

Parishes of Narraghmore & Moone

The Faith Communities of:



Ballymount, Crookstown, Kilmead & Moone

Parish Bulletin - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 23rd/24th 2021

MASS INTENTIONS

CROOKSTOWN: 7PM - Phyllis Ward (M.M.), Julia Foley - Back Moone (A), Myrtle Kelly (M.M.) her husband Patrick Kelly & her Granddaughter Sara Fortune, Edward Ball - late of Narraghmore (A), Christopher & Teresa Nolan - Cottage Lane, Ballitore (A), Patrick (Paddy) Tallon (A), Ann Brennan (1st A), Teresa Molloy - Ballybarney (A)

BALLYMOUNT: 8.30AM Patrick (Paddy) Tallon (A)

KILMEAD: 10.30AM - Thomas Behan (Snr.) (A), Christopher Heffernan (A) and deceased members of the Heffernan family

MOONE: 12noon - John Whitty - Hughestown, Baltinglass (A) and deceased members of the Whitty family, Andy Doran (2nd A)

WEEKDAY MASSES

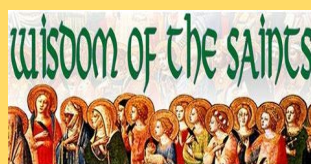
CROOKSTOWN: Wed & Fri 9.30am - Donor's Intentions.

MOONE: Thursday 9:30am.

NOVEMBER ALTAR LIST OF THE DEAD

November is the time of the year when we as Christians remember and pray for our dead. You are very welcome to place the names of your beloved departed on the November altar list of the dead, all these people will be prayed for at every Mass in the parish during the month of November and at the 9:30am mass every first Friday of the month for the next twelve months.

Leaflets and envelopes are now available in the Church and office. Please take one and fill out the names of your loved ones whom you wish to be remembered. When complete return them to the office.



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

"For this cause I would be willing to die not one but a thousand deaths."

Blessed Dominic Collins

Dominic Collins was born in Youghal, Co. Cork, Ireland. His family was well established and respected and both his father and brother were mayors of Youghal. Like many others, he decided to leave Ireland and make a better life in Europe. So at the age of twenty, Collins arrived in France. Eventually, he was enlisted in the army of the Duke of Mercœur, and had a distinguished military career. He began to realise that being a soldier was not the future he wanted. He entered the Jesuit novitiate in Santiago de Compostela in northern Spain in December 1598 and took his first vows in February 1601.

Seven months later, Brother Dominic Collins was assigned as companion and assistant to Fr James Archer, an Irish Jesuit who was being sent by the king as chaplain to a Spanish expedition to assist Catholics in Ireland.

The two Jesuits sailed in September 1601 on different vessels which became separated during a storm. When Bro Collins finally reached Ireland in December, the English army had laid siege to the town. The Irish attacked at dawn on Christmas Eve but were defeated. Bro Collins proceeded to Dunboy Castle, which the Irish had recently regained. Some months later Bro Collins found himself besieged inside Dunboy Castle with 143 defenders. With the landing on 6 June of huge English forces, Dunboy Castle fortifications began to crumble under the heavy bombardment. Many of the Irish defenders were killed and the Castle surrendered. With the exception of Dominic Collins and two others, all the remaining 77 defenders were executed in the castle yard.

Dominic was later imprisoned in Cork and, despite several offers to spare his life if he would divulge information about Catholics and to renounce his vocation as a Jesuit and join the established Church, he flatly refused. He also rejected the offer of an honourable position in the English army and Protestant offers of ecclesiastical preferment if he would renounce his Catholic faith. Even his own relatives tried persuading him to renounce the faith publicly while inwardly remaining faithful to Catholicism. But this he would not do. He was finally condemned to death and on 31 October 1602 he was taken to Youghal and hanged. Before climbing the scaffold, he spoke, saying he was happy to die for his faith. He was so cheerful that an English officer remarked, "He is going to his death as eagerly as I would go to a banquet." Bro Collins overheard him and replied, "For this cause I would be willing to die not one but a thousand deaths." Bro Dominic Collins, together with sixteen other martyrs of Ireland, who died between 1579 and 1654, was beatified by Pope John Paul II on September 27, 1992. Blessed Dominic is remembered for his constancy in the faith. Dominic's martyrdom is commemorated in a carving at St. Colman's Cathedral, Cobh, Co. Cork.

Bl. Dominic Collins - pray for us



CONGRATULATIONS to the girls and boys of 3rd class in our parish schools who received the sacraments of Penance & Holy Communion for the first time over the past couple of weeks, Fr Francis has been working very hard.

CONGRATULATIONS too to the boys and girls who received the Sacrament of Confirmation in Moone last Saturday and in Kilmead yesterday. We had two great days of joyful celebration. Well done to Fr Liam who has also been working very hard. Fr Liam was assisted by Fr Tim at one of the ceremonies in Moone where Fr Tim had the privilege of confirming two of his grand-nieces. A lovely occasion for Fr Tim, for his two grand nieces and for their family. Please keep all of the boys and girls in your prayers.

DO YOU PLAY THE UKULELE?



We are **STILL** looking for a Ukulele player or two who would be interested in helping us to start a children's Ukulele group. If you can help please contact Conor, details below.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

Perhaps you are married to a Catholic. Perhaps you have an interest in or a fascination with the Catholic Church, perhaps you have questions, and you are just not sure. If you would like to learn more about becoming a Catholic as an adult, please contact Conor, the Parish Pastoral Worker, details below, you will receive a very warm welcome!

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY TODAY

World Mission Sunday is the Holy Father's annual appeal for spiritual and financial support so that the life-giving work of overseas mission and missionaries can continue. It always falls on the second last Sunday in October, meaning this year it will be celebrated on Sunday 24th October.



This year's theme *'We CANNOT REMAIN SILENT – We cannot but speak about what we have seen and heard (Acts 4:20)'* is twofold. It is a message of hope – Jesus Christ is risen and we cannot keep his love, compassion, and mercy to ourselves. It also challenges us to stand up and speak out on behalf of those who are weaker. All too often, the voices that need to be heard are not the loudest. For them, we cannot remain silent.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE (MAD) SUNDAY - #MADSUNDAY - Started 5 years ago is an open invitation to everyone. This beautifully simple initiative hopes to encourage ALL people make a conscious effort to do one simple thing to help another & share it to help, inspire, give hope & encourage others! It's a day on which we are encouraging young and not so young, groups or individuals, parents & children, clubs & societies, families & friends, politicians & teachers, etc... to look out for others, to reach out to others and make a small difference in their home, community, school, parish, etc. To consciously do at least one simple act of kindness and then share it on social media all using the hashtag #MADSUNDAY

MASS FOR THE GIFT OF THE PRIESTHOOD

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society has arranged with St. Andrew's Westland Row to

CATECHETICAL CORNER - CONTINUING OUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE MASS.

ONE OF THE CRITICISMS often levelled at Catholics by some Protestant denominations is that we seek to crucify Jesus over and over again. In other words, that mass is seen as a re-crucifying of Jesus. To be fair, it is a very easy mistake to make, as we do talk about the sacrifice, and offering the Body and Blood.

But it is precisely that, a mistake because correctly understood, the mass, in addition to being the perfect act of worship and a joining in the heavenly banquet of the marriage feast of the Lamb, as we have seen over the past couple of weeks, is also the Sacrifice of Jesus on the cross.

However, it is not a re-crucifying. We are not crucifying Jesus over and over again, we are in fact making the crucifixion present in our time and place. So every mass that we attend, or to say it more correctly, every mass at which we assist, is not a re-crucifixion but rather a re-presenting of the sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross.

It is not a 'representation' of the sacrifice, in the sense of a picture or a re-enactment but rather it is making it present in real time, RE-PRESENT-ING. At mass, in addition to being present at the Marriage Feast of the Lamb we are also present at Calvary. In the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) we read: *"When the Church celebrates the Eucharist, she commemorates Christ's Passover, and it is made present: the sacrifice Christ offered once for all on the cross remains ever present. As often as the sacrifice of the Cross by which 'Christ our Pasch has been sacrificed' is celebrated on the altar, the work of redemption is carried out."* (CCC #1364). So at every mass Christ is not re-crucified but the salvation that HE won for us by the offering of HIMSELF to GOD is made real, present and available to us as if for the first time.

To Do: Claim the redemption, forgiveness of our sins and the promise of eternal life, that GOD offers to us through the Mass, the redemption won by Christ on Calvary.

celebrate Mass for the Gift of the Priesthood. The Mass will take place at 3.30 pm on Sunday 21st November the Feast of Christ the King.

The Chief Celebrant is Fr. Seamus McEntee, the Dublin Diocese Director of Vocations, and the Chief Chaplain to St. Joseph's Young Priests Society. The Homilist is Fr. Frank Drescher who was ordained to the Priesthood in September 2020.

Everybody is welcome to attend this event, whether Clergy or Parishioners.

MASS TIMES IN NARRAGHMORE & MOONE

BALLYMOUNT:

Sunday 8:30am

CROOKSTOWN:

Saturday 7pm (Vigil)

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

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

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FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK.

MONDAY - Bl. Thaddeus McCarthy
Optional Memorial

THURSDAY Ss Simon & Jude - Apostles
Feast

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.