

*The Faith Communities of:*



*Ballymount. Crookstown. Kilmead & Moone*

**Parish Bulletin - The Nativity of Our Lord - Christmas - Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> 2021**

**MASS INTENTIONS - DECEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup>**

**CROOKSTOWN: 7PM** - No Intention  
**BALLYMOUNT: 8.30AM** No Intention  
**KILMEAD: 10.30AM** - Aidan Murphy (A)  
 Donal Flanagan  
**MOONE: 12noon** – Tess Lawler (A)  
 Cassis Nolan (Birthday Rem), James,  
 Charles, Bridget & Sarah Power (A)  
 Molly & Tom Whelan and their son Tom.  
 Recently deceased: Padge Kehoe

**WEEKDAY MASSES:**

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

**THE NAMES OF THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN included in the Christmas Altar List of the Dead will be prayed for at all masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.**

**THERE WILL NO PARISH BULLETIN OR CHILDREN'S BULLETIN FOR NEXT COUPLE OF WEEKS**

**FOOD APPEAL FOR ATHY HOMELESS SERVICE**

Many thanks for the generosity of all those who contributed to Food Appeal for the Athy Homeless service. Your kindness and concern for those who are in need is very much appreciated.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL ANNUAL COLLECTION**

Please see the amounts collected during the SVP annual collection from Moone is:

**€341.20**



**PARISHES OF ATHY, NARRAGHMORE & MOONE**  
**Schedule for Christmas 2021**  
**and New Year 2022**

**CHRISTMAS EVE**

**Friday, 24th December**

9.30am morning Mass in Athy Church  
 Penitential Service after the 9.30 am Mass, including individual confession and individual absolution (Rite 2, respecting Covid restrictions)

9.30am morning Mass in Crookstown Church

**Christmas Eve Vigil Masses**

6 pm Vigil : Athy (Family Mass)  
 7 pm Vigil: Crookstown  
 8 pm Vigil: Moone  
 9 pm Vigil: Athy (Carols at 8.45 pm)  
 9 pm Vigil: Kilmead

**CHRISTMAS DAY**

**Saturday, 25th December**

8.30 am Mass - Athy  
 8.30 am Mass - Ballymount  
 9 am Mass - Barrowhouse  
 10.30 am Mass - Athy  
 10.30 am Mass - Crookstown  
 10.30 am Mass - Kilmead  
 12 noon Mass - Moone  
 12 noon Mass - Athy

*There is no evening Mass on Christmas Day*

**FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY**

**Sunday, 26th December**

Normal Sunday Morning Masses,  
 Extra Mass - Crookstown at 10.30 am

**Monday, 27th Dec. to Friday, 31st Dec.**

Mass at 11 am everyday in Athy Church  
 Mass at 9.30 am in Crookstown everyday, except Thursday.

**NEW YEAR'S DAY**

**Saturday, 1st January 2022**

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God. World Day of Prayer for Peace.  
 Mass at 9.30 am in Crookstown  
 Mass at 11 am in Athy Church  
 Mass at 11 am in Moone Church

**Saturday, 1st Jan. and Sunday, 2nd Jan.**

Normal weekend Mass times.

**Monday, 3rd Jan. to Wednesday, 5th Jan.**

Mass at 11 am in Athy Church  
 Mass at 9.30 am in Crookstown on Wednesday 5th Jan.

**FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY**

**Thursday, 6th January**

Vigil Mass for the Feast of the Epiphany at 7.00 pm on Wednesday, 5th Jan. in Crookstown

9.30 am Mass - Athy

10.30 am Mass - Kilmead

11.00 am Mass - Moone

7.30 pm Mass - Athy

*Due to Covid 19 restrictions, places in the churches are limited.*

*We invite you to join us in prayer at home on Live-streaming:-*

*www.parishofathy.ie (Athy Church)*

*www.narraghmoreandmoone.ie (Crookstown Church, Kilmead Church, Moone Church)*

*Parish Radio Athy: 107.9fm*

*Crookstown: 107fm*

*Moone: 88fm*

**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  
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**SCOIL ÍDE NAOFA -  
PARENTS ASSOCIATION CHRISTMAS  
RAFFLE**

**LIST OF PRIZE WINNERS**

Harry Stynes  
Ellie Ashmore  
Lil Dunne  
Noah Doyle  
Liam Donovan  
Patrick Donegan  
Dermot Lawler  
Rose Cullen  
Declan O'Brien  
Liam Rainsford  
Alicia Whelan  
Amanda Byrne  
Anthony King  
Helena O'Driscoll  
Laytoya Stynes  
Shannon Malone

Congratulations to all who won a prize and  
many thanks to everyone who supported  
this worthy cause.

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**CATECHETICAL CORNER - CHRISTMAS IS JUST FOR CHILDREN??**

"I hate Christmas!" I'm sure that we have all heard somebody say that, we might even have said it ourselves, or indeed feel it, even if we don't say it aloud. "Christmas was alright when the kids were young, but now..."

This thinking, while very understandable in our modern world, misses the whole point of Christmas, this thinking misses the meaning of the Incarnation.

What is the Incarnation? It is the visible, tangible manifestation of GOD among humans, as a human. Think about for that for a moment; GOD became one of us! Why? So that we could fulfill the potential with which we were created; to join GOD in living in eternity in the presence of GOD?

We are created in love, from love and our creator wants us to spend our life in love with HIM. To enable us to do this, to show us the way and that it is, indeed, possible, HE came among us as one of us. This is the meaning of the Incarnation, this is what it's all about, this is why we sing with joy and give glory to GOD, this is why the air is thronged with angels singing and praising GOD, because GOD has worked HIS greatest wonder in giving us a sure path to living in the presence of GOD for all eternity.

Saying things like I hate Christmas, or that Christmas is just for the children, is also very true. But perhaps what we hate about Christmas is what we have made of Christmas. Do we festoon our homes with lights because we long for the real light? Is it the sometimes crass, empty commercialism of Christmas that we hate and so it is just for the children?

Hating the commercial side of Christmas is perhaps speaking of what St Augustine meant when he said: 'Our hearts are made for you O God, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you.' A restless heart will never rest in commercialism, but it just might find it in the smile of a new born baby, in the promise that that birth holds. In the hope it both offers and fulfills at the same time. A restless heart might just find rest if it learns to love Christmas...

**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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**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.

May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the magi, and the peace of the Christ child.

May your homes be filled with love, laughter, warmth and happiness.  
May you be blessed with a grateful heart for all your blessings and a generous heart towards those who have less.

May their room at the Inn of your heart for the Christ Child and at your table for the lonely and the stranger.

May you all have a Happy, Holy and Peaceful Christmas and New Year.  
With every blessing and good wish for Christmas and the New Year from:

Fr Liam, Fr Tim, Fr Francis, Conor & Natasha.