

The Faith Communities of:



Ballymount, Crookstown, Kilmead & Moone

Parish Bulletin - 4th Sunday of Easter - April 24th/25th 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), Philomena & John Creagh – Ballytore (A), Jim Butterfield – Ballytore (A), Declan King (3rd A), Martin Ging (1st A), Maisie Dowling (A), Mary Harrington (1st A), John Corcoran (A), Paddy Foley - Back Moone (A) Johnny Doyle (M.M.)

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 - Patrick & Lucy Kenny – Ballinacarrig (A), Thomas Dunne – Timolin (A), Jim Roice (1st A), Philomena O’Connell (A)

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.”

EASTER HOLY WATER

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



Today we celebrate **GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY**. A day of prayer within the Universal Church for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

I find that language difficult, Praying for Vocations. It is not because I have any difficulty in praying for Vocations, but I feel that it is not Vocations that we need to pray for, rather we should pray that young men will respond to the constant call that GOD issues to ‘tend my sheep’.

GOD has promised that *“I will give shepherds after My own heart [in the final time], who will feed you with knowledge and understanding and judgment.” Jer.3:15.*

So you see, GOD has promised us shepherds, GOD has promised that HE will always call men to shepherd HIS flock and GOD keeps HIS promises. Yet the question remains: *‘Where are they?’* The only answer that seems to make sense is that, although GOD is calling, people are not responding. So today, as well as praying for Vocations, let us also pray that people will hear that call, that *‘Vocare’* the Latin word meaning a summons or a call or perhaps an invitation, to be a shepherd after the heart of GOD, to be willing to lay down their life for the flock.

It is worth noting that when a man is to be ordained, just before the ordaining bishop lays hands on him, he, the man to be ordained, lies down, or prostrates himself, in a symbolic act of dying to self in the service of others. A richly symbolic gesture indicating that the shepherd is willing to lay down his life for the Lord’s flock, that he is not merely a hired man but a true shepherd. Indeed, this same symbolic gesture is repeated by the priest on Good Friday, uniting his sacrifice with that of Christ.

“Father, inspire in those whom YOU summon a generosity of heart to respond to YOUR invitation to look after YOUR sheep.”

LAUNCH OF TASK FORCE: BUILDING HOPE

Archbishop Dermot Farrell has attended the first meeting of the Task Force on a Church for the Dublin Archdiocese of Tomorrow which he has established under the title, **BUILDING HOPE**.

The Task Force is chaired by Very Rev Monsignor Ciaran O’Carroll, Episcopal Vicar for Clergy and Administrator of Donnybrook Parish.

Speaking to the members at the first meeting, Archbishop Farrell said: ‘I am

THE YEAR OF ST JOSEPH.

We are pleased to announce that we have recently launched a page on our parish website dedicated to the **YEAR OF ST JOSEPH**. Please, have a look at it, there is some really interesting material there about St Joseph and you can also read Pope Francis’ letter inaugurating this special year.

GREAT NEWS - The Old Hardware in Narraghmore will reopen for Take Away & Essential Items on Wednesday April 28th.

very pleased that the Task Force reflects the diversity of the Archdiocese of Dublin, in terms of geography, expertise and the balance between lay and clerical, and male and female members. The dialogue within the Task Force will stimulate engagement with the whole diocesan family and shape an inclusive approach to a pastoral strategy appropriate to our times.'

The Archbishop said that the terms of reference which he has given to the Task Force begin with an assessment of the needs of the people of the Archdiocese emerging from COVID-19. He expects its work to support parish communities to undertake a radical renewal, looking to the future with creativity. The Archbishop stressed his expectation that the Task Force will enable the Archdiocese of Dublin to act now, so as to give effective witness and service in the years ahead.

Please keep the work of the Task Force in your prayers. Fr Liam is a member of the Task Force.

COVID-19 SUPPORT LINE FOR OLDER PEOPLE

ALONE, the national organisation that supports and empowers older people to age happily and securely at home, manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to COVID-19. Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary.

The support line is open seven days a week, **8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.**

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/>



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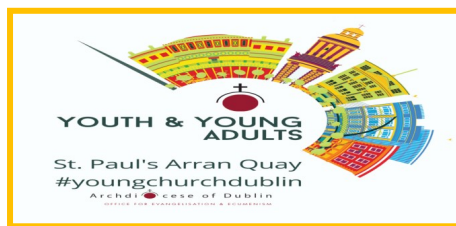
PENTECOST PREPARATION PROGRAMME

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-faith->

communities/)

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 4141838.**



TEEN HOPE CONNECTED is a weekly Youth Group. It takes place every **Wednesday 6-7pm** via Zoom. We are starting a new **3 Week Series on Prayer on Wednesdays from 6pm – 7pm.** It starts on 21st April and continues April 28th and May 5th followed by a 'Games Night' on Wednesday 12th May. Expect some fun, exploring of faith and life, small group discussions, some top class games, and prayer. To register for this youth group you will need to **complete the online parental consent form.**

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 more information please email:

kirsten.mahon@dublindiocese.ie

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:

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THE PARISH OFFICE is contactable by phone or email for the booking of mass intentions for Anniversaries, Month's Mind etc. or for mass cards, religious goods or Certificates. Contact details below or on the Parish Website: www.narraghmoreandmoone.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.