

Parishes of Narraghmore & Moone

The Faith Communities of:



Ballymount, Crookstown, Kilmead & Moone

Parish Bulletin - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 18th/19th 2021

MASS INTENTIONS - SATURDAY

CROOKSTOWN: 7PM -Sheila Moore (6th A), Tony Price (4th A), Ann Price (Birthday Rem), Bridget Buggle – Sallins (A), Margaret (Marge) Lawler – Crookstown (A) Rec Dec – Myrtle Kelly

MASS INTENTIONS - SUNDAY

BALLYMOUNT: 8.30AM Rec Dec – Myrtle Kelly

CROOKSTOWN: 10.30AM - Bridget McCarthy – Portersize (A) Rec Dec – Myrtle Kelly

KILMEAD: 10.30AM - Patrick Berry (A), Rec Dec - Sr. Cecile de la Passion (Mary Agnes Donovan)

MOONE: 12noon – Ellen Martin (A), Peadar Clynch (A), Alfie Coyle (A), Cassie Nolan (A), Maurice & Margaret (Peggy) Butterfield (30th A), John Cogan - Hobartstown (A), Elizabeth & John O’Neill (A) Rec Dec - Elizabeth (Lily) Fitzpatrick

WEEKDAY

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

MOONE: Thursday 9:30am.

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.

Holy Communion will be celebrated in Narraghmore and Moone as follows:

Crookstown NS - Friday October 8th
Moone NS - Wednesday October 13th
Kilmead NS - Friday October 15th

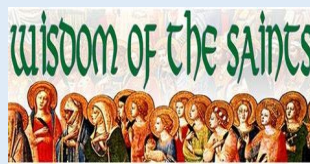
Confirmation will be celebrated in Narraghmore as follows:

Crookstown - Saturday October 16th - *please note that due to a wedding this ceremony will take place in Moone Church.*
Kilmead - Saturday October 23rd

The Ceremony of Light, before confirmation will take place as follows:

Crookstown - Thursday October 7th
Kilmead - Thursday October 14th

Please keep all of the young people of Moone, Narraghmore & Athy and their families in your prayers as they prepare for these sacraments.



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

“Pray, hope and don’t worry. Worry is useless, God is merciful and will hear your prayer.”

St. Pio of Pietrelcina

Padre Pio was born in the small farming town of Pietrelcina, Italy on May 25, 1887. Aged 5, he dedicated his life to God. From his early childhood, he showed a remarkable recollection of spirit and a love for the religious life. He loved to go to church and to pray.

When he was fifteen he entered the Capuchin Franciscans and was ordained on Aug 10, 1910. The celebration of the Holy Mass was the center of his spirituality. His Mass could sometimes last several hours. When asked to shorten his Mass, Padre Pio replied, *“God knows that I want to say Mass just like any other priest, but I cannot do it.”*

As the years passed, pilgrims began to come to him by the thousands, from every corner of the world. To his spiritual children he would say, *“It seems to me as if Jesus has no other concern but the sanctification of your soul.”*

He is understood above all else as a man of prayer. His prayers were usually very simple. He loved to pray the Rosary and recommended it to others. To someone who asked him what legacy he wished to leave to his spiritual children, his brief reply was, *“My child, the Rosary.”* He had a special mission to the souls in Purgatory and encouraged everyone to pray for them. He used to say, *“We must empty Purgatory with our prayers.”*

The marks of the stigmata, the wounds of Christ, appeared on Padre Pio’s body, on Friday, September 20, 1918, while he was praying before a crucifix and making his thanksgiving after Mass. He bore the painful wounds in his hands, feet, and side for fifty years.

In addition, God endowed Padre Pio with many extraordinary spiritual gifts and charisms including the gift of healing, bilocation, prophecy, miracles, discernment of spirits, the ability to abstain beyond man’s natural powers from both sleep and nourishment, the ability to read hearts, the gift of tongues, the gift of conversions, the grace to see angelic beings in form, and the fragrance which emanated from his wounds and which frequently announced his invisible presence. His day began at 2:30 a.m. when he would rise to begin his prayers and to make his preparation for Mass. Between Mass and confessions, his workday lasted 19 hours. He very rarely left the monastery and never took even a day’s vacation from his grueling schedule in 51 years. He never read a newspaper or listened to the radio. He cautioned his spiritual children against watching television.

The prayer groups that Padre Pio established have now spread throughout the world. He gave a new spirit to hospitals by founding one which he called “The Home for the Relief of Suffering.” He saw the image of Christ in the poor, the suffering, and the sick and gave himself particularly to them. He once said, *“Bring God to all those who are sick. This will help them more than any other remedy.”*

He died on September 23, 1968 at the age of eighty-one. He died as he had lived, with his Rosary in his hands. His last words were *“Jesus, Mary”* – which he repeated over and over until he breathed his last. He had often declared, *“After my death I will do more. My real mission will begin after my death.”*

In 1971, Pope Paul VI said of Padre Pio, *“What fame he had. How many followers from around the world. Why? Was it because he was a philosopher, a scholar, or because he had means at his disposal? No, it was because he said Mass humbly, heard confessions from morning until night and was a marked representative of the stigmata of Our Lord. He was truly a man of prayer and suffering.”*

Pope John Paul II canonized Padre Pio on June 16, 2002. He is patron saint of adolescents and Civil Defence Workers. His feast day is Sept. 23rd

St. Pio of Pietrelcina, pray for us

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".

ALPHA COURSE ONLINE

Bayside Alpha are running a free 7-week Zoom course on prayer starting on Wednesday the 22nd of September at 7.30pm. The course is called 40 Days of Prayer and consists of a 60 minute weekly meeting on Zoom which includes a video presentation and a time for prayer and sharing. If you'd like to join please email Paul at alphabayside@gmail.com.

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.



THE ANNUAL CROSSCARE COLLECTION

CROSSCARE is the social support agency of the Archdiocese of Dublin and their annual collection will be taken up at all MASSES IN THE DIOCESE THIS WEEKEND. It will replace the usual Share collection.

Through their services for Homeless, Youth, Migrants and Refugees, Crosscare focuses on helping people and families when they need it most or when they can't find support anywhere else.

In their Community Foodbanks and Cafes, they provide food parcels and nutritious meals every day. Demand for their services

CATECHETICAL CORNER - WEEK 4.

Last week we heard from the letter of St James that 'faith without good works is quite dead.' (Jas.2:17). So although our primary duty is to offer worship and praise to GOD, as we saw last week, this is not where our faith ends. If it does end here 'it is quite dead'.

In our Gospel today Jesus says quite clearly that "Whatever you do the least of my brothers [or sisters] you do to ME." So what should we do for our brothers and sisters? Well the Church has made it very easy for us in giving us a list of practical actions, taken from the Gospel of Matthew, chapter 25, that we can do to prove that our faith is no dead thing but rather is alive and has meaning in our life.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) in paragraph 2447 makes it very plain: "The works of mercy are charitable actions by which we come to the aid of our neighbor in his/her spiritual and bodily necessities...The corporal works of mercy consist especially in feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, clothing the naked, visiting the sick and imprisoned, and burying the dead. Among all these, giving alms to the poor is one of the chief witnesses to fraternal charity: it is also a work of justice pleasing to God" These are the practical, tangible ways that we live out the faith we profess and the worship that we give to GOD. In addition to these bodily or corporal works of mercy there are other spiritual works of mercy which are: "Instructing, advising, consoling, comforting... forgiving and bearing wrongs patiently."

To Do: Take some time this week to reflect on these 'Corporal Works of Mercy' to see if they have found expression in your life and if they have are you doing enough? If they have not, do your means or indeed your time allow you to start. How could you go about: feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, clothing the naked etc...

PARISH SECRETARIES

BER MURPHY & TRISH HOLLIGAN - .
Mon, Tue, Wed & Fri 10am - 4pm.
Ss. Mary & Laurence Church, Crookstown,
TEL: 059 8623154. Email:
stlaurenceschurch@gmail.com

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK.

MONDAY - Ss Andrew Kim Tae Gong,
Paul Chong Ha-sang & companions -
Martyrs.
Memorial

TUESDAY - St Matthew Apostle -
Feast

THURSDAY - St (Padre) Pio of Pietrelcina
- 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.

continues to increase as the pandemic has impacted the most vulnerable in our parishes and communities.

The guiding principle for Crosscare is the dignity of the person as a child of GOD, and as such operate as a true Catholic Social Care agency. Please give generously in the second collection this weekend or on line at www.crosscare.ie

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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