

Parish Bulletin - 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 10th/11th 2021

Mass Intentions - Saturday

CROOKSTOWN: 7PM - Philip O'Halloran (M.M.), Gertie Doyle - Mullaghmast (A).

MASS INTENTIONS - SUNDAY

BALLYMOUNT: 8.30AM - Mary Whelan -Calverstown

CROOKSTOWN: 10:30AM - Margaret Blanchfield (2nd A)

KILMEAD: 10.30AM - Hannah Doyle (2nd A), Fonso Doyle & Kathleen Doyle (Å), Liam Doyle (A), William & May Coughlan (A), Fr Michael Coughlan (A), Dominic Kennedy (A)

MOONE: 12 noon - Dermot Kenny (1st A), Mary McCarthy (A), Li Sook Lin (A) formerly of Hong Kong.

WEEKDAY

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

MOONE: Thursday 9:30am. ****

POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR JULY

Pope Francis urges everyone to pray during July for Social Friendship

We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.

Our Holv Father is often referred to as Pontifex Maximus, or the great bridge builder but we are called to build bridges to peace and social friendship where we can in our circumstances of life.

BAPTISMS POSTPONED

WE ARE VERY AWARE of the distress. disappointment and even anger that has been caused by the latest postponement of the celebration of the sacraments. While



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

"He should first show them in deeds rather than words all that is good and holy." Saint Benedict

St Benedict was born at Norcia around 480 AD. After attending 'primary' schools, Benedict went to Rome to broaden his knowledge of literature and law. Unhappy with the lifestyle of his peers and by Rome's difficult political situation, he retired to Affile with a group of priests. At Affile, St Benedict worked his first miracle, restoring to perfect condition an earthenware wheat sifter which had been accidentally broken.

The notoriety which this miracle brought drove Benedict to withdraw further from social life. He took shelter in a cave in the ruins of Nero's village, near Subiaco, where he began to live as a hermit. Immersed in solitude, his only contact with the outside world was with a monk called Romanus, whose monastery was nearby. He gave Saint Benedict a monk's habit and provided for his spiritual and material needs.

Three solitary years followed. Some shepherds befriended Benedict. They began to follow his teachings and the pastoral and apostolic principles of the Benedictine Order took root. After founding twelve communities of monks at Subiaco, Italy, St Benedict traveled to Montecassino where he established a monastery and wrote "*The Rule*." This simple set of guidelines for how the life of a monk should be lived has become one of the most influential works in all of Western Christendom. Montecassino would become the most famous abbey in continental Europe.

Under Benedict's direction, the old acropolis-sanctuary was turned into a monastery that was much bigger than those built at Subiaco. On the remains of the altar of Apollo he built a chapel dedicated to St John the Baptist, while the temple of Apollo itself was turned into an oratory for the monks which was dedicated to St Martin of Tours At Montecassino St Benedict displayed prodigious activity. He supervised the building of the monastery, established a monastic order and performed many miracles. He brought back from death a youngster, miraculously supplied the monastery with flour and oil in its time of need and displayed the gift of prophecy. St Benedict devoted himself to evangelizing the local population who practiced pagan worship. Shortly before he died, St Benedict saw the soul of his sister. St Scholastica, believed to be his twin, rising to heaven in the form of a dove. Benedictine tradition holds that Scholastica had established a hermitage about five miles from Monte Cassino and that this was the first convent of Benedictine nuns. St Benedict died on March 21st 547, his feast day is July 11th and he is venerated as the Patron Saint of Europe. ST Benedict - PRAY FOR US.

we await further guidance from diocesan

and civic authorities we are sadly postponing baptisms on a rolling week by week basis, in the hope that we can return to celebrating with you as soon as possible. Those who have requested the Sacrament of Baptism for their child will be contacted by the parish to keep them informed of what is happening. We thank you for your patience and understanding that this is beyond our control. ********

CELEBRATION OF CONFIRMATION AND HOLY COMMUNION - DEFERRED

WE HAVE RECENTLY contacted all parents/ guardians in relation to the deferment of the celebration of the sacraments of

Penance, Holy Communion for the first time and Confirmation. We sincerely hope to be able to celebrate these sacraments as

soon as circumstances allow and is practicable. Please pray for the candidates for these sacraments and for their families at this very difficult and uncertain time



BUILDING HOPE - DIOCESAN TASK FORCE

Archbishop Farrell has established a Task Force called Building Hope. The Task Force has been asked to begin with an assessment of the needs of the people of the Archdiocese emerging from Covid-19

To this end, the Archbishop, through the Task Force, wants to hear from us, the ordinary parishioners of the diocese. It is hoped that we might gather as families and discuss how the church should look into the future and then either as a family or indeed as an individual, we would log onto the Dublin Diocesan website and complete a short response form. There are 7 questions, 3 of which are only a tick response, so it shouldn't take too long to complete.

This is a very rare opportunity to have your say on the future of the Church in our diocese.

The response form is totally anonymous and confidential, the responses go to the Archdiocese only and are not seen by anybody here in the parish. On the Diocesan website – <u>www.dublindiocese.ie</u>, there is a short video message from the Archbishop encouraging as many people as possible to contribute and to have your say. You can also access it through our own parish website: <u>www.narraghmoreand moone.ie</u>. If you have any questions please contact Conor, the Parish Pastoral Worker.

PLEASE TAKE TIME TO HAVE YOUR SAY.

THE TASK FORCE PRAYER is available on the diocesan and parish websites.

STAFF HOLIDAYS

The Parish Office will be closed for the next two weeks (July 12th -26th) to facilitate staff holidays. There will, however be a limited service available each Monday from 9:30am to 12:30pm.

In addition <u>there</u> <u>will be no parish</u> <u>bulletin</u> for the rest of July, again to facilitate staff holidays.



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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JULY IS THE MONTH OF DEVOTION TO THE Precious Blood of Jesus.

> Precious Blood, ocean of divine mercy: Flow upon us!

Precious Blood, most pure offering: Procure us every grace!

Precious Blood, hope and refuge of sinners: Atone for us!

> Precious Blood, delight of holy souls: Draw us! Amen.

> > - St. Catherine of Siena -

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.