

The Faith Communities of:



Ballymount, Crookstown, Kilmead & Moone

Parish Bulletin - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 21st/22nd 2021

MASS INTENTIONS - SATURDAY

CROOKSTOWN: 7PM - Mairead Corrigan (1st A), Rita Walsh (M.M.), Rasa Anantharajah (A), Tom & Annie Wright (A) and their sons Tommy & Noel, Frank Keogh - Lipstown (A), Michael Farrell - Boleybeg (A), John Hickey - Calverstown (A)

MASS INTENTIONS - SUNDAY

BALLYMOUNT: 8.30AM - No Intention

CROOKSTOWN: 10:30AM - Mary Bissett (1st A) and deceased members of Bissett & McCormack families Kathleen Mulhall (1st A)

KILMEAD: 10.30AM - No Intention

MOONE: 12noon -Caroline Kavanagh Christy, Christine, Ann, Catherine, Brian and Kathleen Mulhall Ann and Dominic Dempsey Monica Price Leeia Scully Nellie Murphy - Church Ave, Timolin (A)

WEEKDAY

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

MOONE: Thursday 9:30am.

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.

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."

"NOTHING IS FAR FROM GOD." St Monica of Hippo

St Monica, is the mother of St. Augustine. She was born in 331 in present-day Algeria. When she was very young, she was married off to the Roman pagan Patricius, who shared his mother's violent temper. Patricius' mother lived with the couple and the duo's temper flares proved to be a constant challenge to young Monica.

While Monica's prayers and Christian deeds bothered Patricius, he is said to have respected her beliefs. They had three children: Augustine, Navigius, and Perpetua. Unfortunately, Monica was unable to baptise her children and when Augustine fell ill, Monica pleaded with Patricius to allow their son to be baptised. Patricius allowed it, but when Augustine was healthy again, he withdrew his permission. For years Monica prayed for her husband and mother-in-law, until finally, one year before Patricius' death they converted.

Perpetua and Navigius entered the religious life, but unfortunately Augustine became lazy and uncouth. This greatly worried Monica, so when Patricius died, she sent the 17-year-old Augustine to Carthage for schooling. While in Carthage, Augustine became a Manichean, which was a major religion that saw the world as light and darkness. Augustine returned home, he shared his views with Monica, who drove him from her table. Some time passed, Monica had a vision that convinced her to reconcile with her wayward son. Monica went to a bishop, who told her, "the child of those tears shall never perish." Inspired, Monica followed Augustine to Rome, where she learned he had left for Milan. In Milan, she met St. Ambrose, who helped her convert Augustine to Christianity following his seventeen-year resistance.

Augustine later wrote a book called Confessions, in which he wrote: *"In place of a basket filled with fruits of the earth, she had learned to bring to the oratories of the martyrs a heart full of purer petitions, and to give all that she could to the poor - so that the communion of the Lord's body might be rightly celebrated in those places where, after the example of his passion, the martyrs had been sacrificed and crowned."*

Six months later, Augustine was baptised in the church of St. John the Baptist at Milan. A short time later in the Roman city of Civitavecchia, Monica passed away. Augustine recorded the words she imparted to him when she realized death was near. *"Son, nothing in this world now affords me delight. I do not know what there is now left for me to do or why I am still here, all my hopes in this world being now fulfilled."*

She was buried at Ostia. In 1430, Pope Martin V ordered her relics to be brought to Rome and many miracles were reported to have occurred along the way. Her relics were placed in a chapel to the left of the high altar in the basilica dedicated to her son, St Augustine . Her Feast day: August 27th and she is Patron of Wives and Victims of Domestic Violence/ Abuse

ST. MONICA PRAYER: I need your prayers. You know exactly how I'm feeling because you once felt it yourself. I'm hurting, hopeless, and in despair. I desperately want my child to return to Christ in his Church but I can't do it alone. I need God's help. Please join me in begging the Lord's powerful grace to flow into my child's life. Ask the Lord Jesus to soften his heart, prepare a path for his conversion, and activate the Holy Spirit in his life. Amen.

Fun Fact: The city of Santa Monica, California is named after Monica, as were the "weeping" springs outside the city and Santa Monica Boulevard.

St Monica - PRAY FOR US.

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

We are looking forward to meeting with school principals and teachers in the coming weeks to begin to plan the celebrations of Holy Communion and Penance for the first time as well as Confirmation.

EIST CANCER SUPPORT CENTRE provides emotional & practical help to any one affected by cancer, their families and carers. For more details please contact **085-8661499** or email:

info@eistcarlowcancersupport.ie

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.

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 or our parish website and click on the Sacraments tab on the main menu.

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 Web: www.evangelisation.ie

PARISH SCHOOLS REOPEN

We look forward to welcoming back all the students to our parish schools in the coming week. St Laurence's NS in Crookstown and Scoil Íde Naofa in Kilmead will re-open next Thursday, August 26th and St Colmcille's NS in Moone will re-open on Monday August 30th.



Lord, we thank you for the gift of each child as they begin a new school year.

Bless them all with enthusiasm and heart excited to learn and grow.

Bless them with friends

Bless the 'smallies' as they begin school for the first time. Bless their families who may miss them and be so proud at the same time.



Bless the teachers and all the school staff.

Keep them all safe and happy and help everyone to grow into the person You have created them to be. Loving God into Your care we place them all. Amen.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish will remain closed this week, August 23rd to August 30th, to facilitate staff holidays.

CELEBRATING YOUR WEDDING IN OUR PARISH

While Government/HSE guidelines permit 100 guests to attend a wedding, the actual number who may attend is restricted by the capacity of our churches. Please consult with the Parish Office about the capacity of our churches before inviting your guests.

WALKING TOGETHER IN HOPE

You are invited to view the launch of the Diocesan Family Year Initiative from the Pro-Cathedral on Wednesday 25th August 2021 at 6.00 p.m.

There are 40 tickets available for those who wish to be present at the brief prayer service and launch by Archbishop Dermot Farrell.

You can email lisia.cashen@dublindiocese.ie to be included in the draw.

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

WORRY less.

SMILE more.

LISTEN carefully.

TAKE responsibility.

ACCEPT what you can't change.

EMBRACE the lessons.

LOVE YOUR LIFE.

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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.