

Parishes of Narraghmore & Moone

The Faith Communities of:



Ballymount, Crookstown, Kilmead & Moone

Parish Bulletin - Second Sunday of Advent - Dec. 4th/5th 2021

MASS INTENTIONS

CROOKSTOWN: 7PM - Louise Flood (A)
Esther Lawlor (M.M.)
Matt & Mary Lawler - Ballybarney (A)
Pat Moore - Mullaghmast (A)

BALLYMOUNT: 8.30AM No Intention

KILMEAD: 10.30AM - Louise Flood (A)
Leeia Scully (1st A)

MOONE: 12noon – No Intention

WEEKDAY MASSES:

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

MOONE:

RADNELAC TNEYDA ESREVER

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.



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

"Remember you will derive great strength by reflecting that the saints yearn for you to join their ranks".

Bl. Henry Suso.

Henry was born in Switzerland in 1290. The gentle Henry was a great disappointment to his military family. Gifted with a deep awareness of God's presence within him, and drawn to a life of prayer, at the age of thirteen, he entered the Dominican convent at Lake Constance near the Alps on the Swiss-German border. Once ordained, he traveled constantly and widely, preaching and hearing confessions.

Bl. Henry Suso is known for his gentleness and slight eccentricity. For example, he once erected a Maypole, and danced around it in a joyful display of uninhibited love for the Lord. Having a great devotion to Our Lord as personified Wisdom, Henry wrote the spiritual classic *The Little Book of Eternal Wisdom*, or *The Exemplar*.

In his innocence, he was constantly misunderstood and taken advantage of. He was victim of the deceit of his lay companion, who lied about Henry's poisoning a well in the town. The story was believed, and Henry was almost clubbed to death. In another he found him in the middle of disputes between feuding families, he was falsely accused by a woman from one of them as being the father of her child.

He died in Ulm, near Bavaria, in 1365. His body was later found incorrupt and emitting a fragrance reminiscent of that of his Holy Father Dominic 150 years before.

Blessed Henry Suso - pray for us.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL ANNUAL COLLECTION - NEXT SUNDAY



"Care enough to share"

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul continues to support those seeking assistance to the best of our availability. For the many families that are helped they are faced daily impossible choices, but at this time of year for many these impossible choices get harder, put oil in the tank or get the present on their child's list.

This year, more than ever, your help is needed to make sure that children and families have what they need to share in the magic of the season.

On **SUNDAY 11TH DECEMBER**, St Vincent de Paul will be holding a church collection in the hope to raise funds for people who are struggling this Christmas. For more information, please contact your local SVP Volunteers

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

nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey together to eternal

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'

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.

ARCHBISHOP FARRELL has asked that
everyone pray this prayer everyday for the
success of the Diocesan Synodal Pathway

**CROSSCARE ONLINE FOOD APPEAL FOR
FAMILIES IN POVERTY 2021**

Due to Covid restrictions, the online appeal
for donations replaces the food collection in
parishes in previous years. Your ongoing
support for Crosscare makes a huge
difference to those most in need.

We are asking for donations to continue this
vital work at Christmas and into 2022.
Please help us to help them. Support our
appeal to end food poverty by giving what
you can online at www.crosscare.ie/donate or
call 01 8360011

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.

CHRISTMAS MASS CARDS FROM THE
PARISHES OF NARRAGHMORE & MOONE

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.

CLOSING OF THE YEAR OF ST JOSEPH
The Year of St Joseph was proclaimed by
Pope Francis to mark the 150th anniversary
of the declaration of St Joseph as the Patron
of the Universal Church. The Year of St
Joseph ends on December 8th. We will con-
tinue to include the prayer to St Joseph and
encourage you to pray the prayer.
St Joseph - Pray for us.

CATECHETICAL CORNER - THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY

What is the Immaculate Conception?

The Immaculate Conception is a Catholic dogma that states that Mary, whose conception
was brought about the normal way, was conceived without original sin or its stain. That
is what "immaculate" means: without stain.

It's important to understand what the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception is and what
it is not. Some people think the term refers to Christ's conception in Mary's womb
without the intervention of a human father; but that is the Virgin Birth. Others think the
Immaculate Conception means Mary was conceived "by the power of the Holy Spirit,"
in the way Jesus was, but that, too, is incorrect.

When discussing the Immaculate Conception, an implicit reference may be found in the
angel's greeting to Mary. The angel Gabriel said, "Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with
you" (Luke 1:28). The phrase "full of grace" is a translation of the Greek word which
literally means: "to fill or endow with grace."

We read in the Catechism of the Catholic Church: "*Through the centuries the Church
has become ever more aware that Mary, "full of grace" through God, was redeemed
from the moment of her conception. That is what the dogma of the Immaculate
Conception confesses, as Pope Pius IX proclaimed in 1854: The most Blessed Virgin
Mary was, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of
almighty God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Saviour of the human race,
preserved immune from all stain of original sin*". (CCC # 491). And in the next
paragraph we read: *The Father blessed Mary more than any other created person "in
Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places" and chose her "in Christ
before the foundation of the world, to be holy and blameless before him in love"*

To Do: Mary revealed to a visionary that her favourite title to addressed by in the
Immaculate Conception. During this week pray this simple prayer often throughout the
day: "*Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee,*"

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

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FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK.

MONDAY - St Nicholas of Myra - Op
Memorial

TUESDAY - St Ambrose - Memorial.

WEDNESDAY - THE IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN
MARY - Solemnity

THURSDAY - St Juan Diego
Cuauhtlatoatzin (Visionary of Guadalupe)

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.