

# PARISHES OF NARRAGHMORE & MOONE

*The Faith Communities of:*



*Ballymount, Crookstown, Kilmead & Moone.*

Bulletin - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> 2019

## MASS INTENTIONS

### SUNDAY

**BALLYMOUNT** - Denis Hughes (A)

**CROOKSTOWN** - Peg Brown – Ballitore, James Nesdale (1<sup>st</sup> A), Anne & Pat Gorman (A), Pat Gorman (Junior) (A), Réiltín Treacy (A), Thomas Lawlor, Patrick Cassidy, Kit & Miko Doyle (A), Teresa Mackey (A)

**KILMEAD** - Peg & Tommy Ryan – Ballindrum (A), Gillian Dempsey, Christopher & Bridget Cassidy – late of Ballindrum, Edward Forrestal, Ann & Noel Flood (A)

**MOONE** - Annie Hipwell (A), Mrs. Brigid Clynch – Bolton Hill (A), Nellie & Simon Doody, James Tansey (A)

### WEEKDAY

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

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**Question:** What is a sacrament or to put it another way, how would you define a sacrament?

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### 10 WEEK LITURGY COURSE

Would you like to learn more about your faith? Can you spare 2 hours per week for 10 weeks on a Wednesday morning?

The National Centre for Liturgy are running an introductory course entitled: *The Sacraments - Parish Celebrations on Life's Journey.*

Beginning on Wednesday February 6<sup>th</sup> at 10am. The fee for the course is €200. For further information please do not hesitate

to contact Sr Moira Bergin on 087-2401708 or 01-7083478. Email:

[Moira.Bergin@scpm.ie](mailto:Moira.Bergin@scpm.ie) or you can contact Conor - the Parish Pastoral Worker.

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

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### DO THIS IN MEMORY...

Next weekend is dedicated to the Parish Preparation programme for First Penance and First Holy Communion and we look forward to welcoming, in a special way, all the girls and boys who are preparing for these sacraments together with their families.

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### “THE MAIDEN AUNT”

The play *"The Maiden Aunt"* will be showing in Mel's pub Narraghmore on Thursday the 24<sup>th</sup> and Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January at 8pm. Tickets can be purchased at the door and proceeds from the play will go back into the community and the new community shop.

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### SICK & HOUSEBOUND PARISHIONERS

Do you have a relative or neighbour who is sick at home or housebound and who might benefit from a visit from the Pastoral Worker or would just like to receive Holy Communion? If so please contact Conor - *details overleaf*.

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### FANCY A CUPPA?

Don't forget that the PIERS COMMUNITY



CAFÉ is open in the old Post Office in Moone.

Café opening hours are: Monday to Friday 9am -

1pm. Friday: 2pm - 4pm and Sunday: 11am - 1pm.

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### 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 McMahan 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.

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### 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 18<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup>.

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.*

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#### 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<sup>th</sup> January 10am - 4pm & Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> Jan @ 7-8pm or Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Jan @ 9:30am-3pm. Any questions, please call Rachel on 089-2164380

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#### THE PRIORY INSTITUTE:

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

For more information on our courses contact us by email: [enquiries@prioryinstitute.com](mailto:enquiries@prioryinstitute.com)

Phone: (0)1 404 8125  
or [www.prioryinstitute.com](http://www.prioryinstitute.com)

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#### OVERVIEW OF LOSS AND BEREAVEMENT WORKSHOP

in the Irish Hospice Foundation on the Thursday, 31<sup>st</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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.

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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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#### PARISH SECRETARIES

BER MURPHY & TRISH HOLLIGAN - .

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

S.s. Mary & Laurence Church, Crookstown, TEL: 059 8623154. Email:

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#### PRAYER FOR PROVIDENCE

Lord, it is always so easy  
To look for more  
To search behind another door  
The endless need to satisfy  
As days and months and years pass  
by

But sometimes we need courage to stop  
Count our blessings  
Store life's lessons  
In the sacred hold of our hearts.

Remove the scales from distant eyes  
That we might see  
And open wide  
Our cluttered hearts  
To offer praise

May we always be grateful  
For life Constant  
Renewing Each day with new surprise

For human goodness  
In kind tender words, Hands, Hearts,  
Smiles  
For colour  
Not only in earth & sky  
But in skin and precious eyes

Help us to see Your face  
In the face of all  
So that their eyes  
Can see into our hearts and know  
That we follow Your call

*The Hope Prayer - Liam Lawton, p. 234 (Adapted)*

**ANSWER:** Did you know that one of the best definitions of a sacrament is the one given by St Augustine in the fourth century: 'A Sacrament is an outward sign of an invisible reality.' What does that mean? Well it means that in just the same way that a wedding ring is an 'outward sign of [the] invisible reality' that a person is married, so too a Sacrament is an outward of the invisible reality that God has accomplished something in the person who celebrates/receives the sacrament. That is the key difference, a sacrament accomplishes something and is not merely a symbol in the same way that wearing a wedding ring is 'just' a symbol. A wedding ring does not make a person married, it merely symbolises it to the world, while a sacrament accomplishes what it signifies.