

# PARISHES OF NARRAGHMORE & MOONE

*The Faith Communities of:*



*Ballymount, Crookstown, Kilmead & Moone.*

Bulletin - 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - March 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> 2019

## MASS INTENTIONS

### SUNDAY

**BALLYMOUNT** - James Ryan (A)

**CROOKSTOWN** - Pat Walsh (1st A) Bill Martin (M.M.) Patrick Doyle (A) John Dempsey - Inchaquire (A)

### KILMEAD -

**MOONE** - James Martin - Backmoone Stephen Timmons (A) John Joe Mahon (A) Ned Whelan – Burtown Mary & Michael Whelan – Bert, Athy Mary & William Lawler – Bert, Athy Margaret Ryan - Bert Jennie & John Piggott (A) and their daughter Ann Recently deceased Margaret Green – Norwich, England

### WEEKDAY

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

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**Question:** Why do we call the forty days before Easter Lent?

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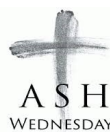


**CONGRATULATIONS** to the girls & boys from St Ita's NS who were confirmed in St Ita's church last Wednesday by Bishop Eamonn Walsh. Bishop Eamonn gave us all a new word on Wednesday when he told the newly confirmed that they are now called *CONFIRMATI*. Even Fr Liam admitted to not having heard that word before. Bishop Eamonn told the boys and girls

that when they were baptised they had put on the Christian Team Jersey but now that they are confirmed they have been called to play for the first time on the first team. He encouraged the 'Confirmati' to use their gifts and not to be afraid. Referring to the Gospel 'I have come to give sight to the blind' he said that they are none so blind as those who will not see. He asked the boys and girls not to look away from issues like homelessness but to use their gifts to make whatever difference they could; 'use the [confirmation] anointing to choose to act'.

Bishop Eamonn also pointed out that we can be blind to our own 'blind spots' like throwing away a plastic bottle without thinking about it or considering the harm it can do. He went on to say, quoting Pope Francis, *'that there will soon be more plastic bottles than fish in the sea.'* He also encouraged them to use the gifts of Wisdom and Right Judgement to think through the consequences of their actions, particularly around the area of drugs and alcohol. Finally at the sign of Peace Bishop Eamonn gave the 'Confirmati' their first job: if there is someone who are fighting with in school make it up with them before you finish school and move on to secondary.

Words that we can all find something in.  
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### MASS SCHEDULE:

There will be mass on Ash Wednesday (March 6<sup>th</sup>) in Kilmead, Crookstown & Moone. Kilmead 10am - St Ita's NS will join the congregation. There will also be mass in Moone at 10am and in Crookstown at 9.30am. Ashes will be distributed at each of these masses.

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### "COME AWAY TO A QUIET PLACE..."

TODAY March 3<sup>rd</sup> the first Sunday of the month, there will be a Holy Hour with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction from 4-5pm in Moone church. Everyone is welcome.

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### LÁ FHÉILE PÁDRAIG.



To celebrate our culture, there will be 10 minutes of traditional Irish music before Mass on St. Patrick's Day in St Ita's church in Kilmead. If you know of people who play fiddle/ flute/ concertina etc contact Joan on 087-6976810. Also the choir would love to see new members especially for Lá Fhéile Pádraig.

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### FAITHFEST 14.

#### CALLING ALL SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS

Faithfest is a fun faith event that takes place twice a year. It is for all young people who are currently attending secondary school.

The structure is very simple: there is food, music, prayer, workshops, and lots of fun.

The workshop themes are: Personal Development, Social Justice, Music and Meditation. Each participant chooses two from the four workshops. This time there is a group of approximately 14 young people, and we have room for more, from the Athy Grouping of Parishes going.

It takes place on Friday March 8<sup>th</sup> in Clonliffe College, Dublin from 6-30pm – 9.30pm A free bus will be going from Athy. If you (or your daughter or son) would like to attend they must register with Conor no later than Monday March 4<sup>th</sup> contact details are overleaf.

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**DO THIS IN MEMORY**

Next Sunday is the next mass in our parish preparation programme for First Holy Communion. We look forward to seeing all the girls and boys who are preparing to receive Holy Communion, together with their families next weekend.

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**PARISH VOLUNTEERS & GDPR**

Many parish volunteers have already returned the GDPR forms, thank you to those who have. To all those who have we have now posted a letter and form in relation to Garda Vetting. The enclosed letter explains all that is required re:

Garda Vetting but if you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Fr Liam in the first instance or Conor the Parish Pastoral Worker.

If you have not received a GDPR form please contact either Conor. Many thanks for your cooperation.

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**TRACING YOUR FAMILY TREE**

Mario Corrigan will be tracing Family Trees straight off the Internet in THE TANYARD, Ballitore on Monday March 4<sup>th</sup> from 7.30. It's the March Event by The South Kildare heritage & History Group. He will go through, in detail, how you, yourself can do this 'on line' using the information that is now available at the click of a Google switch.

All Births, Deaths and Marriages are available but there are many other sources that he will show you how they fit in as you search the years before you were born. Maybe you, like Ryan Tubridy, will trace your Family Tree back to British Royalty.. if that is what turns you on!. Come and learn the system, Tanyard - Ballitore at 7.30, Monday March 4<sup>th</sup>. Come early before the crowd!. Tea, Gourmet Coffee, Bickies and a Chat about almost anything.

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**ST LAURENCE'S NS - CROOKSTOWN**

Enrolment is now open for this September. For further information or to register your daughter or son, please contact Rosie on 059-8623333

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**MAYNOOTH COLLEGE LECTURE:**

David Hollenback, S.J., of the Berkely Centre for Religion and Peace and

World Affairs, Georgetown University will speak on *Human Rights in Catholic School Thought: A Living Tradition and Some Urgent Challenges today*. Lecture takes place on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March in the Loftus Halls, Maynooth College at 7.30pm. **RSVP: [specialevents@spcm.ie](mailto:specialevents@spcm.ie)**

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**K LEISURE - ATHY**

**AQUA AEROBICS FOR THOSE WITH ARTHRITIS.**

A six week class for people with arthritis starts in K Leisure Athy on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February at 12 noon. Cost €5 per session. No booking necessary.

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**CROOKSTOWN/BALLYMOUNT MONTHLY PARISH LOTTO - JANUARY RESULTS:**

**Numbers 6-7-23.**

**€20 winners:**

Pat Mackey c/o M. Cullen

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Anne O'Reilly c/o M. Cullen

Sheamús Byrne c/o Nancy Dowling

Michael Finnegan c/o Nancy Dowling

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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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**LENT: SPRINGTIME OF THE SPIRIT**

Each year the tree gives us a lesson in renewal.

First the bud, then the blossom and finally the shoot.

Spring dresses the trees in a new robe and makes them look young again.

But this is possible only because in autumn

they let go of their old leaves, and in between endure a time of nakedness.

Lent is in the springtime of the spirit.

Lord, help us not to be afraid to let go of old habits,

and to face our spiritual poverty, in order that you may renew us, and so at Easter

we will feel young again in our discipleship.

*Flor McCarthy*

**ANSWER:** Did you know that the word Lent is an very old word for Spring? In fact spring replaced Lent for the season between Winter nad Summer when Lent began to be used in the Christian sense. So although Lent is seen as a penitential time it is also seen as a time of renewal and growth in our spiritual life, a spring time of the soul. How will nurture your soul this Lenten Spring time?