

Parishes of Narraghmore & Moone

The Faith Communities of:



Ballymount, Crookstown, Kilmead & Moone

Parish Bulletin - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 22nd/23rd 2022

MASS INTENTIONS

CROOKSTOWN: 7PM - Teresa Mackey (A), Deceased members of Treacy & O'Doherty families Seamus Mahon (A) and deceased members of the Mahon family. John Farrell (A), Anne & Pat Gorman (A), Pat Gorman (Jnr), William (Billy) Byrne (1st A), Maureen & Eugene Craig (Birthday Rem), Peg Brown - Ballitore (A), Jim Nesdale (A)

BALLYMOUNT: 8:30AM - Denis Hughes (10th A)

KILMEAD: 10.30AM - Christy Redmond (A), Gillian Dempsey (A), Shirley Keogh (2nd A)

MOONE: 12noon - Mary Nolan (1st A), Deceased members of Lynam, Ging and O'Shaughnessy families, Martha Farrell - Simonstown, Moone (A), Joseph O'Rourke - Sheriffs Hill, Moone (A), John Kavanagh - Hughestown (A) and deceased members of the Kavanagh family

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."

"You will accomplish more by kind words and a courteous manner than by anger or sharp rebuke" St Angela Merici

Angela Merici was born in Lombardy in 1474. She and her sister were orphaned when Angela was just 10 years old. They went to live with her uncle in the town of Salo. Angela was both saddened and deeply troubled by her sister's sudden death. She was troubled because her sister had not received the last rites of the Church. She prayed and in a vision she learned that her sister was in heaven. Angela was concerned for other souls and dedicated her life as a member of the Third Order of Franciscans to praying for souls.

When her uncle died she returned to her hometown and was concerned by the number of young girls who did not have any education and were being neglected. She opened up her home to them and began to instruct them in the faith by her word and example. Angela was joined by other young women and a vision from the Lord revealed that she was to found an institute for the purpose of educating girls. The success of this venture led to Angela being invited to start a similar institute in the neighbouring town of Brescia. In 1524, she went on pilgrimage to the Holy Land. During the journey, she was suddenly became blind while on the island of Crete. She continued the journey and made the entire pilgrimage. On the journey back home, her sight was miraculously restored while she was praying before a crucifix in the same place where she had become blind. The Lord showed Angela through this experience that she must never shut her eyes to the needs she saw around her to not shut her heart to God's call. Although it was never recognized formally as a religious order in her lifetime, Angela's Company of Saint Ursula, or the Ursulines, was the first group of women religious to work outside of the cloister and became the first teaching order of women in the Catholic Church. On November 25, 1535, Angela gathered together 12 young virgins and laid down the foundation for the Order of the Ursulines at a small house near the Church of St. Afra in Brescia with Angela's Company of Saint Ursula, under the patronage of St. Ursula. Her Rule was officially approved by Pope Paul III in 1544 and the Ursulines became a recognized religious community of women with a teaching ministry. St. Angela Merici died on January 27, 1540.

Saint Angela - 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

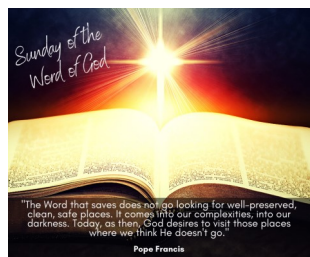


We are now enrolling pupils for the coming school year. Our school website gives an insight into the learning and fun that takes place in our school every day! Enrolment forms can be downloaded from the school website www.kilmeadns.ie

ENROLMENT CLOSING ON 1ST APRIL 2022.

Please ring 059-8626100 for any enquiries.

SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD



In his Apostolic Letter of 30th September 2019, *APERUIT ILLIS* Pope Francis established that the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

is to be the Sunday of the Word of God. Sunday of the Word of God is a day to be devoted to the celebration, study, and spreading of the Word of God. Pope Francis is clear from the very first paragraph of this letter that the relationship between the Risen Lord, a community of believers, and sacred Scripture is essential to who we are as Christians. Pope Francis has dedicated the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time as the Sunday of the Word of God. It is no coincidence that it falls on the Sunday within the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, as focusing on the Word of God, knowing the scriptures will lead us to a deeper understanding of the ecumenical nature of our faith.

"The Word that saves does not go looking for well-preserved, clean, safe places. It comes into our complexities, into our darkness. Today, as then, God desires to visit those places where we think He doesn't go." Pope Francis



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK will be celebrated in schools across the island of Ireland from Sunday 23 January – Sunday 30 January. The theme for Catholic Schools Week 2022 is 'CATHOLIC SCHOOLS: LIVING LIFE TO THE FULL'. During Catholic Schools Week families, parishes and schools are invited to participate in a week of celebration of Catholic schools reflecting on their contribution to the common good of society. For Catholic Schools Week, Fr Gareth Byrne, will celebrate Sunday Mass broadcast on RTE1 television on 30th Jan. at 11am.

CATECHETICAL CORNER - THE WORD OF GOD

The standout, most distinguishing feature of Catholicism is, perhaps, the Eucharist. We 'do Mass well'! There is, by and large, a great love for and devotion to the Holy Eucharist. Indeed it used to be said that if you were in mass in time for the consecration, you were in time for mass. As Catholics, our focus on the Word of GOD, has not, traditionally, been as good. In fact knowledge of the Bible was often seen as a 'protestant thing'.

If you were asked which part of the mass was more important, the Liturgy of the Word or the Liturgy of the Eucharist, what would you say? And yet the "...the Church has always venerated the Scriptures as she venerates the Lord's Body. She never ceases to present to the faithful the bread of life, taken from the one table of God's Word and Christ's Body." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, CCC, #103) The Catechism continues: "In Sacred Scripture, the Church constantly finds her nourishment and her strength, for she welcomes it not as a human word, and quoting St Paul "but as what it really is, the word of God" (CCC #104). It is in through the Sacred Scriptures, which are divinely inspired, (CCC #105-108) that the whole world can "hear the summons to salvation".

The Second Vatican Council, in the document on Divine Revelation - Dei Verbum - says: "Those divinely revealed realities which are contained and presented in Sacred Scripture have been committed to writing under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. For holy mother Church, relying on the belief of the Apostles (see John 20:31; 2 Tim. 3:16; 2 Peter 1:19-20, 3:15-16), holds that the books of both the Old and New Testaments in their entirety, with all their parts, are sacred and canonical because written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, they have God as their author and have been handed on as such to the Church herself." (DV 11). It is in and through the Word of GOD that we both encounter GOD and are nourished by GOD. When we come to mass we are fed by the WORD and by the BODY of Christ.

TO DO: Take a few moments to reflect on the following: how do you hear the Word of GOD at mass, does it impact your life? Do you feel nourished by it? Do you attentively listen to and hear the Word of GOD? What can you do to hear the Word of GOD better?

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Join the community of the Oblate Church of Mary Immaculate, in Inchicore, for their annual Novena in honour of Our Lady of Lourdes. Starting on the 2nd February and concluding with the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes (World Day of the Sick) on 11th February. Due to Covid-19 regulations, there will be limited capacity in the church each day, but those outside the parish are welcome to join via the weblink through the parish website:

www.oblateparishinchicore.ie

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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FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK.

MONDAY - St Francis de Sales - Memorial

TUESDAY - CONVERSION OF ST PAUL

WEDNESDAY - Ss Timothy & Titus

THURSDAY - St Angela Merici-Op Mem

FRIDAY - St Thomas Aquinas -

SATURDAY - 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.