

Parishes of Narraghmore & Moone

The Faith Communities of:



Ballymount, Crookstown, Kilmead & Moone

Parish Bulletin - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 15th/16th 2022

MASS INTENTIONS

CROOKSTOWN: 7PM - Shamie Corcoran and his parents Jimmy & Alice Corcoran, Kit & Miko Doyle (A), John Delaney -Simonstown, Moone (A). Rec. dec: Sheila Heydon Hughes

BALLYMOUNT: 8.30AM Rec. dec: Sheila Heydon Hughes

KILMEAD: 10.30AM - John Bradley (M.M.), Mae Bradley, James, Susanna & Mary Bradley, Alice Collins, Lizzie Browne, James, Mary & Seamus Mackey, Rec. dec: Sheila Heydon Hughes

MOONE: 12noon - Fr. Ambrose Farrington - Bolton Abbey (1st A), Bridget O'Sullivan (1st A), Dan & John O'Sullivan, Jane O'Mahony (1st A), William (Bill) Carton - Sheriffs Hill (A) and his wife Sheila remembrance, Patrick Mahon (A), John & Bridget Clynch (A), Simon & Nellie Doody(A), John Delaney - Simonstown, Moone(A), Pat & Janie Nolan - Portersise(A), Anthony & Christina Hegarty & deceased members of the Hegarty family. Rec.dec: Sheila Heydon Hughes

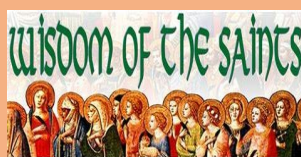
WEEKDAY MASSES:

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



The **WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY** was first proposed in 1908 as an observance within the Roman Catholic Church by Fr Paul Wattson, founder of the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement in Graymoor, New York.

Since the founding of the World Council of Churches in 1948, many other Christian denominations around the world have come to celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, and since 1968, the Faith and Order Commission of the WCC and the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity have collaborated to produce materials for use over this eight-day period. This year the resources and theme for the Week of Prayer for



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

ANTHONY OF EGYPT, also known as Saint Anthony, was a prominent leader among the Desert Fathers. He was born around 251 and died around 356. Anthony is a saint in the Roman Catholic Church. Anthony was born in Coma (or Koma) near Herakleopolis Magna in Lower Egypt in 251 to wealthy landowner parents. When he was about 18 years old, his parents died and left him with the care of his unmarried sister. Shortly thereafter, he decided to follow the words of Jesus Christ, who had said: "If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasures in heaven; and come, follow me" (Mt 19:21), which is part of the Evangelical counsels.

Taking these words quite literally, Anthony gave away some of the family estate to his neighbors, sold the remaining property, donated the funds thus raised to the poor, placed his sister with a group of Christian virgins, a sort of proto-monastery of nuns, and himself became the disciple of a local hermit. Saint Anthony headed out into the alkaline Nitrian Desert region west of Alexandria, on the edge of the Western Desert. Here he remained for some 13 years. He is notable for being one of the first ascetics to attempt living in the desert proper, completely cut off from civilization. The title of Father of monasticism is merited as he was the inspiration for the coming of hundreds of men and women into the depths of the desert, who were then loosely organized into small communities, especially by his disciple, Macarius. According to Athanasius, the devil fought St. Anthony by afflicting him with boredom, laziness, and the phantoms of women, which he overcame by the power of prayer. When Saint Anthony felt that the day of his departure had approached, he commanded his disciples to give his staff to Saint Macarius, and to give one sheepskin cloak to Saint Athanasius and the other sheepskin cloak to Saint Serapion, his disciple. He further instructed his disciples to bury his body in an unmarked, secret grave. His feast Day is marked on 17th January in the Eastern Orthodox Church, the Bulgarian Orthodox Church, the Roman Catholic Church and the Coptic Catholic Church

Saint Anthony pray for us.

Christian Unity take their inspiration from the story of the Magi.

The story of the Magi visiting the Holy Family in Bethlehem is one very familiar to us. The Magi have sometimes been seen as a symbol of the world's diversity – different religions and cultures – that comes to pay homage to the Christ-child. The story might therefore represent the unity of all created that God desires.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in 2022 has been prepared by the churches of the Middle East, the history of which was, and still is, characterised by conflict and strife, tainted with blood and darkened by injustice and oppression. The Christians of the Middle East offer these resources conscious that the world shares many of the travails and much of the difficulties that it experiences, and yearns for a light to lead the

way to the Saviour who is the light that overcomes darkness.

The Week of Prayer begins on Monday January 18th. During the week the following prayer will be prayed at all masses in the Parishes of Narraghmore, Moone & Athy:

PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY.

LORD JESUS CHRIST, at your Last Supper you prayed to the Father that all should be one. We pray to you for the unity of all Christians. Send your Holy Spirit upon all who bear your name and seek to serve you.

Strengthen our faith in you, and lead us to love one another in humility.

May we who have been reborn in one baptism be united in one faith under one Shepherd.
Amen.

The week of Prayer for Christian Unity concludes on January 25th.

SCOIL ÍDE NAOFA - KILMEAD



We are now enrolling pupils for the coming school year. Our school website gives an insight into the learning and fun that takes place in our school every day! Enrolment forms can be downloaded from the school website www.kilmeadns.ie

ENROLMENT CLOSING ON 1ST APRIL 2022.

Please ring 059-8626100 for any enquiries.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

This happened during the week and is important information for our more senior Parishioners.

A parishioner received his third vaccine - the 'Booster' during the week at a local pharmacy. Almost immediately afterwards, as he drove home, he began to experience blurred vision. On arriving home he contacted the pharmacy seeking advice about should he go to the hospital or was it enough to call his doctor. The pharmacy staff, who were very helpful, advised him to return to the pharmacy immediately and pick up his glasses.

JOURNEY THROUGH THE PANDEMIC WITH ST TERESA'S PARISH - DONORE AVENUE

The Parish of St. Teresa, Donore Avenue, Dublin 8, have produced a book, written by one of their own priests, about the experience of life in their parish during the Covid-19 Pandemic 2020-2021.

This book, with a foreword by Archbishop Dermot Farrell, chronicles the pandemic from January 2020 to May 2021. It also includes Reflections from both children and adults living in the parish and their experiences during these times. It shares news and information about events and initiatives that helped the parish stay connected to the parishioners, as well as many prayer resources and poems that helped throughout these difficult times. This book, written by Fr. Alois Greiler of the Marist Order, can be purchased directly through the parish shop and parish office. Delivery can be arranged as well as postage to any location. Please contact the parish office at 01-4542425 or through email at info@donoreavenueparish.ie for more information.

MASS TIMES IN NARRAGHMORE & MOONE

ST JOSEPH'S BALLYMOUNT:
Sunday 8:30am

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

CATECHETICAL CORNER - ANOTHER EPIPHANY



Last week we celebrated the Feast of the Epiphany of our LORD. The word Epiphany means a showing-forth or an unveiling or revealing. When the Magi arrived at the stable in Bethlehem, they recognised Jesus for Who HE is, the Son of GOD. The gifts they presented HIM with reaffirmed what they had professed with the presence and indeed by what they said; *"We saw HIS star as it rose and have come to do HIM homage."*

In the Gospel account of the Wedding at Cana that we read today we have another Epiphany another revealing, unveiling or showing forth of just who Jesus is.

This is done in a very simple, quiet way, much like the Incarnation. Quietly, silently, peacefully HE came into the world, and quietly, silently and peacefully HE carried out HIS first public miracle, revealing to the wedding guests who HE is by turning what would have been a catastrophe for the family into something better than they could have hoped for: *"People generally serve the best wine first..."*

There is yet another similarity to the Incarnation, the birth of Jesus, to be found in the Wedding at Cana and that is, that it happened through Mary. *"They have no wine,"* Mary didn't ask HIM to do anything, she just presented HIM with the facts and, knowing her SON, she left the rest to HIM: *"Do whatever HE tells you."*

Mary is at the very heart of the life of Jesus. She is the means through which HE came into the world, and she is the means through which HE goes about completing the work of revealing GOD, giving us an 'Epiphany' of who GOD is.

To fully grasp who Jesus is, we need to see HIM through Mary's eyes, or as the old Latin saying goes: *'Ad Jesus per Mariam - To Jesus through Mary'*.

During this coming week take some time to reflect on the Epiphanies that you have experienced in your own life, and as you reflect invite Mary to be part of it in giving thanks to GOD for the ways in which GOD has revealed HIMSELF to you.

Picture: *They Have No Wine* by Hyatt Moore

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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FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK.

MONDAY - St Anthony of Egypt - Memorial

THURSDAY - St Fabian - Op. Memorial,
St Sebastian - Op. Memorial

FRIDAY - St Agnes - Memorial

SATURDAY - St Vincent - 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.