

Parish Bulletin - 3rd Sunday of Easter - April 17th/18th 2021

MASS INTENTIONS SATURDAY & SUNDAY

BALLYMOUNT 8.30AM - No mass.

CROOKSTOWN 7PM - Anthony Lawler (A) his parents and his son Tony. Martina McDonnell (née Lavin) (A) *Recently Deceased:* Sr. Stanislas (Bridie) Doyle formerly of Portersize, internment in France. Sister of the late Paddy Doyle - Portersize

KILMEAD 10.30AM -

MOONE 12 noon - Mary Kavanagh -Hughestown (A) and deceased members of the Kavanagh family

WEEKDAY

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

POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR APRIL

Pope Francis urges everyone to pray during April for this intention. "Let us pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis, that they may see their sacrifice and their work bear abundant fruit."

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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.

 $\begin{array}{l} \textbf{GREAT NEWS} \text{ - The Old Hardware in} \\ \text{Narraghmore will reopen for Take Away} \\ \& \text{ Essential Items on Wednesday April} \\ & 28^{\text{th}} \end{array}. \end{array}$

WE'RE BACK Our last Parish Bulletin was March 8th 2020, just before our world turned upside down, but in this time of Easter Joy, this time of Hope and Peace, we are back. So much has changed in the intervening

time. We have twice had to celebrate Easter behind closed doors. We have had to learn new ways of doing things and more importantly, new ways of being Church, but we are still here, still proclaiming the Good News of Jesus. We have just celebrated Easter, and what beautiful celebrations we had. Thanks to everyone involved: our Ministers of the Word, Music Ministry (Singers/Cantors/ Musicians), our church care ministry, those who have decorated our churches so beautifully and filled them with the colours of Spring, our sacristans who have done great work this past year in adapting to our new reality.

But special mention must be made of our priests. They have kept us nourished, they have preached the message of hope, they have comforted and consoled the bereaved, they have administered the Sacraments in extremely difficult circumstances.

Praying the Mass to an empty church is not what they were ordained to do. They were ordained to gather the Body of Christ together, to be a focal point around which the Body gathers, to nourish and feed it. Perhaps in the coming days and weeks take a moment or two to offer a prayer for our priests, not just those in our parish, but all priests, and if you can perhaps say a word of thanks to them. They will of course deflect it, but they will also appreciate it. May GOD continue to bless us with good and faithful priests.

So much has changed over the past year.

We have to learn new ways of doing things. In March of last year most of us knew nothing of

Zoom, or Teams, or Live Streaming. Things have changed in our churches and Diocese too.

- We now have webcams in 4 of our churches.
- Thanks to a very generous sponsor Kilmead has a sound mixing desk enabling 4 socially distanced singers, to

sing in the Choir gallery.

• We have a new Archbishop - Dermot

Farrell, please keep him in your prayers.

- Pope Francis has instituted the Year of Saint Joseph and elevated Knock to an International Sanctuary of Special Eucharistic and Marian Devotion.
 - We have all become familiar with Spiritual Communion.
- We have launched a new Website for our parishes. And much, much more. ********

WE HAVE LIFTOFF!

HAVE A LOOK AT OUR NEW WEBSITE if you haven't seen it already. It contains lots of

useful information, and is the easiest way to join mass via our Webcams. On



the website our Ministers of the Word can now access the Mass Readings for each Sunday, which are published a week in advance. The daily readings are also available, as well as all the parish contact details and schedules for each church. Very soon we will have online registration for First Holy Communion and Confirmation. In addition there are all the current and back issues of the

Parish Newsletter. We will also be shortly adding a secure online donate

button to facilitate ease in making donations to church/parish collections. In the meantime don't forget that you can still drop in your parish envelopes to

the parish office or even consider signing up for a Standing Order, the parish secretary, or any member of the Parish Finance Committee will be happy to offer any assistance you might need.

DUBLIN DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK -

Online Adult & Family Pilgrimage.

The Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock will take place on *Saturday April* 24th with a programme of online

workshops from Our Lady of Victories

Church, Ballymun Road via webcam commencing at 11.50am. The workshop themes will include Challenge for Families, the Holy Spirit and St Joseph & the apparition.

From 2.30pm, we will switch to the Knock Shrine webcam for the rosary, the Pilgrimage Mass at 3pm and opportunity for quiet time in the Apparition Chapel.

More details to follow next week.

Last month, Pope Francis elevated Knock to an International Sanctuary of Special Eucharistic and Marian Devotion, placing it at the same level as Lourdes and Fatima. We look forward to welcoming you on our virtual pilgrimage which we hope will be a moment of inspiration and encouragement for our Archdiocese at such challenging time for so many

people. *******

Trócaire needs your support.



If you haven't yet returned your Trócaire box now is the time. If you didn't have a Trócaire box but would like to support their vital work you can

make an online donation at: https:// www.trocaire.org/donations/now/

PENTECOST PREPARATION PROGRAMME

The parishes of Old Bawn and Bohernabreena will host a home based programme in preparation for the Feast of Pentecost. It follows the daily inspirational thoughts from LIVING WORDS (https://www.jesuit.ie/news/ inspiration-and-guidance-for-faithcommunities/) A weekly video clip is also available

A weekly video clip is also available through geraldine.massey@gmail.com. The programme leads to a rich

awareness of the Holy Spirit in our lives. For more information **01 4510160 or 01**

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TEEN HOPE CONNECTED is a weekly Youth Group. It takes place every **Wednesday 6-7pm** via Zoom. Join us for fun, exploring faith and life with other Teens through small group discussions, top class games and prayer. If you are interested in joining, please email: kirsten.mahon@dublindiocese.ie

THE YOUNG CHURCH Dublin invite you to join our connected group for Young Adults (20's 30's) We meet online every
Wednesday, from 8.00-9.00pm for some time of fellowship, reflection on Scripture and prayer together. It provides an opportunity to connect in with other young adults in a community of faith. For more

information please email: kirsten.mahon@dublindiocese.ie *******

EASTER HOLY WATER

Holy water that has been blessed at the Easter Vigil or on Easter day is available in Crookstown, Moone & Kilmead. Please bring your own container

MASS TIMES: BALLYMOUNT: No Mass at present CROOKSTOWN: Saturday 7pm (Vigil) Wednesday & Friday: 9.30am KILMEAD: Sunday 10.30am Mass is celebrated most weekdays at 10am but is subject to change or cancellation without notice. MOONE: Sunday 12noon. Holy Day: 11am

THE PARISH TEAM: FR LIAM RIGNEY PP - 087-2607377; Email: liamrigney@eircom.net Fr Tim Hannon CC - 059-863 0704 Fr Francis McCarthy CC - 087-6978143

CONOR MCCANN - Parish Pastoral Worker - Narraghmore & Moone 086-7905654. Email: conor.mccann@dublindiocese.ie

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natashsa.curran@dublindiocese.ie Parish secretaries

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

POPE FRANCIS'S PRAYER FOR THE YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer



Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy

and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.