

PARISHES OF NARRAGHMORE & MOONE

The Faith Communities of:



Ballymount. Crookstown. Kilmead & Moone.

Bulletin - 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time - September 7th/8th 2019

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY & SUNDAY

BALLYMOUNT - Matthew Doyle – Blackrath (A)

CROOKSTOWN - Patrick Chambers, Eileen Hickey (30th A)

KILMEAD - Jimmy Behan (A), Molly King (A), Pat King (A), John King (A), J.J. O'Neill Law (A).

MOONE - Paddy Byrne (M.M.)

WEEKDAY

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



Question: Whose birthday does the Church usually celebrate on September 8th?

POPE'S INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER The Protection of the Oceans

That politicians, scientists and economists work together to protect the world's seas and oceans.

CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME

In his encyclical on the environment, **LAUDATO SI** (*Praise be to You*), Pope Francis refers to the earth as our Common Home, and exhorts us to care for our common home just as we would our house.

With a view to making the teaching in *Laudato Si* more tangible there will be a feature in our Parish Bulletin each week with a practical tip/suggestion as to how we might work to preserve our common home for future, and current, generations.

If you have any tips or suggestions of things that you do and you would like to share with the parish, then please feel free to email them to Conor, the Parish

Pastoral Worker (*contact details overleaf*), for inclusion in this section. This week we will begin with two tips.

1. Give praise and thanks to God for the gift of our planet. The next time you are outside thank God for the wind on your face, for the streams and rivers, for the crops, for the animals, for the sun, the clouds, the trees, for the rain that causes everything to grow. If we make a habit of this we begin to see the planet in a new light.

2. Don't fill the kettle if you don't need to, boil only the amount of water you need to make a cuppa. This serves two purposes: it saves water and electricity and it cuts down the wait time for the water to boil.

WELCOME TO ROBERT WHITE - NEW SCHOOL PRINCIPAL IN KILMEAD

My name is Robert White and I am very happy and honoured to have been selected as the new principal of Scoil Íde Naofa.

I am originally from Cashel in Co. Tipperary and have been teaching since 2003. I was, previous to this appointment, the teaching principal of Moycarkey N.S. just outside

Thurles for 8 ½ years having taught there for 14 ½ years in total and most recently I was the teaching principal of Scoil Naomh Gabriel in Kilconnell, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.

Outside of work I am a keen sportsman having grown up playing hurling, football, soccer and tennis in particular and I am still playing hurling and football with my home club Cashel King Cormacs. Over the years I have taken part in amateur dramatics and choirs also.

I consider my job to be one of the most important there is and the example I set can have a lasting impact on your children as they grow

and develop into their own people. I will spend a lot of time getting to know your children's personalities, learning styles and interests. I will celebrate their successes, large and small. I will encourage them everyday and will let them know they are valued and have a special place in our school community. My goal is to ensure the children are happy, healthy and safe so that they can achieve to their own individual fullest potential.

I look forward to meeting and working with everyone as the year goes on and I wish everyone a happy, healthy and successful school year ahead.

We welcome Mr. White to our community and we wish him every blessing and many happy years.

HEALTHY BODY - HEALTHY MIND

Are you looking to take the first steps to a fitter, healthier you? Ever thought it would be great to have a personal trainer if only you could afford it? Well now you can. Beginning **WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 11TH** from 10:30 – 11:30 in the Moone Parish Hall for 6 weeks, there is a Physiotherapist led exercise class for all ages and abilities. No need to book, simply come along and take those first steps to a fitter healthier you.

CROOKSTOWN/BALLYMOUNT MONTHLY PARISH LOTTO - MARCH RESULTS:



Numbers **18-28-40.**

€20 winners:

Pat Mackey c/o M. Cullen
Marie Lawler c/o M. Cullen

Maureen Cullen c/o M. Cullen
Nancy Dowling /o N Dowling
Martin Heydon c/o M. Doyle
NEXT MONTH'S JACKPOT: €2,000

WORLD SUICIDE PREVENTION DAY
Tuesday September 10th is WORLD
SUICIDE PREVENTION DAY.

A mass for world suicide prevention day
is taking place on TUESDAY 10TH
SEPTEMBER AT 7.30PM in St Michael's
church in Athy.

If you know someone who is struggling
with life, reach out, call, send a text or
phone them. Let them know that you are
thinking of them and that they are not
alone, perhaps invite them and accompany
them to the mass.

Some helpful phone numbers:

SAMARITANS KILDARE: 116-123 (Free
from any phone 24 hours a day)

AWARE HELPLINE: 1800 80 48 48 (Free
phone number 10am—10pm).

Alternatively talk to a relative, neighbour,
friend or any member of the parish team.

PARISH OFFICE - OPENING HOURS

Due to staff holidays the Parish
Office in Crookstown will open on a
reduced schedule for the next two
weeks. The office will be open on
MONDAY & FRIDAY ONLY from
9.30am - 1.30pm. We apologise for
any inconvenience caused.

NEW CHOIR IN CASTLEDERMOT

It is hoped to establish a choir to sing
Gregorian Chant and
Latin hymns in
Castledermot
Church at 7.00pm
Mass on the 2nd
Saturday of every
month. If you would

like to help in forming this choir please
contact Fr. Aidan Kieran 087-6397744
by phone, text or WhatsApp

HEALING MASS - ALLIANCE OF MERCY

Friday September 13th @ 7:30pm
followed by Adoration. St Bernadette's
Church, Clogher Road, Crumlin D12
NX05.

Presider: Fr Antonello Cadeddu & Fr
Enrico Porcu founders of Alliance of
Mercy from Brazil.

**DUBLIN DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO
LOURDES**

Please pray for all the pilgrims who
have gone from our diocese to Lourdes.
We remember in particular the sick,

those with special needs and especially
those who will care for them. We pray
that it will a time of healing and renewal
and that we all be blessed by their
pilgrimage.

**PRE- C- - - - - S PARTY BREAK.
ACTIVE RETIRED.**

South Kildare Active Retired are
organising a Pre-(*that word beginning
with 'C' that we cannot possibly mention
in September*) 5 night Tinsel & Turkey
Break in The Sligo Southern Hotel from
24th to 29th of November. It will include

Dinner Bed and Breakfast, Nightly
Entertainment, all for €239 per person
sharing or €10 per night extra for a single.

As it is for Active Retired you can use
your free travel pass, if you are not going
by car. The train goes from Maynooth
and Kathleen is arranging a Special Coach
from Moone to Maynooth Station on
Sunday 24th and back on the Thursday for
a small additional charge, it depends on
how many avail of this service. You
would need to ring Kathleen ASAP if you
would like to join the pre-C- - - - - S
Party. Find Kathleen at 087-4122079.

South Kildare Active Retired serves the
residents of Villages and areas, between
Castledermot and Kilcullen

**FUNCTION TO MARK THE RETIREMENT OF
ED KIRWAN**

Parents Assoc of St Ita's Kilmead are
organising a function in Athy Golf Club
on Saturday 14th September to mark the
retirement of Mr. Ed Kirwan. Tickets at
€15 can be purchased from any member of
the Parents Association, from the School
or are available after mass in Kilmead.

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.

Holy Hour - Wednesday 7.00pm

MOONE:

Sunday 12noon. Holy Day: 11am

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

THE PARISH TEAM:

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NATASHA GEOGHEGAN - Parish Pastoral
Worker - Athy & Barrowhouse
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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:
stlaurenceschurch@gmail.com

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

The chipmunk and the cat.

A priest recounts how he observed a cat
seeing a chipmunk dart into a hole in a
tree. He watched as the cat eyed that hole
for a long time, with its eyes rarely
leaving it. He was amazed how its
attention was engaged by the hole in the
hope that it would be given a free lunch.
But, alas, he saw the chipmunk emerge
from another hole and scamper off, with
the cat eventually tiring of the vigil and
wandering off.

Almost all living things have to learn to be
attentive in order to seize the moment, the
day or even a chipmunk! We humans,
however, tend to be somewhat lax when it
comes to paying close attention, and we
are easily distracted. Christian life invites
us to see our surroundings and our
neighbours both deeply and clearly. We
are invited to see life as God sees it.
The Lord has indeed come, and our efforts
at seeing will find Him in the most
unlikely people and events, and maybe,
even, in how a chipmunk outsmarted a
cat!

ANSWER: Did you know that the
Church usually celebrates the birthday
of Mary the Mother of God on
September 8th. The Feast day is called
the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin
Mary. It is a feast day that is celebrated
with joy. There is an antiphon from the
Morning Prayer of the Church which
catches this theme very well: "*Your
birth, O Virgin Mother of God,
announced joy to the whole world, for
from you has risen the Sun of Justice,
Christ our God. He released us from
the ancient curse and made us blessed;
he destroyed death and gave us eternal
life.*"

So today we give thanks to God for the
Mary and her 'yes' that allowed Jesus
to be born. The feast day is not
celebrated liturgically this year as the
celebration of the Sunday liturgy takes
precedence.