

*The Faith Communities of:*



*Ballymount, Crookstown, Kilmead & Moone*

**Parish Bulletin - The Assumption of Our Lady - August 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> 2021**

**MASS INTENTIONS - SATURDAY**

**CROOKSTOWN: 7PM** - Jim Flood (A), Willie Robinson (A), Maureen O’Gorman (4<sup>th</sup> A), Margaret O’Gorman (A), Nan O’Connor - Narraghmore (A), Matt Farrell (A)

**MASS INTENTIONS - SUNDAY**

**BALLYMOUNT: 8.30AM** - No Intention

**CROOKSTOWN: 10:30AM** - Jimmy Yeomans - (recently deceased) and deceased members of the Mundy family, Seán Delaney (A) Breda Brennan (A)

**KILMEAD: 10.30AM** - Jim Flood (A), Eamonn Lynch 3<sup>rd</sup> (A)

**MOONE: 12noon** -Michael Kelly Grangenolvin (A) and deceased members of the Doyle and Kelly families especially Nora who passed away in March. Paddy Byrne - Commonstown (2<sup>nd</sup> A), Mike (Gandy) Doyle - Timolin (A), Seán Delaney (A), Breda Brennan (A)

**WEEKDAY**

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

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

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**POPE’S INTENTIONS FOR AUGUST**

Pope Francis urges everyone to pray during August for the **Church**.

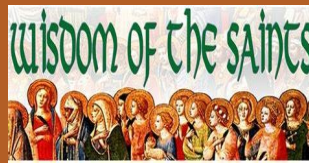
Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

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**BAPTISMS RESUMED**

We are delighted to say that the celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism has resumed in our parishes. Over the course of August and September, by having additional ceremonies, we hope that the backlog will be cleared.

The parish office is currently accepting bookings for those who are requesting the Sacrament of Baptism in our parishes Please note that in accordance with government guidelines and due to the capacity of our churches Baptisms will take place with only one family at a time for the moment. We appreciate your patience and understanding and we look forward to celebrating with you.



“A SAINT IS A SINNER WHO JUST KEEPS TRYING.”

“We must be living witnesses to the beauty and grandeur of Christianity.”

*St Gianna Beretta Molla.*

St. Gianna Beretta Molla was an Italian pediatrician born in Magenta, Italy on October 4, 1922, the tenth of thirteen children. As a young girl, Gianna openly accepted her faith and the Catholic education. She grew up viewing life as God's beautiful gift and found the greatest necessity and effectiveness in prayer. As a member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, Gianna applied her faith in an apostolic service for the elderly and needy. She received degrees in both medicine and surgery from the University of Pavia in 1949, and in 1950 she opened a medical office in Mesero. In 1952, Gianna specialized in pediatrics and she was especially drawn toward mothers, babies, the elderly and the poor. Gianna considered the field of medicine to be her mission, and treated it as such. She increased her generous service to Catholic Action, a movement of lay Catholics dedicated to living and spreading the Social Teaching of the Catholic Church in the broader culture. She hoped to join her brother, a missionary priest in Brazil, where she intended to offer her medical expertise in gynecology to poor women. However, her chronic ill health made this impractical, and she continued her practice in Italy.

She chose the vocation of marriage and considered this to be a gift from God. In December 1954, Gianna met Pietro Molla and married in September 1955, Gianna wrote to Pietro, "Love is the most beautiful sentiment that the Lord has put into the soul of men and women." They had 3 children before 1960. In 1961, Gianna became pregnant with her fourth child. Toward the end of her second month of pregnancy, she was struck with an unimaginable pain. Her doctors discovered she had developed a fibroma, a tumour, in her uterus. She was given three choices: an abortion, which would save her life and allow her to continue to have children, but take the life of the child she carried; a complete hysterectomy, which would preserve her life, but take the unborn child's life, and prevent further pregnancy; or removal of the fibroma, with the potential of further complications, which could save the life of her baby. Gianna opted for the removal of only the fibroma. She pleaded with the surgeons to save her child's life over her own. She sought comfort in her prayers and her living faith. Gianna was quite clear about her wishes, expressing to her family, "If you must decide between me and the child, do not hesitate: choose the child? I insist on it. Save the baby." On April 21, 1962, Gianna Emanuela Molla was successfully delivered by Caesarean section. However, on April 28, 1962, a week after the baby was born, Gianna passed away from septic peritonitis. She is buried in Mesero.

Gianna was beatified by St Pope John Paul II on April 24, 1994, and canonized on May 16, 2004. Her husband and their 4 children, attended her canonization ceremony, making this the first time a husband witnessed his wife's canonization. In 2003, mother-to-be Elizabeth Comparini experienced a tear in her placenta when she was 16-weeks pregnant. Her womb was drained of all amniotic fluid. She was told the chances of her baby's survival was little to none. Elizabeth is said to have prayed to Gianna Molla and asked for her intercession. Elizabeth was able to give birth to a healthy baby.

During Gianna's canonization ceremony, St. John Paul II described her as, "a simple, but more than ever, significant messenger of divine love." St. Gianna Beretta Molla is the patron saint of mothers, physicians, and unborn children. Her feast day is April 28.

***St Gianna Beretta Molla- PRAY FOR US.***

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND  
CONFIRMATION IN THE PARISHES OF  
ATHY, NARRAGHMORE & MOONE**

Archbishop Dermot Farrell has given the go ahead for First Communion and Confirmation to be held in the Diocese of Dublin.

Last June, before the primary schools closed for the summer holidays, the Parish Team of Athy, Narraghmore & Moone in consultation with the primary school's decided to postpone both First Communion and Confirmation until the Autumn, after the schools reopened.

This decision was taken primarily because of the uncertainty of what the government/HSE Covid 19 restrictions would be during the school holidays. A letter was emailed to all parents/guardians of the First Holy Communion and Confirmation classes in the ten primary schools in the parishes of Athy, Narraghmore and Moone.

There is no change to this decision as agreed by the Parish and schools. The Parish Team and schools will meet in early September to plan the dates for both sacraments.

We are looking forward to celebrating these ceremonies with the children and their families in the autumn in adherence with whatever the government guidelines will be at that time.

**A PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS TO THE  
DIOCESAN PRIESTHOOD**

*Lord our God, you said that "the harvest is rich but the laborers are few. Pray, therefore, the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into his fields."*

*Lord, we pray for your Spirit to send us holy priests. To ignite the spark inside men to faithfully minister as priests in the Archdiocese of Dublin.*

*Fill them with zeal to come forward with a heart on fire with divine love, so they may become mirrors of Christ, your Son, in a world in need of His light, meaning, hope and courage. Send to the Archdiocese of Dublin, strong and courageous spiritual shepherds, fearless in proclaiming the Resurrection of Christ anew for our time.*

*May these men of prayer be always open to the responsible call of service to your beloved people.*

*We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.*

If you would like to learn more about becoming a priest in the Dublin Diocese visit: [www.dublindiocese.ie/vocations](http://www.dublindiocese.ie/vocations) or our parish website and click on the Sacraments tab on the main menu.

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**ACCORD CATHOLIC MARRIAGE CARE  
SERVICE CLG**

IS CURRENTLY RECRUITING VOLUNTEERS to train as marriage preparation programme facilitators. Accord is seeking registration of interest from those who have a positive

attitude towards marriage in the Catholic Church and the enthusiasm to be part of a team supporting couples who are preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage. Successful applicants will receive professional training and will be part of a team delivering marriage preparation programmes locally in accordance with best practice. Contact Aisling on 01 505 3112 or by email to [info@accord.ie](mailto:info@accord.ie)

The closing date for receipt of registration of interest forms to be included in Selections for this year is Friday 27<sup>th</sup> August. Additional information is available on [www.accord.ie](http://www.accord.ie).

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**DON'T FORGET THAT OUR COMMUNITY  
CAFES are open, Piers Café  
in Moone and the Old  
Hardware in Narraghmore  
for tea, coffee and  
something nice!! Check  
out their respective  
Facebook pages for opening times etc...**



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For more details please contact **085-8661499** or email: [info@eistcarlowcancersupport.ie](mailto:info@eistcarlowcancersupport.ie)

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**PRAYER TIME**

**HOLY HOUR AND EVENING PRAYER** of the Church - Vespers, today and every Sunday from 3pm in Moone Church.

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** every Tuesday at 7pm in Crookstown. Please drop in for some or all of it. Also available via webcam.

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**PATHWAYS - EXPLORING FAITH AS AN ADULT** is a two-year, one evening a week, Adult Faith Development course on Thursday evenings. Run by the Archdiocese of Dublin in DCU St. Patrick's Campus (MDCCE), Drumcondra Rd from Late September to May (7.00 pm – 9.30 pm). Application now open for September 2021. Early application advised. Contact: Eileen Houlahan at 01 8087594, [pathways@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:pathways@dublindiocese.ie) Web: [www.evangelisation.ie](http://www.evangelisation.ie)

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**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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**PARISH SECRETARIES**

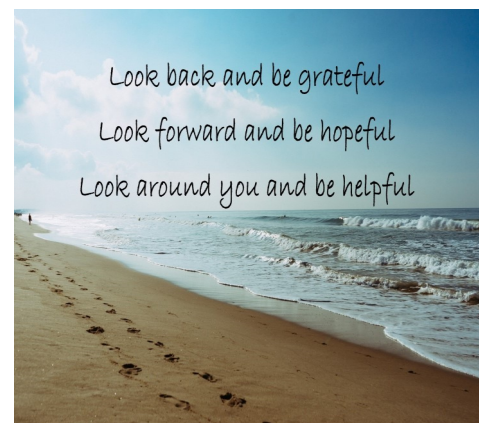
BER MURPHY & TRISH HOLLIGAN -

Mon, Tue, Wed & Fri 10am - 4pm.

Ss. Mary & Laurence Church,

Crookstown, TEL: 059 8623154. Email:

[stlaurenceschurch@gmail.com](mailto: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.**