

Parishes of Narraghmore & Moone

The Faith Communities of:



Ballmount, Crookstown, Kilmead & Moone

Parish Bulletin - The Ascension of Our LORD - May 15th/16th 2021

MASS INTENTIONS - SATURDAY

CROOKSTOWN 7PM - Peter Keogh – Grangecon (A), Teresa & Samuel Kelly (A), Patrick & Brendan Ward - Usk (A) Nellie O'Connor (A), Felix (Fay) Lawler - Crookstown (A)

MASS INTENTIONS - SUNDAY

BALLYMOUNT 8.30AM - No Intention.

CROOKSTOWN 10.30AM - John & Mary Williamson (A), Billy Ball - late of Narraghmore (A), Tom Kehoe - formerly Wexford and Dublin

KILMEAD 10.30AM - No Intention

MOONE 12 noon - Richard Mahon (A) and his Grandparents Richard & Bridget Behan (A), Elizabeth (Lil) Carton - Belan (A) M. J. Kane (A), Mick & Betty Kane – Moone, Francis Cullen - Wexford (2nd A)

WEEKDAY

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

POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR MAY

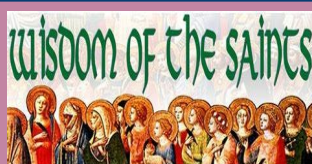
Pope Francis urges everyone to pray during May for Permanent Deacons.

Deacons are an ordained part of the clergy and live their vocation in and with their family. They are dedicated to the service of the poor, who carry within them the face of the suffering Christ. Deacons also have liturgical (e.g. *Preaching*) and sacramental (*Baptism & Marriage*) functions.

There are 33 deacons working in parishes across the Dublin Diocese. If you would like to learn more about the Permanent Diaconate, or are considering seeking Ordination as a permanent deacon, then have a look at the Holy Orders Section of the Sacraments menu on our website.

Have you...

- Got you face covering? ✓
- Sanitised your hands? ✓
- Remembered Social Distancing? ✓



"A SAINT IS A SINNER WHO JUST KEEPS TRYING."

"Who, except God can give you peace? Has the world ever been able to satisfy the heart?"

St. Gerard Majella.

ST. GERARD MAJELLA was born in 1726 in Muro, Italy into a family of seven. He grew up in poverty with a great respect for the poor. When he began earning money, he would give a portion of his wages to the poor. He applied to the Capuchin monastery at Muro twice, but was turned down both times. He was told his health was not good enough for such a strenuous life. However, he did not give up. In 1749, at the age of 23, he joined the Redemptorists and just three years later became a professed lay brother.

Throughout his life, several reported miracles are accredited to his intercession including, restoring a boy's life after he had fallen from a high cliff; blessing a poor farmer's crops, ridding it of mice; blessing a poor family's supply of wheat, causing it to last until the next harvest; and he multiplied bread for the poor on several occasions.

The final recorded miracle of his life may be the reason he is the patron of expectant mothers. Shortly before his death, he encountered a young girl. He had dropped his handkerchief, she tried to return it, only to be told to keep it. He said; "*you may need it someday.*" Years later, after he died, she unexpectedly went into labor and was on the verge of losing her baby. She called for Majella's handkerchief to be applied to her. Almost immediately, her pain abated and she gave birth to a healthy child.

His prayers are sought for the children, unborn children, women in childbirth, mothers, expectant mothers, motherhood, falsely accused people, good confessions, lay brothers and Muro Lucano, Italy. He was canonised by Pope Pius X on December 11th 1904. His feast day is October 16th.

ST GERARD MAJELLA - PRAY FOR US.

DEVOTIONS DURING MAY

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Crookstown Church on Tuesdays, 7 - 8 pm during May.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Evening Prayer, 3-4pm each Sunday during May in Moone Church.

HOLY ROSARY FROM SS MARY & LAURENCE CHURCH.

Holy Rosary with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from Crookstown church every Monday, Tuesday & Thursday mornings at 10am, during May. Available on Parish Radio and on Webcam.

PRAYER FOR EXAMINATION STUDENTS

Lord, as I prepare to sit my exams, send Your Holy Spirit to guide me and be with me.

Thank you for the many talents and gifts you have given me and for the opportunity of education.

Keep me calm.

Help me to do the best I can on the day of my exam.

Help me to remember all that I have studied, to express it clearly and to answer the questions as best that I can.

Give me peace, understanding and wisdom. Be with me today and always. Amen

Copies of this prayer are available at the door of the Church, please take one and share it with the exam student in your life or even pray it for them.

LETTER FROM ARCHBISHOP FARRELL ON THE REOPENING OF CHURCHES



Archbishop Farrell has written to all priests in the Diocese in relation to the reopening of our churches. And while the letter is addressed to priests it is relevant to us all. He is urging us all to adhere, not just to the letter, but to the spirit of the guidelines. In his letter he acknowledges how difficult it has been for Catholics not to be able to gather, and indeed he notes that; *"there is no Church without community."* He also recognises that televised masses, masses via webcam and Spiritual Communion *"are only a partial reflection of our common experience of the Church"*. While urging us to respect the spirit of the guidelines he also exhorts us to: *"pray intensely that we will see a full return to the public celebration of the Eucharist and of the other Sacraments at the earliest possible date."* He reminds us that the 'Sunday obligation' remains suspended and that where possible, people consider attending weekday mass. He concludes his letter by saying: *"We pray that all our parishioners can soon return to a celebration of the Eucharist..."* he goes on, quoting from a letter of Cardinal Robert Sarah *"...with a purified heart, with a renewed amazement, with an increased desire to meet the LORD, to be with HIM, to receive HIM and to bring HIM to our brothers and sisters with a life full of love, faith and hope."*

The full text of the letter is available on our parish website.

ECUMENICAL BIBLE WEEK 2021



is an exciting and successful venture which is now in its eighth year and will run from **PENTECOST SUNDAY (23RD MAY) TO TRINITY SUNDAY**

(30TH MAY) 2021. Ecumenical Bible Week (EBW) is led by the Archdiocese of Dublin and the United Dioceses of Dublin and Glendalough (*Church of Ireland*) in collaboration with many other Christian traditions ranging from the Evangelical Alliance to Lutherans, Methodists, Presbyterians and support from the National Bible Society and Scripture Union. The overall theme this year is **"UNLOCKING FAITH TODAY: RESPONDING TO NEW REALITIES"**. This year EBW will have an opening and closing prayer event organised by Holy Trinity, Rathmines on Monday 24th and St Finian's Lutheran Church on Sunday 30th respectively. To **Register visit** – www.bibleweek.ie

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. **Please Note that All mass intentions must be booked through the Parish Office.** Contact details below or on the Parish Website: www.narraghmoreandmoone.ie

MASS TIMES IN NARRAGHMORE & MOONE

BALLYMOUNT:
Sunday 8:30am

CROOKSTOWN:
Saturday 7pm (Vigil)
Sunday 10:30am
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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PARISH SECRETARIES
BER MURPHY & TRISH HOLLIGAN -
Mon, Tue, Wed & Fri 10am - 4pm.
Ss. Mary & Laurence Church,
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PENTECOST 2021

*Parishes of St. Mark's, Springfield,
St. Thomas', Jobstown & St. Aidan's,
Brookfield*



Holy Spirit Novena

Where: St Marks' Church, Springfield Tallaght.
Webcam: <https://stmarksspringfield.org/live-stream/>

When:

Saturday (15 th)-6.30pm	Sunday (16 th)-12.30pm
Monday (17 th)-10.00am	Tuesday (18 th)-10.00am
Wednesday (19 th)-10.00am	Thursday (20 th)-10.00am
Friday (21 st)-10.00am	Saturday (22 nd)-6.30pm
Sunday (23 rd)-12.30pm	

CELEBRATING PENTECOST - COME, HOLY SPIRIT!

Join Valerie Warren and Joy Powell for an evening of prayer in anticipation for the Feast of Pentecost and explore together the movement of the Holy Spirit in the Scriptures, poetry and song!

WHEN: Wednesday, May 19th @ 8-9pm; to join us on Zoom, please register, email: saule.cameron@dublindiocese.ie

The Gift – Life in the Spirit Course

Starting on Wednesday 26th, 8-9pm and continuing for six Wednesdays on ZOOM, to register, email: saule.cameron@dublindiocese.ie

Themes covered:

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| 1. The Father's Loving Plan | 4. Unwrapping God's Gift |
| 2. The Joy of The Gospel | 5. Encountering God's Spirit |
| 3. The Gift of The Spirit | 6. Living in The Spirit |

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.