cullen
Paddy Nolan c/o M. Cullen
Moira Lamb c/o Anne Callaghan
Richard Fitzgerald c/o M. Harney
****EXTRA PRIZES CHRISTMAS DRAW****
Margaret O'Neill c/o Anne Callaghan
Daisy O'Connell c/o M. Harney
Fr Frank McEvoy c/o M. Harney
Aaron McMahon c/o M. Cullen
Anne Marie Maher c/o M. Harney
Patrick Whelan c/o M. Harney
May Dowling c/o M. Cullen
John Duffy c/o M. Harney
Margaret Cronin c/o M. Harney

NEXT MONTH'S JACKPOT - €2,000.00.

GOD'S GREATEST SADNESS.

THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY is dedicated to addressing, what Pope Francis has called, God's greatest sadness, the disunity of Christians. This year it runs from Friday Jan 18th - 25th.

WHAT IS CHRISTIAN UNITY? Well again Pope Francis gives us some direction, by telling us what it is not: "unity is [not] equivalent to uniformity." In other words we don't all have to be the same but rather pray for and work towards "a unification around the same center, the Lord." "Unity in diversity is actually the opposite [of uniformity]: it involves the joyful recognition and acceptance of the various gifts which the Holy Spirit gives to each one..."

The pope reminds us that if the work of Christian unity is not rooted in prayer, but rather a human effort then it is destined to fail.

As Christians we must be focused on the Kingdom of God and not our own kingdom; another writer puts it like this: "A lack of unity reveals that for some, personal kingdoms have taken precedence and priority over His."

During the week of prayer for Christian unity why not pray this simple prayer in the words of Jesus: "...that they all may be one." *Jn.17:21.*

MOONE PARISH CHOIR.

Do you play keyboard or organ? Would you be able to donate a couple of hours per month to Moone Parish Choir? If so then please contact the Conor - *Parish Pastoral Worker* - we look forward to hearing from you.

FUNDRAISER IN AID OF ST COLMCILLE'S NS MOONE

A "Big January Sale" fundraiser in aid of St Colmcille's National School, Moone will take place in the Moone Parish Hall on Saturday 26 January @ 10am - 4pm & Sunday 27 January @ 11am - 2pm. Toys, games, books, DVDs, clothes (in good condition and freshly laundered), bric-a-brac, baby equipment, bake sale & raffle.

Donations can be dropped off at the Moone Parish Hall on Thurs 25 Jan @ 7-8pm or Fri 26 Jan @ 9:30am-3pm. Any questions, please call Rachel on 089-2164380

THE PRIORY INSTITUTE:

Registration is now open for Spring Semester we offer a number of theology courses through distance education (*beginning on 2nd March 2019*).

For more information on our courses contact us by email:

enquiries@prioryinstitute.com

Phone: (0)1 404 8125

or www.prioryinstitute.com

OVERVIEW OF LOSS AND BEREAVEMENT WORKSHOP

in the Irish Hospice Foundation on the Thursday, 31st January from 9.15am - 4pm, 32 Nassau Street, Dublin 2. This workshop explores the journey of grief and loss for individuals who have experienced loss in various ways not just through death. The workshop will help participants to understand the normal reactions to grief and loss and explore how reactions can be more complex and require greater

interventions. Fee is €100 and includes light lunch. Bookings can be made on the following link <https://hospicefoundation.ie/education-training/berereavement-training/workshops/>

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MICHAEL ENGLISH AND HIS BAND
IN CONCERT

in aid of St. Joseph's & St. Mary's Parishes Thursday 28th February 2019 in St. Joseph's Church, Baltinglass at 8pm.

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

PRAYER FOR PUTTING AWAY CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS.

Lord Jesus, we have put all of our Christmas decorations away. We are entering into Ordinary Time, and our house looks "ordinary" again, too.

But Lord, you know and we know that our house has a secret. Deep inside it, all of our Christmas decorations are still here. The blessing of Christmas is always with us, kept in the deep, quiet places of the house. And Lord, our lives will become ordinary again, too, but you know that each of us has the grace of baptism. The grace you gave us is always with us, in the deep, quiet places of our soul.

May we live the grace of Christmas every day, only without all the trappings: May we always give generously, receive gifts gratefully, welcome others, and study your life.

Make our house be a home with Christmas at its core, and our souls a home where Jesus always dwells. Amen.

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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PARISH SECRETARIES

BER MURPHY & TRISH HOLLIGAN - .

Mon, Tue, Wed & Fri 10am - 4pm.

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A WINTER WONDERLAND PSALM

The ancient psalmist plucked his strings
and sang a phrase sprung from you
"Be still and know that I am God"
Be still, my soul, like a winter
landscape.
Sit still, O my body, like an icy
pond, frozen at attention, at rest yet
alert.

Be still, my mind,
from your whirling like a perpetual
gyroscope,
constantly restless, ever on the
move.

Be still, my being,
so that, like Alice,
you may, with grace, find the tiny,
hidden doorway that leads
to Wonderland.

Be still so that you can discover
slowly, day by day,
that God and you are one,
to know in that Wonder-of-
Wonderlands
who you really are.

*Prayers for a Planetary Pilgrim, p. 124
(Adapted)*

ANSWER: Did you know that there are 5 liturgical seasons in the church year?

ADVENT - the 4 Sundays prior to Christmas.

CHRISTMAS TIME - ending with the Feast of the Baptism of our Lord.
LENT - beginning on Ash Wednesday and ending on 'Spy Wednesday' - the day before Holy Thursday.
EASTER TIME - which concludes with the feast of Pentecost.

ORDINARY TIME - begins on the Monday after the Feast of the Baptism of our Lord, up to Ash Wednesday, it then continues on the Monday after Pentecost up to the First Sunday of Advent.