

# Parish Bulletin - 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - November 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> 2021

## MASS INTENTIONS

**CROOKSTOWN:** 7PM - Mary O'Connor (A), The Ghent family, Margaret (Rita) Mooney (A), Ned Cullen - Lipstown (A) Eugene Farrell - Lipstown (A), Robert Supple (5<sup>th</sup> A) sadly missed by his family and friends, Recently deceased - Esther Lawlor **BALLYMOUNT: 8.30AM** 

KILMEAD: 10.30AM - Johnny & Phyllis Bell (A)

MOONE: 12noon – George (Snr), Mary, Seán, George, Bob and Rose Cummins, John & Ann Kavanagh - Sheriff Hill (A), Joseph O'Rourke - Sheriff Hill (A), Mary Kelly (A), Michael & Catherine Finn (A) and their son Patrick Finn, Mary Nolan (A), Recently deceased- Dan Murphy

WEEKDAY MASSES:

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

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

#### **NOVEMBER ALTAR LIST OF THE DEAD**

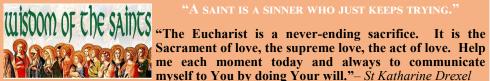
November is the time of the year when we as Christians remember and pray for our dead. You are very welcome to place the names of your beloved departed on the November altar list of the dead, all these people will be prayed for at every Mass in the parish during the month of November and at the 9:30am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

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#### **Remembering.**

Going to Dublin for some pre-Christmas shopping? Why not pop into the Pro Cathedral! All welcome to join us at the Pro-Cathedral on Sunday lunchtimes in November for: **REMEMBERING**. The choirs associated with the Pro-Cathedral present a series of four Sunday lunchtime performances singing a varied and wide- 6th and 7th of November to support the vital range of choral music. At each performance, we will remember those lost during the Covid period in a special way. November 7th, 14th, **21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>** all at 1.15pm <u>Admission is free</u>.



A SAINT IS A SINNER WHO JUST KEEPS TRYING."

Sacrament of love, the supreme love, the act of love. Help me each moment today and always to communicate myself to You by doing Your will."- St Katharine Drexel

ST. KATHARINE DREXEL is the second American-born saint to be canonized by the Church. Katherine was born in Philadelphia on November 26, 1858, she and her sisters received a wonderful education from private tutors and travelled throughout the US and Europe. The Drexels were financially and spiritually well endowed. They were devout in the practice of their faith, setting an excellent example of true Christian living for their three daughters. They not only prayed but practiced what the Church calls the spiritual and corporal works of mercy. Katharine grew up seeing her father pray for 30 minutes each evening. And every week, her stepmother opened their doors to house to care for the poor. The couple distributed food, clothing and provided rent assistance to those in need. The Drexels would seek out and visit women who were too afraid or too proud to approach the home in order to care for their needs in Christian charity. After watching her stepmother suffer with terminal cancer for three straight years, Katharine also learned that no amount of money could shelter them from pain or suffering. From this moment, Katharine's life took a turn. She became imbued with a passionate love for God and neighbour, and she took an avid interest in the material and spiritual well-being of black and native Americans. When her father passed away, he donated part of his \$15.5 million estate to a few charities and then left the remainder to be equally split amongst his three daughters. As one of their first acts following their father's death, she and her sisters contributed money to assist the St. Francis Mission of South Dakota's Rosebud Reservation. Katherine soon concluded that more was needed to help the Native Americans and the lacking ingredient was people. After speaking with Father James O' Connor, Katharine decided she would give herself and her inheritance to God through service to both Native and African Americans. She wrote, "The feast of St. Joseph brought me the grace to give the remainder of my life to the Indians and the Coloured." Taking the name Mother Katharine, she established a religious congregation called the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament for Indians and Coloured, In 1897, Katharine asked the Franciscans to help staff a mission for the Navajos in Arizona and New Mexico, and she would help finance their work. In 1915, she founded Xavier University in New Orleans, the first Catholic University for African-Americans. By the time of her death, she had more than 500 Sisters teaching in 63 schools throughout the country and she established 50 missions for Native Americans in 16 different states. Mother Katharine died on March 3, 1955 at the age of 96. St. Katharine was beatified on November 20, 1988 and canonized on October 1, 2000 by St. Pope John Paul II.

## Saint Katharine pray for us.

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR TRÓCAIRE TODAY teams are already responding on the ground, THE

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BISHOPS OF IRELAND have called for a national Church collection on the

work of Trócaire in providing life-saving aid to vulnerable communities in East Africa and DRC, where millions of people are being pushed to the edge of starvation. Trócaire

CATHOLIC and are ready to provide more life-saving assistance but need more resources. Any support the Parish can give to this Emergency Appeal will help the urgent work of Trócaire and their hardworking local partners. For more information see www.trocaire.org. This collection will replace the share collection.

## THE DIOCESAN SYNODAL PATHWAY.



Please join in praying for the success of the synod and the preparations that are underway. Below is the prayer the synod for preparations. Every of session the

Second Vatican Council began with the prayer Adsumus, the first word of the Latin original meaning, "We Stand Before You", which has been historically used at Councils, Synods and other Church gatherings for hundreds of years, being attributed to St Isidore of Seville (c. 560 - 4 April 636). As we embrace this Synodal Process, this prayer invites the Holy Spirit to be at work in us so that we may be a community and a people of grace. For the Synodal journey from 2021 to 2023, we propose the following simplified version, so that any group or liturgical assembly can pray it more easily.

WE STAND BEFORE YOU, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You.

who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever.

> Amen. \*\*\*\*\*\*

November Masses for our Deceased Parishioners The November masses will take place in our parishes as follows: Monday November 15<sup>TH</sup> -CROOKSTOWN TUESDAY NOVEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup> - ATHY WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup> -KILMEAD THURSDAY NOVEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup> - MOONE All masses will be at 7:30pm and will be available via Webcam on our website

There will be no Parish Bulletin on Children's Bulletin next week. We will be back again on November 21<sup>st</sup>, the Feast of Christ the King.

# **CATECHETICAL CORNER -** CONTINUING OUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE MASS.

OVER THE PAST few weeks we have been exploring our understanding of the Mass and what it is. We have seen that it is many things: it is the Marriage Feast of the Lamb, it is an act, indeed 'THE' act of Worship of GOD. It is the re-present-ing of the sacrifice of Calvary and the Last Supper. It is also a Sacrament and a mystery, that try as we might, we can never fully understand or appreciate it's depth or significance. Does that mean that we should not try? No! As our Gospel last week made very clear: "You shall love the love the LORD your GOD with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength..." (Mk.12:30). It is perhaps somewhat easier to understand what it means to love with all the heart, heart implies passion, we should be passionate for GOD, our faith and the Church. We should love GOD, defend and be true to GOD, even unto death, that is Strength. But our mind? This implies that we endeavor to understand our faith as much as possible, that, in as much as we are able, we seek to acquire knowledge of and about GOD and about our faith so that we can know and love GOD better, especially through the Sacraments of the Church.

So what then is a Sacrament? The simplest definition, attributed to St Augustine, is that it is a visible sign of an invisible reality (grace), just as a wedding ring is a visible sign of the invisible reality that someone is married. But with a significant difference, the Sacraments accomplish something, they accomplish that which they signify *(see the Catechism of the Catholic Church #774)*. In other words wearing a gold band on the third finger of your left hand does not make you married, whereas when a priest offers mass something is accomplished, namely; we are transported to heaven, to Calvary, we actually share in the marriage feast of the Lamb, our redemption is made available to us and so much more.

**To Do:** Try to set some time aside everyday to read a spiritual book, the bible or even the mass readings for each day, which are available on our website.

## MASS TIMES IN NARRAGHMORE & MOONE

**ST JOSEPH'S BALLYMOUNT:** Sunday 8:30am

Ss MARY & LAWRENCE CROOKSTOWN: Saturday 7pm (Vigil) Wednesday & Friday: 9.30am

## ST ITA'S KILMEAD:

Sunday 10.30am Mass is celebrated most weekdays at 10am but is subject to change or cancellation without notice.

> Most Blessed Trinity Moone: Sunday 12noon. Holy Day: 11am Thursday 9:30am

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#### PARISH SECRETARIES

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# FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK.

**TUESDAY** - Dedication of the Lateran Basilica - Feast.

WEDNESDAY - St Pope Leo the Great -Memorial

THURSDAY - St Martin of Tours -Memorial

**FRIDAY -** St Josaphat - Memorial **Sunday** - St Lawrence O'Toole -Principal Patron of the Archdiocese of

Dublin.

#### POPE FRANCIS'S PRAYER FOR THE YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH

#### Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer



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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.

mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.