

Parishes of Narraghmore & Moone

The Faith Communities of:



Ballymount, Crookstown, Kilmead & Moone

Parish Bulletin - THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST - June 5th/6th 2021

MASS INTENTIONS - SATURDAY

CROOKSTOWN: 7PM - Matthew Leigh - Ballymount (A), Agnes & Michael Donoghue - Grangecon (A), Margaret Mackey (A), Bill Mackey, Theresa Mackey. Eamonn O'Reilly (A)

MASS INTENTIONS - SUNDAY

BALLYMOUNT: 8.30AM - Mary & Harry Bagnall (A), John & Bridie Bagnall (A)

CROOKSTOWN: 10.30AM - Anne Lawler (A)

KILMEAD: 10.30AM - Jane & Billy O'Brien - Burtown (A)

MOONE: 12 noon - Paddy Byrne (A)

WEEKDAY

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

MOONE: Thursday 9.30am.

POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR JUNE

Pope Francis urges everyone to pray during June for **The Beauty of Marriage**

Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.

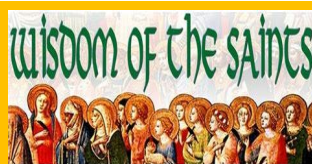
If you are thinking or praying about getting married and would like to learn about the Church's understanding of marriage and what differentiates it from civil marriage, then visit the Marriage page on the Sacraments section of our website.

HAVE YOU...

Got your face covering? ✓

Sanitised your hands? ✓

Remembered Social Distancing? ✓



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

"In the first creation He gave me myself; but in His new creation He gave me Himself, and by that gift restored to me the self that I had lost." *St Bernard of Clairvaux*

Bernard was born at Fontaines, near Dijon, the third of a family of seven children of a noble family in Burgundy, six of whom were boys. At the age of twenty-two he joined the newly formed Cistercian monastery of Cîteaux, then struggling to restore the Rule of St Benedict in all its rigour. It is said he did not join the popular Benedictine abbey of Cluny because "his own nature was so passionate that it needed stronger medicine". Along with him he brought thirty-one companions, among them five of his brothers and many relatives. Three years after he joined Bernard himself was sent with twelve monks to start a new foundation at Clairvaux and soon became abbot. In the year 1128, Bernard became involved in Church affairs at the Council of Troyes. It was at this council that Bernard outlined the Rule of the Knights Templar, a body of knights who devoted themselves to the care of the sick and pilgrims to the Holy Land and later went there themselves on the Crusades. In 1130 Bernard mediated in a disputed papal election and supported Pope Innocent II against a rival antipope Anacletus. He accompanied Innocent to Italy and later mediated in other Church and State conflicts. It wasn't long before a former pupil of Bernard's, himself a Cistercian, was elected pope, Eugenius III, in 1145. At this period a spirit of rationalism was flourishing in the schools of philosophy and theology. To counteract this, Bernard was recruited to confront Peter Abelard, whose treatise on the Trinity had been condemned as heretical. Abelard continued to develop his controversial teachings. Bernard took a more traditional stance and after he spoke at a council at Sens (1141), Abelard submitted without resistance, and retired to Cluny to live. By this time Bernard was probably the most influential Church person in Europe. He sent monks from his overcrowded monastery into Germany, Sweden, England, Ireland, Portugal, Switzerland, and Italy. In all sixty-eight monasteries were established from Clairvaux. About the same time, Malachy, archbishop of Armagh, visited Clairvaux and developed a close friendship with Bernard. Malachy succeeded in getting Bernard to send some Cistercian monks to Ireland to Mellifont, Co. Louth, Malchay died at Clairvaux in 1148. From the beginning of the year 1153, Bernard felt a great loss at the passing of his friend Pope Eugenius. He grew gradually weaker and died at age sixty-three on August 20, 1153. He was forty years a monk. Bernard wrote many works on a variety of topics: the spiritual life, Mariology, the duties of bishops and the question of grace and free will. Bernard was canonised by Pope Alexander III in 1174. Pope Pius VII declared him a Doctor of the Church in 1830.

ST BERNARD - PRAY FOR US.



The feast of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ - Corpus Christi - is a feast that can often have the exact opposite effect of what is desired, in that it often shows up divisions in what people believe about the Eucharist. The Eucharist is, among other things to be a sign of the unity of the Body of Christ, the Church, and yet as I have said can often be divisive. For many, even within the Catholic church, the 'Body of Christ' is merely symbolic, a sign that represents the Body of Christ. And yet, the Church teaches what Jesus Himself said at the Last Supper and especially so in chapter 6 of St John's Gospel, that what we receive is no mere sign or symbol but the actual Body and Blood of Jesus ("My flesh is real food. My blood is real drink" Jn. 6:55) under the appearance of bread and wine. Today would be a good day to ask GOD to renew in us our faith and devotion to the Body of Christ.

COLLECTION FOR PRIESTS DECREASED BY 80%

This is a stark fact taken from a letter from Archbishop Farrell, addressed to all parishioners.

The letter has been written at the introduction of a new Summer Dues Collection to try and offset some of the financial damage that has been suffered by the church over the past 15 months.

Some time ago the Parish team took a decision not to ask parishioners for financial contributions as we are very conscious that many people have lost their jobs or have been placed on income support payments such as the PUP. But Archbishop Farrell has written to all parishioners asking for your support. The full letter from the Archbishop is available on our parish website but here is an extract.

"...certain aspects of Church life have been severely impacted. One of these is parish finances. The necessary restriction of public worship has profoundly affected the two essential Sunday Mass collections.... The first collection - as you know - supports clergy ministering throughout the diocese as well as sick and retired priests... The second collection—the 'Share' collection - supports diocesan services to parishes especially disadvantaged parishes. In the last financial year, the clergy collection decreased by 54% and the 'Share' collection decreased by 65%. **This year the situation is even more grave—with a decrease of 80% and 86% respectively for the first quarter (Jan to Mar 2021)** That this would have happened...is not surprising. I am grateful to all who have continued to give so generously in the past 15 months.. I have therefore approved the proposal to hold a new Summer Dues collection to support priests of the diocese. This initiative will follow the pattern of the Christmas and Easter dues collections giving parishioners an opportunity to contribute to the income that supports priests.

The Summer Offering collection will be launched on the weekend of the 20th June. In making this appeal, I ask you to remember that the greatest resource of the Church is its people—both laity and clergy.



late to join in preparing for this great feast which has always had a special place in the hearts of Irish people.

PRAYER FOR EXAMINATION STUDENTS

Copies of the prayer are available in all churches and on our website, please take one and share it with the exam student in your life or even pray it for them. There is also an intention box in each church for offering mass intentions for exam students.

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

Thursday 9:30am

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If you have anything that you would like included in the Parish Bulletin, please Contact Conor, details above.

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.** Please contact the parish secretary (Ber Murphy) to book mass intentions Contact details above or on the Parish Website:

www.narraghmoreandmoone.ie

JUNE IS THE MONTH OF THE SACRED HEART

O Sacred Heart of Jesus, fountain of eternal life, Your Heart is a glowing furnace of Love.

You are my refuge and my sanctuary. O my adorable and loving Saviour, consume my heart with the burning fire with which Yours is aflamed. Pour down on my soul those graces which flow from Your love. Let my heart be united with Yours. Let my will be conformed to Yours in all things. May Your Will be the rule of all my desires and actions. Amen.

POPE FRANCIS'S PRAYER FOR THE YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,

Spouse of the

Blessed Virgin

Mary. To you God

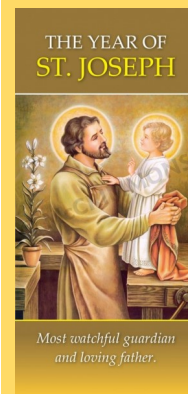
entrusted his only

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.

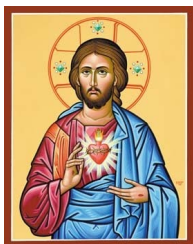
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.

THE PARENTS ASSOCIATION of Scoil Íde Naofa in Kilmead are holding fundraiser on Wednesday June 9th. Please bag up any old clothes, handbags, belts, paired shoes, curtains, bed-linen or soft toys and drop them into the school on Wednesday.

Please no pillows, duvets, damaged shoes, damaged or stained clothing or rags.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish schools.

FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART.



Next Friday, June 11th

is the Feast of the

Sacred Heart. In

preparation for this

Feast we are having an

online novena to the

Sacred Heart. The

novena consists of 9

days of a short video

with the novena prayers which are available on our parish Facebook page or on our You Tube Channel which can be found on our parish website. It is not too

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