

Parishes of Narraghmore & Moone

The Faith Communities of:



Ballymount, Crookstown, Kilmead & Moone

Parish Bulletin - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 11th/12th 2021

MASS INTENTIONS - SATURDAY

CROOKSTOWN: 7PM - Patrick Chambers, Elizabeth (Betty) Keatley (A), Joseph (Joe) Swaine (2nd A)

MASS INTENTIONS - SUNDAY

BALLYMOUNT: 8.30AM - Matthew Doyle - Blackrath (A)

CROOKSTOWN: 10:30AM -

KILMEAD: 10.30AM - Pat King (A), Molly King (A), John King (A), J.J. O'Neill Law (A), Tony Kelly (M. M.)

MOONE: 12noon - Francis O'Keeffe (1st A), Betty Noone (A)

WEEKDAY

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

MOONE: Thursday 9:30am.

COVID-19 UPDATE

Following the Government's announcement on Tuesday August 30th, from Monday September 6th, 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."

WISDOM OF THE SAINTS



"It is simply impossible, without the aid of prayer, to lead a virtuous life."

St. John Chrysostom

John Chrysostom was born in Antioch in Syria in 350. He was brought up by his Christian mother after the early death of his soldier father. He studied under the distinguished pagan rhetorician Libanius in the expectation he might be a lawyer, but he also studied theology and joined a group of hermits in the mountains, where he lived in extreme asceticism.

After seven years he returned to Antioch because of ill-health. He was ordained a deacon and priest and from 386 to 398 had a reputation as a great preacher at Antioch. His straightforward understanding of scripture meant his talks were practical. One series of sermons he preached here were directed against Christians who were inclined to celebrate Jewish festivals.

But following an incident during which the citizens of Antioch disrespected the statues of the emperor and his family, he preached twenty one sermons during Lent which brought the citizens to repentance and served also to pacify the emperor.

Appointed archbishop of Constantinople, John spoke against the misuse of riches and against women wearing expensive garments. The empress Eudoxia took his criticisms personally and contrived with Patriarch Theophilus of the rival see of Alexandria to convene a synod to indict John on a number of charges, many of them trivial. John refused to attend, so the synod deposed him. The emperor, Arcadius, banished him to Armenia. Pope Innocent I tried to intervene, but was unsuccessful.

During this time, John was supported by a group of deaconesses led by Olympias. John wrote many letters and exercised considerable influence at Constantinople even from exile. Seventeen of his letters to Olympias survive, but none of hers. To preempt further publicity, his captors forced him to Pontus. The journey on foot in bad weather led to his death on 14th September 407. Seven years later he was posthumously rehabilitated.

John's eloquence as a preacher earned him the name Chrysostomos ("the golden-mouthed"). He lived, suffered and died for ideals that were opposed to the ruling society of his day. The themes of his homilies urge greater care of the poor and giving up popular pagan amusements.

He revised the prayers and ritual of the liturgy of the Eucharist. The Eastern Church today still celebrates the form of the Eucharist he gave it, The Divine Liturgy of St John Chrysostom. He is venerated in both the Eastern Orthodox and Western Catholic traditions. His feast day is celebrated in the Catholic Tradition on September 13th and in the Orthodox Tradition on September 14th. He is patron of: Constantinople, education, epilepsy, lecturers, orators and preachers.

St John Chrysostom - PRAY FOR US.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION, FIRST PENANCE AND CONFIRMATION IN THE ATHY GROUPING OF PARISHES

The Parish Team have been working hard to arrange the many ceremonies for Holy Communion, Penance and Confirmation across the three parishes. We will publish a full list next weekend in all parishes. We very much appreciate your continued patience and understanding.

GUIDED PILGRIMAGES ON THE LOUGH DERG PILGRIM PATH.

A guided pilgrimage will be offered on Sunday 12th, Wednesday 15th, Saturday 18th & Sunday 26th September and Sunday 3rd October, with Mass outdoors, weather permitting. The full route is a 12km loop, with a shorter 8km option. **Advance booking is essential.** For further information email: info@loughderg.org or telephone 071-9861518 or visit the website: www.loughderg.org Lough Derg Pilgrim Path, Pettigo, Co Donegal.

ANAM CARA

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT EVENING

Anam Cara would like to invite you to join us for an online Bereavement Information and Support Evening taking place Thursday 16th September at 7pm. This event will give you an opportunity to hear a bereavement professional talk about the difficult challenges and many milestones grieving a child of any age has on you and your family. If you would like to join us please contact us on info@anamcara.ie or 085 288 8888.

THE CRY OF THE EARTH - THE CRY OF THE POOR 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 3.

Having heard the message of Jesus, now what?

Is it sufficient for us to live a good and moral life? Is it sufficient that we do no harm to others and in fact even go further and do good to others, where and when we can?

This is not what we are created for. GOD created us out of love for us, to be in relationship with HIM, our first duty is to love GOD and to worship HIM as our Lord and master. The first commandment makes this very clear: "You shall worship the Lord your GOD and HIM alone shall you serve." This comes before every other duty. So the moral life, doing good, not doing harm, is not, primarily, what the LORD asks of us. What HE asks of us is worship. It is to recognise HIM as the "...GOD who brought us out of the land of Egypt." Jesus summed this up when HE said: "You shall love the LORD your GOD with all your heart, with all your soul and all your mind." Mt. 22:37. GOD does not need our worship, GOD does not need anything from us. Worship of GOD is for our good, not GOD's. Why? Because it is only in GOD that we can find the fulfillment for which we long. The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC), makes this very clear: "Only in GOD will [we] find the truth and happiness [we] never stop searching for..." CCC 27. St Augustine put this truth another way when he said: "You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it rests in you." Worship is at the heart of every religion, and especially so in Christianity. Worship is the reason that we come to mass. Worship is the reason we pray. Worship is at the heart of what it is to be in relationship with GOD.

To Do: Take some time each day to Worship GOD. How would you do this? Just say the words: 'Father, I worship you.' When you come to mass, take a few moments to call to mind that you are here to worship GOD. As it says in the Eucharistic Prayer II: "we...may praise and glorify you through your Son, Jesus Christ."



THE ANNUAL CROSSCARE COLLECTION the social support agency of the Archdiocese of Dublin will be taken up at all MASSES IN THE DIOCESE NEXT WEEKEND.

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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SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY

Our annual diocesan Safeguarding Sunday will take place on Sunday 26th September. The theme for this year's event is "Safeguarding in a Pandemic".

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK.

MONDAY - St John Chrysostom - Memorial

TUESDAY - Exaltation of the Holy Cross - Feast

WEDNESDAY - Our Lady of Sorrows - Memorial

THURSDAY - Ss Cornelius & Cyprian - Memorial

FRIDAY - St Robert Bellarmine - 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.