

*The Faith Communities of:*



*Ballymount, Crookstown, Kilmead & Moone*

**Parish Bulletin - 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> 2021**

**MASS INTENTIONS - SATURDAY**

**CROOKSTOWN: 7PM** - Eileen Hickey (A)  
Recently Deceased - Bridget Kavanagh

**MASS INTENTIONS - SUNDAY**

**BALLYMOUNT: 8.30AM** - No Intention

**CROOKSTOWN: 10:30AM - Recently Deceased** - Bridget Kavanagh

**KILMEAD: 10.30AM** - Anne & William Cannon (A), Jimmy Behan (31<sup>st</sup> A), James (Jim) Yeomans - recently deceased and deceased members of the Mundy family.

**MOONE: 12noon** – Patrick Tomlinson (A)  
John O'Brien - Ballitore (A)  
Recently Deceased - Bridget Kavanagh

**WEEKDAY**

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

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

**COVID-19 UPDATE**

Following the Government's announcement on Tuesday evening, from Monday September 6<sup>th</sup>, the capacity of our churches for all ceremonies is now 50%. The government document reads as follows: *"Attendance at religious services up to 50% (subject to appropriate protective measures including social distancing between groups, face masks etc)."*

All parishioners are asked to:

- respect social distancing,
- to use hand sanitiser,
- to continue to wear a face mask and
- to exercise personal responsibility, when attending any of our churches.

The parish team extends sincere and heartfelt thanks to all our volunteer stewards who have given of themselves so generously to keep us all safe.

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



*"Remember that the Christian life is one of action; not of speech and daydreams. Let there be few words and many deeds, and let them be done well."*

*St. Vincent Pallotti*

St Vincent Pallotti was a bubbly personality who endeared himself to the people of Rome in the nineteenth century. He had the gift of being able to inspire others to become active apostles for Christ.

The son of a Roman grocer, Vincent wasn't at first the best of students, but when he decided to become a priest at the age of fifteen, his studies improved and after his ordination in 1818 he obtained two doctorates – one in philosophy and one in theology. For ten years he taught at Sapienza College, Rome, and then worked as a parish priest. At first he was the target of some dirty tricks from his fellow clergy, but his patience soon won over these same people to become his faithful co-workers and admirers.

Filled with enthusiasm for the apostolate, Vincent formed a "pious union (later a society) of the Catholic Apostolate" which included both clergy and lay people. The fact that he used the term "apostolate" to include lay people offended some bishops at that time; they held it should be reserved to bishops as successors of the apostles.

As a priest, Vincent practised exorcism and had the gift of prophecy. He also was noted for his charity and fidelity in the confessional and his repeated habit of giving away his clothes to the poor. He also gathered a group of religious women to look after girls orphaned in the cholera outbreak of 1837.

Vincent was very interested in England and had many English, Irish and American friends. He sent one of his most trusted priests to minister to the Italians in London. A close friend of Cardinal Wiseman, Vincent urged him to open a College in England for foreign missions, which Wiseman's successor Cardinal Herbert Vaughan put into effect when he founded the St Joseph's Missionary Society at Mill Hill in 1866.

Vincent was also close to Pope Pius IX and when the latter was forced to flee from the Papal States in 1848, Vincent took refuge in the Irish College in Rome, from where he campaigned by letters for the Pope's restoration.

By the time this happened the following year, Vincent had pleurisy and died at the age of fifty-five on 22 January 1850.

His society, the Society for Catholic Action – now often called "The Pallottines" – later flourished in Italy, Brazil, Australia, and the USA. In the US it has specialised in care for the immigrants and, like their founder, also promotes ecumenical contacts with Eastern Orthodox Christians. He had an intense devotion to the mystery of the Most Blessed Trinity, and to the Virgin Mary. His contemporaries, including the pope, considered him a saint during his life.

When Pallotti's body was exhumed in 1906 and 1950, examiners found his body to be incorrupt, a sign of holiness in the tradition of the Roman Catholic Church.

Vincent was canonised in 1963. On 6 April 1963, he was named principal patron of the Pontifical Missionary Union of Clergy. His feast day is January 22<sup>nd</sup>

***St Vincent Pallotti - PRAY FOR US.***

## PRAYER TIME

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



## Blessing of the Backpacks

Here is a simple blessing that anyone could use at home or in class for the blessing of school bags at the start of the year...

As you carry your bag,

May you know that Jesus is walking with you always looking after you.

May you keep safe in all you do,

May you be more aware of others too.

May you know the warmth of Gods' protecting presence in all you say and do.

May the Lord help you at school, to grow in every way.

After these prayers, sprinkle the bags with some Holy Water.

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## THE CRY OF THE EARTH - THE CRY OF THE POOR



### The Cry of the Earth - The Cry of the Poor

THE CLIMATE CATASTROPHE - CREATION'S URGENT CALL FOR CHANGE

Archbishop Dermot Farrell

is the first Pastoral Letter by Archbishop Dermot Farrell. In it, he approaches the threat to our common home, indeed our only home, from the perspective of faith, while not excluding the insights of the natural sciences. In the covering letter

announcing the publication of this Pastoral Letter, Archbishop Farrell says: "What we need to realise is that, over the coming decades, the issues currently arising from climate change will impact far more on us than those from the coronavirus pandemic. Indeed, the havoc of the pandemic will pale when compared to that of climate change." He goes on: "If not for your own sake, then for the sake of your children, and for the world's children, consider dedicating some time to the issues raised in its pages." Copies of the Pastoral Letter are available from Veritas. A download is also available on our Parish Website.

## CATECHETICAL CORNER - WEEK 2.

What is the message of Jesus? The message of Jesus is very simple, we find it at the start of the Gospel of St Mark: 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the gospel.' (Mk.1:15). A very simple message, Jesus is not asking much of us, just to repent and believe. Until we examine what it means to 'repent and believe'.

Repentance is not a mere feeling of being or even saying sorry, it is a call to amend our life and live in accordance with the plan of GOD. Paragraph 1427 of the Catechism says: "Jesus' calls to conversion...is an essential part of the proclamation of the kingdom." And in paragraph 1428 we read: "Christ's call to conversion continues to resound in the lives of Christians. [and] is an uninterrupted task for the whole Church." So repentance is a life long process of turning back to GOD and away from sinful, harmful practices and habits. That is why the Catholic Church understands conversion not as a once off event but as ongoing almost daily practice of amendment and repentance.

Belief implies something that has impact on our lives. Paragraph 222 of the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) says: "Believing in God, the only One, and loving him with all our being has enormous consequences for our whole life.". What is the Gospel that Jesus asks us believe? That GOD became man (*incarnate*), that HE took on our human nature, while keeping HIS divine nature, that we might share in HIS divine nature; that GOD loves us each one individually as a parent loves each of their children individually; that this incarnate GOD "...paid a debt HE didn't owe because we owed a debt that we couldn't pay." Why? So that we could have the opportunity to share in eternal life with this all loving GOD.

**To Do:** spend a few moments each day reflecting on GOD's love for you and what it means in your life.



THE ANNUAL CROSSCARE COLLECTION the social support agency of the Archdiocese of Dublin will be taken up at all Masses in the Diocese on the weekend of 18th and 19th September 2021. It will replace the usual Share collection.

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**CONGRATULATIONS** to all our younger parishioners who received state exam results on Friday. We pray that GOD will guide them and their decision making as they take their next steps in life's journey.

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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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## FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK.

**WEDNESDAY** - Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (*Our Lady's Birthday*)

Feast Day

**THURSDAY** - St Ciaran of Clonmacnoise Memorial

**FRIDAY** - St Peter Claver - Optional Memorial

## 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.