

Parishes of Narraghmore & Moone

The Faith Communities of:



Ballymount, Crookstown, Kilmead & Moone

Parish Bulletin - Third (GAUDETE) Sunday of Advent - Dec. 11th/12th 2021

MASS INTENTIONS

CROOKSTOWN: 7PM - Patrick Carroll (A), Billy & May King - Narraghmore (A), Michael Kelly - Ballymount (A), Pat Moore - Mullaghmast (A), John, Peter & Oliver Cullen (A), Joseph Foley (A), Frank Browne (A), Agnes Keogh (35th A) her husband Jim, and their sons Jimmy & Myles

BALLYMOUNT: 8.30AM No Intention

KILMEAD: 10.30AM - Patrick Finn & Catherine Finn McGuirk (A)

MOONE: 12noon – No Intention

WEEKDAY MASSES:

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

COVID-19 SUPPORT LINE FOR OLDER PEOPLE

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to COVID-19. Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, **8am - 8pm**, by calling **0818 222 024**.



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

“Strive to preserve your heart in peace; let no event of this world disturb it.”

St John of the Cross.

John of the Cross was born in 1542 in a small town in a rocky and barren part of Spain. His father had come from an upper-class family of silk merchants, but he married a woman of low estate for love, and he was disowned by his family. John was the third boy in this marriage, and at age 3 his father died. His wife, Catalina, with her three boys, struggled with unemployment and hunger. He discovered a gift of caring for the sick, and he worked as a nurse and alms seeker at a hospital in Medina. When he was 21, the hospital administrator offered him ordination to the priesthood and a job as chaplain at the hospital. However, he decided instead to go into a Carmelite monastery. He considered transferring to a more contemplative order, the Carthusians. However, he met St. Teresa of Avila, who was establishing a reformed version of the Carmelite order, the Discalced (or unshod) Carmelites, who returned to a more austere and strict observance including going barefoot. John decided to devote himself to this work. They followed a way called *recollection*, which made union with God through love its main concern, and had regard for authors such as Augustine, Bernard, and Gregory the Great. “This way of recollection, also called mental prayer, had to involve one’s whole life. You lived a life of recollection, a life of mental prayer.” The *traditional* Carmelites weren’t pleased with those who wouldn’t wear shoes, perhaps feeling condemned for their warm toes and cool hearts. Some of them captured John and threw him into a monastery prison in Toledo. Eventually he escaped and was hidden by some of his own order. Later he moved to a remote monastery in safe territory. However it was while in prison that John wrote some of the most exquisite Spiritual poetry ever written. This, including his other writings are considered to be spiritual treasures. John died on the 14th December 1591, he was canonised by Pope Benedict XIII and declared a doctor of the Church by Pope Pius XI in 1926. His feast day is December 14th

St John of the Cross - pray for us.

Parishes of Athy,
Narraghmore and Moone

Schedule for Christmas 2021
and New Year 2022

Welcome the Christ Child



If you cannot be present in person in the church,
we invite you to join us in prayer at home via

Live-streaming

www.parishofathy.ie (for Athy Church)

www.narraghmoreandmoone.ie

(for Crookstown, Kilmead and Moone Churches)

Parish Radio

Athy 107.9fm; Crookstown 107fm and Moone 88fm

OUR SCHEDULE OF MASS TIMES for Christmas and the early part of 2022 are available at the entrance to the Church, please take a copy home with you today. The schedule will also be available on our website and social media in the coming days.

A GENTLE BREAK FOR MEMBERS OF BAPTISM TEAMS

Like the other Sacraments of Initiation – First Communion and Confirmation – Baptism celebrations have been dramatically affected by the pandemic.

Please join us for a Zoom session that will offer nourishment and space as we plan the way forward in our liturgical formation of teams. Fr Pat O’Donoghue and Patricia Carroll from the Office of Mission and Ministry will lead this.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL ANNUAL COLLECTION - TODAY



Date: Tue 14th Dec.2021 from 7.30 - 8.30pm
Registerwith lisia.cashen@dublindioocese.ie

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
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 APEAL 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 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.

CATECHETICAL CORNER - GAUDETE SUNDAY - REASONS TO BE JOYFUL

“Rejoice in the LORD always, again I say rejoice!” So says St Paul in his letter to the Philipians (*Phil. 4:8*)

But with so much going on in the world; Covid-19, global warming, wars, migration of peoples and so much more, it seems like there is so much to worry about and reasons not to be joyful but to be fearful and worried. Today, the third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete or Rejoicing Sunday, reminds us to be always joyful. Why? Because Christ has come into the world, and HE has, as they saying goes, got your back! In the Gospel of John we read: *"In the world you have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."* (Jn. 16:33).

To be joyful, to be of good cheer, not in a foolish or giddy manner but to have deep rooted joy, all we need to do is to rely on and surrender to GOD. When we look back, through the lens of the Scriptures, we see that GOD has already come into the world, and when we look forward, again through the lens, or prism, of scripture, we see that GOD, in the person of Christ Jesus, will come again.

To paraphrase a great rock artist from the 70's and 80's, Ian Drury, there are reasons to be cheerful: 1) God has come into the world in the person of Jesus. 2) God has saved us from sin and death by the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, and 3) GOD will come again, in the person of Jesus, to bring us all to eternal life in heaven. This is the secret to instant, deep-seated, everlasting joy. All you have to do is say: “Thy will be done” and mean it from the bottom of your heart, and there you will find joy. Not the frivolous, fleeting kind, that dissipates on the winds of change that blow through life. This act of self surrender to GOD yields un-imaginable joy. You cannot find joy without faith, the faith necessary to love GOD. You need faith to love, and you need to love to find joy. Faith, love, and joy are a package deal.

To Do: Pray for the grace to submit to GOD, to pray “Thy will be do”.

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.

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

THE PARISH TEAM:

FR LIAM RIGNEY PP - 087-2607377;

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087-6730300. Email:

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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 - St Lucy - Memorial

TUESDAY - St John of the Cross -
Memorial.

Saturday - Saturday Memorial of the
Blessed Virgin Mary.

POPE FRANCIS'S PRAYER FOR THE YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH

THE YEAR OF
ST. JOSEPH



Most watchful guardian
and loving father.

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.