

PARISHES OF NARRAGHMORE & MOONE

The Faith Communities of:



Ballymount, Crookstown, Kilmead & Moone

Bulletin - 2nd Sunday in Lent - March 8th 2020

MASS INTENTIONS SATURDAY & SUNDAY

BALLYMOUNT 8.30AM -

CROOKSTOWN 7PM - Patrick (Pat) Leigh (M.M.), Eileen & Harry Ghent - Narraghmore (A), Michael Mooney (A), Daisy (Jane) Rooney (1stA), John Wright - Ballytore, Willie Doyle - Mullaghmast (A), Bridget & Thomas Doyle (A), Edward (Ned) Behan (A), John Dempsey - Inchaquire (A).

KILMEAD 10.30AM -

MOONE 12 noon - James Martin - Back Moone (A), Bridie & Michael Byrne and their son D.C., Doreen Pierce - Back Moone (M.M.), Elizabeth (Babs) Byrne (A), Edward Whelan (14th A), Tom Vaughan - Glasnevin (1st A)

WEEKDAY

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

POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR MARCH

CATHOLICS IN CHINA

We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity

CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME

Become Plastic aware.

Buy loose fruit, leave some of the packaging with your supermarket who will see that it is properly recycled. Where you have the option buy things wrapped in cardboard/paper not plastic. Cut down as much as you can.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2020

What a wonderfully busy week in our parishes. We welcomed Bishop Eamonn Walsh to this part of the Diocese on three occasions this week to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation.



Bishop Eamonn brought his usual, friendly, accessible and easy to listen to style to the celebrations and there was more than one outbreak of spontaneous laughter.

He began by setting the scene for everyone present and spoke to us briefly about something Gandhi once said, which he then issued as a challenge to the young people being confirmed. Bishop Eamonn said: Gandhi said "if you Christians took your Christ seriously then the whole world would be Christian." He challenged the young people to make this a reality. He pointed out that for too long the Church had focused on rules and "made nearly everything a sin". He then issued a second challenge; *"to be your best self."* He said that the secret to happiness is to be happy with yourself just as you are. You are made to measure and do not need to change. He encouraged us to put on God's glasses. To emphasise this point he even, briefly, swapped glasses with either one of the candidates or one of the altar servers.

To see ourselves and others as God sees, he told us to use the 'God Filter'. Just as we might use a 'filter' to alter a photograph, so too we should use the God filter to alter how we see the world. #*God Filter* was inscribed on a wrist band that the Bishop gave to each of the newly confirmed, reminding them to look at people as God looks. To use the gifts of the Holy Spirit as a help 'to be your best you.' Although Bishop Eamonn is retired we sincerely hope that it will not be the last time we welcome him to our parishes to celebrate the sacraments with us.

WHAT HAVE YOU TAKEN UP SOMETHING FOR LENT?

Why not give this a try?
Adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament after the 9.30am mass in Church of Ss Mary & Laurence - Crookstown, for one hour on the Friday's during Lent.



10TH ANNUAL MOONE ROAD RUN

which takes place on Sunday April 12th - Easter Sunday - from Moone Church. Classes for Tractors, cars trucks and motorcycles. Gather from 11am onwards.

LENTEN PRAYER NIGHTS

A TIME OF QUIET, PRAYER & REFLECTION

Beginning at 7:30pm

MARCH 4TH

St Michael's Church, Athy

MARCH 11TH

St Ita's Church, Kilmead

MARCH 18TH

Church of Ss Mary & Laurence, Crookstown

MARCH 25TH

Church of the Assumption, Castledermot

APRIL 1ST

*Church of The Most Blessed Trinity, Moone
(Refreshments in Moone Parish Hall afterwards)*

Please Note that there will be no newsletter for the next two weeks.

CATHOLIC MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

A Marriage Enrichment Weekend offers married couples of all ages, time away from the busyness of life to refresh their love for one another. The next (residential) Weekends (Fri 8 pm to Sun 4 pm) will be held at The International Hotel, Cork (City) from 3rd to 5th Apr 2020 and at the Dromantine Conference Centre, Newry from 1st to 3rd May 2020.

For information and to book, visit www.marriageencounter.ie or Ph: 087-216 2436[RoI] or 0770 281 2321 [NI]

ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE AT ST PATRICK'S WELL GLASSLEY

ST PATRICK'S DAY 3PM

ST. PATRICK'S WELL - GLASSLEY

COVID 19 - HSE ADVICE.

Please be advised that in order to prevent the spread of Covid 19 (Coronavirus) the following measures are in place:

There will be no shaking hands at the sign of peace.

Please only receive Holy Communion on the hand and not on the tongue.

Also avoid using Holy Water fonts.

This is the advice that we have at the moment and may change as this illness develops.

Most importantly please pray for protection during this time. Psalm 91 is a Psalm of protection and a relevant section of the Psalm is given below.

Follow this advice from the HSE to protect yourself and others from coronavirus.

Do

- Wash your hands properly and often
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve when you cough and sneeze.
- Put used tissues into a bin and wash your hands.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Try to avoid close contact with people who are not well.
- Follow the travel advice from the Department of Foreign Affairs

DON'T

- Do not touch your eyes, nose or mouth if your hands are not clean.
- Wash your hands
- You should wash your hands:
 - ◆ after coughing or sneezing
 - ◆ after toilet use
 - ◆ before eating
 - ◆ before and after preparing food
 - ◆ if you are in contact with a sick person, especially those with respiratory symptoms

- ◆ if your hands are dirty
- ◆ if you have handled animals or animal waste

FACE MASKS

Using masks is unlikely to be of any benefit if you are not sick.

Sick people will be advised by their doctor when to use a mask. Healthcare workers need masks and other personal protective equipment to protect them from infection during their work

More detailed information is available on: www2.hse.ie/conditions/coronavirus/protect-yourself.html

ST. ITA'S CHURCH KILMEAD

will be hosting a Fun Table Quiz & Social Night on **FRIDAY 20TH MARCH** in St.

Laurence's Complex at 9pm.

Table of 4 €40.

Hot food and sandwiches on the night.

All are welcome to a night that promises to be lots of fun!!!

ST PATRICK'S DAY



We are blessed to say that we have mass in Kilmead on St Patrick's Day at 10:30am.

There will be traditional music and song from about 10:10am in the church.

The full St Patrick's Day mass schedule is as follows:

MONDAY EVENING VIGIL MASS

St Michael's Athy - 6pm

Ss Mary & Laurence Crookstown - 7pm

TUESDAY - ST PATRICK'S DAY

St Joseph's Ballymount - 8:30am

St Mary's Barrowhouse - 9am

St Michael's Athy - 10:30am & 12noon

St Ita's Kilmead - 10:30am

Most Blessed Trinity Moone - 12noon

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.

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PARISH SECRETARIES

BER MURPHY & TRISH HOLLIGAN - .

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

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SERIOUSLY INFECTIOUS - PLEASE SPREAD!

Smiling Is Infectious by Spike Milligan

Smiling is infectious,
you catch it like the flu,
When someone smiled at me today,
I started smiling too.

I passed around the corner
and someone saw my grin.
When he smiled I realized
I'd passed it on to him.

I thought about that smile,
then I realized its worth.
A single smile, just like mine
could travel round the earth.
So, if you feel a smile begin,
don't leave it undetected.
Let's start an epidemic quick,
and get the world infected!

PSALM 91 - ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PROTECTION

- ¹ You who live in the shelter of the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,
- ² will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress;
my God, in whom I trust."
- ³ For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler
and from the deadly pestilence;
- ⁴ he will cover you with his pinions,
and under his wings you will find refuge;
his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.
- ⁵ You will not fear the terror of the night,
or the arrow that flies by day,
- ⁶ or the pestilence that stalks in darkness,
or the destruction that wastes at noonday.
- ⁷ A thousand may fall at your side,
ten thousand at your right hand,
but it will not come near you

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