PARISHES OF NARRAGHMORE & MOONE

The Faith Communities of:



MASS INTENTIONS SATURDAY & SUNDAY

BALLYMOUNT -

CROOKSTOWN - Kathleen Ann Leigh -Baronsland (Birthday Rem), Peg Deay, Jack Deay, Patrick (Pat) Behan -Calverstown (M.M), Anthony Lawler (A) and deceased members of Lawler family, Paddy Foley - Backmoone (A)

KILMEAD - Martin Miley (15th A.)

MOONE - Marie Saved (née) Martin – Back Moone (A), William (Bill) Kenny - Castledermot (A), Mannion family -Grangenolvin

WEEKDAY

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

MASS IN KILMEAD

Mass in Kilmead on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 10am. *******





Question: If you look closely at the Paschal Candle you will see that there are 5 gold coloured studs at the points and in the center of the cross on the candle.

What do they represent and what do they contain?

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Next Saturday, May 11th the girls and boys from 2nd class in St Ita's NS Kilmead will receive Holy Communion for the first time. This is a special day in the life of these boys and girls, their families and the wider parish community. Please remember them all in your prayers. *******

LOUGH DERG One Day Retreats begin on Saturday 4th May. Why not take some time and space on Lough Derg personally or as a parish group this May? A new event for those who serve in lay parish ministry, is our Parish Ministry Day

Saturday 18th May. Booking essential. Tel: 071-9861518. Email: info@loughderg.org or

www.loughderg.org ******

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FUNDRAISER.

VENUE: Newbridge Greyhound Stadium, Newbridge, Co. Kildare

DATE: Friday May 31st 2019

DOORS OPEN at 7.00pm - First Race 8.00pm

TICKETS: €20 (includes entry to Dog Track & Draw)

PRIZES: 1st PRIZE €1000 2nd PRIZE €500 PLUS 10 x €50 PRIZES Tickets available from the Parish Office in Crookstown and after mass in each of the churches. TEL: 059 8623154

YOUR SUPPORT IS GREATLY APPRECIATED.

COSTAL ROSARY IRELAND

Each day in May 2019, thousands of people from all around Ireland will gather at their local Grottos to recite the Rosary for Faith and Life in Ireland. To sign up your local Grotto, text/call 087 278 6552 or at coastalrosaryireland.ie

THE IRISH HOSPICE FOUNDATION is hosting a workshop on Prolonged Grief Disorder (PGD) on Thursday, 16th May from 9.15am - 4.15pm in the Irish Hospice Foundation, Bereavement Education & Resource Centre, Morrison Chambers, 4th Floor, 32 Nassau Street, Dublin 2. Presented by Dr Susan Delaney, Clinical Psychologist and mindfulness teacher. She is the bereavement services consultant with the Irish Hospice Foundation Fee €100 (1-day workshop) includes light lunch/tea and coffee. If you would like to book or have any queries phone: 01 6793188 - alternatively bookings can be made on the following link https://hospicefoundation.ie/ education-training/bereavement-training/ workshops/

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

'Launch out into the deep' (Lk. 5:1-11) Is the theme of the NATIONAL CHARISMATIC RENEWAL Conference to be held in the RDS Concert Hall, Saturday June 22nd from 10am. Tickets €20 for the day. Further information available from: Sr Bridget Dunne Tel 021-4251100 or email nscireland1@gmail.com

The Marie Keating Foundation are taking on their annual trip to the Camino this September 7th to 14th. This a journey of a lifetime as we walk **La Vía de la Plata** route to the tomb of St. James in Santiago De Compostela. The cost of the trip is €2,100 per person

which will include: Flights, Accommodation, breakfast and evening meal, guide, transfers to and from the

airport and a 20kg bag which will be transported from hotel to hotel each day. We will walk approximately 20km per day, on route to the tomb of St. James in Santiago De Compostela. Further info available from Fiona at 01-

6283728 or mariekeating.ie/camino

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

World Day of Prayer for vocations will be observed on Sunday, May 12th, 2019, also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday." The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfil the Lord's instruction to,

"Pray the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to

the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life. We also pray that all the baptised will realise their vocation to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ in their everyday, ordinary lives and by their service to the wider community. Vocation is not restricted to the Ordained or Consecrated.

CROOKSTOWN/BALLYMOUNT MONTHLY PARISH LOTTO - APRIL RESULTS: Numbers 13-17-33.

€20 winners:

Violet Allan c/o M. Cullen Rosarie Mackey c/o A Callaghan Anne Kelly B'mount c/o M. Cullen Daisy O'Connell c/o M Doyle Louis, Eyton Byrne c/o M.Cullen **********

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.

THE PARISH TEAM:

FR LIAM RIGNEY PP - 087-2607377; Email: liamrigney@eircom.net FR TIM HANNON CC - 059-8631698

FR FRANCIS MCCARTHY CC - 087-6978143

CONOR MCCANN - Parish Pastoral Worker - Narraghmore & Moone 086-7905654. Email:

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NATASHA GEOGHEGAN - Parish Pastoral Worker - Athy & Barrowhouse 087-6730300. Email: natashsa.curran@dublindiocese.ie

PARISH SECRETARIES

BER MURPHY & TRISH HOLLIGAN - . Mon, Tue, Wed & Fri 10am - 4pm. S.s. Mary & Laurence Church, Crookstown, TEL: 059 8623154. *Email: stlaurenceschurch@gmail.com* **********

An Easter Poem

If you were not risen, Lord Christ, to whom would we go to discover a radiance of the face of God.

If you were not risen, we would not be together seeking your communion. We would not find in your presence forgiveness, wellsprings of a new beginning.

If you were not risen, where would we draw the energy for following you right to the end of our existence, for choosing you again and anew? *Brother Roger of Taizé*

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

As is always the case the Gospel reading today offers us a message of great hope. Hope rooted in the mercy and forgiveness of God, no matter what we have done.

The teaching of the Church on hell is not that we are sent there, but rather that we choose it for ourselves by our actions in life.

Hell is best understood in terms of a Party; you are invited to the best party you can imagine (Heaven) but you choose not to go. You then spend the whole time with your nose pressed to the glass, or trying to see over the wall to where all your friends are having the

best time imaginable (Hell). Perhaps the most serious cause of us choosing hell would be to deny that God exists or to deny that you know or love Him. Just like Peter did on Holy Thursday.

And yet in today's Gospel we see Jesus giving Peter the opportunity, despite his earlier denials, to proclaim his love for

Jesus. Once Peter has three times proclaimed his love for Jesus, thereby undoing his threefold denial, he is then invited once again to be a follower of Jesus and not only that, but is given the task of minding and feeding the 'sheep' of Jesus' flock.

So you see, God's mercy and forgiveness know no bounds. There is nothing that we can do, not even denying God publicly, that excludes us from being the beneficiary of God's great mercy.

Answer: Did you know that the 5 gold coloured studs at the points of the cross and in the centre represent the 5 wounds of Christ on the cross and that they contain grains of incense? Why incense? Because it represents the aromatic spices that were used to anoint the Body of Christ as He was laid in the tomb.

The Paschal candle itself is deeply symbolic: It is made from pure beeswax, symbolising the sinlessness of Christ. The wick symbolises His humanity and the flame - His divine nature.