

# Parishes of Narraghmore & Moone

The Faith Communities of:



Ballymount, Crookstown, Kilmead & Moone

## Parish Bulletin - First Sunday of Advent - Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> 2021

### MASS INTENTIONS

**CROOKSTOWN: 7PM** - Susan Dunne McFerran (3rd A), Jack O'Connor - Blackhall (A), Tommy O'Connor, Mamie O'Connor, Ann (Nan) Doran (A), Mary Nolan (née Kelly) - Inchaquire, Fr. Patrick Keogh - Lipstown (A), Jim Keogh - Monkstown, Dublin (A), Michael Fogarty (5th A), Rec Dec: Tom Byrne - Blackhall

**BALLYMOUNT: 8.30AM** No Intention

**KILMEAD: 10.30AM** - Imelda Mahon (M.M.)

**MOONE: 12noon** - Kermit Folden (1<sup>st</sup> A), Dan Murphy (M.M.), Nan Whitty Kavanagh - Hughestown, Baltinglass (A) and her husband Mick

### WEEKDAY MASSES:

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

**MOONE:**

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PUBLIC MEETING FOR THE TANYARD  
Saturday Dec 4<sup>th</sup> at  
2pm



Meeting will be outdoors so wrap up warm.  
Social Distancing in place

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### PREPARE FOR THE COMING OF THE LORD.

**REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR.** What is that? Well in addition to getting a treat each day we invite you to think of others each day. Encourage the children to offer a prayer for someone, thinking especially of the homeless or children who may not get new toys this year. In a practical way we encourage you to donate a small item of non-perishable food or toiletries to the appeal for the homeless in Athy. There will be a box in Crookstown, Moone and Kilmead churches in which donations for distribution by the homeless service in Athy. ALL DONATIONS WILL BE GRATEFULLY RECEIVED.

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

Blessed Margaret Ball was one of 17 Irish Martyrs Beatified in 1992 by St Pope John Paul II. She was born in 1515, was a prominent member of 16th-century Irish society, who, despite being the widow of a Lord Mayor of Dublin, was arrested for her adherence to the Catholic faith and died of deprivation in the dungeons of Dublin Castle in 1584. When she was 16 years old, she married Bartholomew Ball, an alderman of the City of Dublin, whose wealthy family operated the bridge over the River Dodder, which is still known as Ballsbridge. Bartholomew Ball was elected Lord Mayor of Dublin in 1553, making Margaret the Lady Mayoress of the city. During this time of religious persecution, it was well known that Ball provided "safe houses" for any bishops or priests who might be passing through Dublin.

Margaret Ball's eldest son, Walter, who wanted to follow in his father's footsteps and advance his political career, embraced the "new religion" and was appointed Commissioner for Ecclesiastical Causes in 1577. Margaret was disappointed with her son's change of faith and tried to change his mind. Immediately after his installation as Lord Mayor of Dublin in 1580, Walter had his mother and her personal chaplain arrested and taken to the dungeons of Dublin Castle. Ball died in 1584 at the age of 69. She was crippled with arthritis and had lived for three years in the cold, wet dungeon of Dublin Castle with no natural light. Ball had remained in the dungeon when she could have returned to a life of comfort at any time by simply "taking the oath."

*Blessed Margaret Ball - pray for us.*

### the Spirit of advent

"ARE YOU READY FOR CHRISTMAS?"  
Join us in preparing for Christmas by reflecting on the Sunday Gospels of Advent. Each Thursday evening at 8pm on Zoom.  
To register, email conor at:  
conor.mccann@dublindiocese.ie

John 1:14 'The Word was made flesh'

generously donate time to this once in a life time event between now and next June.

It will entail approximately 4 hours of training, with ongoing support and with resources made available to you, as well as organising assemblies of one hour. If you think that you, or someone you know in the parish might be the right person, or if you would like to learn more about it, please contact Conor McCann, the Parish Pastoral Worker, on 086-7905654 or by email on [conor.mccann@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:conor.mccann@dublindiocese.ie)

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### PRAYER OF THE DIOCESAN SYNODAL PATHWAY.

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

### LOCAL ANIMATORS FOR THE SYNODAL PATHWAY

As you know, Pope Francis has called a General Synod for the whole church in 2023. In preparation for the Universal Synod each country will have a national synod and in preparation for that each diocese will have diocesan synod.

Preparations have begun for our national and diocesan synods. AS part of those preparations we are looking for a local animator in each of the 6 churches across the Parish Grouping. We are looking for someone who can



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.

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**PASTORAL LETTER FOR ADVENT** from  
Archbishop Farrell, the full text of the letter  
on our parish website.

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### PARISH ADVENT RETREAT

This Advent, Gardiner Street Parish is  
offering a week of retreat in daily life.  
The starting meeting will take place on  
Saturday 5th of December in St. Francis  
Xavier's Church, followed by daily check in  
with your retreat guide (in person or online).  
Ends with Mass on Saturday 11th December  
at 6 pm.

If you are interested, please phone 01  
8363411 or email [sfx@jesuit.ie](mailto:sfx@jesuit.ie).



### CHRISTMAS MASS CARDS

Mass cards from Narraghmore & Moone  
parishes are available for Christmas. They  
have been signed by the priests of the  
parish and a Triduum of masses will be  
offered. The mass cards are available from  
the Parish Office there are 9 designs to  
choose from and are priced at €2 each.

Design 1



Design 2



Design 3



CHRISTMAS MASS CARDS FROM THE  
PARISHES OF NARRAGHMORE & MOONE



Design 4



Design 5



Design 6

Choose from 9 designs. Mass Cards are €2 each and are included in a Triduum  
of Masses to be celebrated in the Parishes of Narraghmore & Moone.  
Order your cards from the Parish Office on 059-8623154.



Design 7



Design 8



Design 9

### CATECHETICAL CORNER - THE SEASON OF ADVENT, SEASON OF HOPE.

The Season of Advent, which marks the beginning of the Liturgical year, is so often overlooked in the preparation for Christmas. As the Christmas season, at least in modern culture, seems to start earlier and earlier each year, so Advent gets more and more overlooked.

But Advent is a beautiful season. Each of the 4 Sundays has a different theme and today we begin by looking at Hope. The Catechism of the Catholic Church describes Hope as; "...the theological virtue by which we desire the Kingdom of GOD and eternal life as our happiness, placing our trust in Christ's promise and not in our own strength," (CCC 1817).

In his Pastoral Letter for Advent, Archbishop Farrell says: "*The Church begins its year with Hope...In Advent, we proclaim and celebrate our hope and our trust that our God is faithful: that the Lord will come again and again to rescue us, to heal us, to console us, to be with all that he has called into life.*" The Catechism goes on to say: "It [Hope] affords us joy even under trial: Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation." (CCC 1821). Archbishop Farrell reflects this theme in his letter: "*So it is for us, the community of faith that is the Church in this Archdiocese. We are living through dark days. We confront immense challenges, not least that the dominant culture is hostile to faith, while there is much in our story that discourages and even repels many people. Yet as Christians we are called to bring Good News to the whole world, to accompany those at all stages of life's journey towards an encounter with Jesus Christ. We are hopeful, despite the immensity of these challenges, some of which have become even more stark as a result of the coronavirus crisis.*" He concludes his letter by saying: "*In the season of Advent, we unite ourselves with our Blessed Mother Mary, whose own preparation models for us the spirit of hope and faith that brings the light of Christ to life.*"

**To Do:** Spend a few moments each day trying to foster an 'Attitude of Gratitude'. Be thankful for the blessings that you have and look to the future with Hope in the company of Jesus and Mary confident that our Lord will come again and again to be with HIS people and to save us from our despair.

### 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

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#### PARISH SECRETARIES

BER MURPHY & TRISH HOLLIGAN - .

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

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### NOVEMBER MASS

Moone church experienced some  
technical difficulties with the Webcam  
for the November mass but it is  
available on our parish Facebook if you  
missed and would like to pray the mass.

### FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK.

TUESDAY - St Andrew Apostle - Feast.

FRIDAY - St Francis Xavier - Memorial

Saturday - St John Damascene - Op  
Memorial

Saturday Memorial of the Blessed Virgin  
Mary.

### 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.