

Parishes of Narraghmore & Moone

The Faith Communities of:



Ballymount, Crookstown, Kilmead & Moone

Parish Bulletin - 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 29th/30th 2022

MASS INTENTIONS

CROOKSTOWN: 7PM - Annie McNamee (A), Jason Kenna (M.M.), Bill Martin (A), Dawn Atwell & Ben Carey – Bristol, Tom Kehoe, Seamus Grant, Dominic Corcoran (A), Joanne McMahon (A), Ann Fulham (A), Michael Lawler (3rd A), Rec. Dec. - Anne Ward

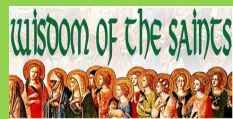
BALLYMOUNT: 8:30AM - Peg Deay (Birth Rem), Rec. Dec. - Anne Ward

KILMEAD: 10.30AM - Denis O'Rourke (A), Billy & Kevin Cullen (A), Rec. Dec: Kate Whelan (née) Behan formerly of Booleigh, died in Birmingham UK, Rec. Dec. - Anne Ward

MOONE: 12noon – Denis (Din) Carton - Belan (A), Patrick Carton - Belan (A), Elizabeth (Bessie) Doyle - Belan (A), Michael Whelan - Simonstown & Chicago (6th A), Rec. Dec. - Anne Ward

WEEKDAY MASSES:

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



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

Brigid was born in Faughart near Dundalk in Co Louth. Her father was a Celtic chieftain and a pagan, but her mother, who had been brought from Portugal, as a slave, was a Christian. When she turned 18, Brigid decided to stop working on the farm and instead, dedicate her life to working for God. She began looking after the poor, sick and elderly. Brigid dedicated her life to GOD. News of her generosity and care for the poor, sick and elderly soon spread and other young women came to join her. She founded many convents across Ireland but her most famous and successful was in Kildare, near where Kildare Town now stands.

St Brigid went to the King of Leinster to ask for land to build a convent. She told the King that the place where she stood was a perfect location. The King refused. Brigid prayed to God to soften the King's heart. She asked the King...“will you give me as much land as my cloak will cover?” The King knew it would only cover a tiny patch and so he agreed. Brigid asked for friends to each take a corner of her cloak. They walked North, South, East and West and her cloak began to stretch for many acres. The King was amazed and quickly knelt before Brigid, realizing that she was clearly blessed by God. He pledged to help her and her friends with food, money and supplies. The King also became a Christian and began helping the poor. Brigid's miracle of the cloak 'Brid' was the first of many miracles that she would work for the people of Ireland. The monastery in Kildare was a mixed monastery of both men and women with Brigid at its head.

Many have tried to 'claim' Brigid' as a Celtic Goddess in the ilk of Silé na gíg, but this could not be further from the truth, Brigid was a Celtic Christian woman, strong, courageous and totally dedicated to teachings of Christ.

SAINT BRIGID, ABBESS AND PATRON OF IRELAND - PRAY FOR US.

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD - CANDLEMAS & ST BLAISE.

Wednesday, February 2nd, is the FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD, (*the 4th Joyful Mystery of the Rosary*), it is also Candlemas Day, when candles will be blessed at the 9:30am mass in Crookstown and Athy. Some of these candles will be used for the blessing of throats on Thursday, the Feast of St Blaise. There will be mass in Crookstown at 9:30am on Thursday, the feast of St Blaise, followed by the blessing of throats. There will also be mass in Moone on Thursday night at 7pm, again, followed by the Blessing of throats.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE BLESSING OF THROATS WILL BE CONDUCTED AT A DISTANCE OF APPROXIMATELY 2MTS.

Blessed Candles will be available in the parish office after Mass on Wednesday.



ST BLAISE, WAS a fourth century bishop at Sebaste (now the city of Sivas in central Turkey, in what was then the Roman province of Armenia-Cappadocia). During a persecution – probably ordered by Constantine's ally and co-emperor Licinius – he was martyred in 316 AD. .

How has he become so famous for the blessing of throats? The most significant detail tells that when Blaise had been captured and was on his way to prison, a boy was brought to him in danger of choking from a fishbone stuck in his throat. Blaise prayed over him and the boy was cured.

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.

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

CATECHETICAL CORNER - SACRAMENTALS - WHAT ARE THEY?

The Feast of St Blaise, which falls on Thursday, is an occasion when Catholics would traditionally have their throats blessed with candles to, as the blessing says: *“Protect you from all illnesses of the throat and from every other evil.”* But why do we use blessed candles? Or indeed for that matter, Holy Water, Rosary Beads, Blessed Salt or Medals, pictures or statues? Why do we use any of these things which we call Sacramentals? The document on Liturgy, Sacrosanctum Concilium (SC), of the Second Vatican Council says this: *“Holy Mother Church has...instituted sacramentals. These are sacred signs which bear a resemblance to the sacraments: they signify effects, particularly of a spiritual kind, which are obtained through the Church's intercession. By them [people] are disposed to receive the chief effect of the sacraments, and various occasions in life are rendered holy.”* (SC 60). The Catechism says: *“Sacramentals are instituted for the sanctification of ... a great variety of circumstances in Christian life”* (CCC 1668). It goes on: *“Sacramentals do not confer the grace of the Holy Spirit in the way that the sacraments do, but by the Church's prayer, they prepare us to receive grace and dispose us to cooperate with it.”* (CCC 1670) *Among sacramentals blessings (of persons, meals, objects, and places) come first.* (CCC 1671). *The use of sacramentals, “such as the veneration of relics, visits to sanctuaries, pilgrimages, processions, the stations of the cross, religious dances, the rosary, medals...EXTEND THE LITURGICAL LIFE OF THE CHURCH, BUT DO NOT REPLACE IT.* (CCC 1674/5). In other words if our devotion to a particular practice, saint, or indeed Angels, wearing a Scapular, blessing with Holy Water or even grace before or after meals etc...If these practices or devotions are not leading us to a deeper Liturgical life, i.e. Mass, Confession etc., where we benefit from the grace of GOD, then something is amiss, they are, in those instances little more than superstitions and as such should be avoided. Sacramentals are instituted by the Church for sanctification of everyday life but they draw their benefit from and are intended to lead us back to the Sacraments.

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

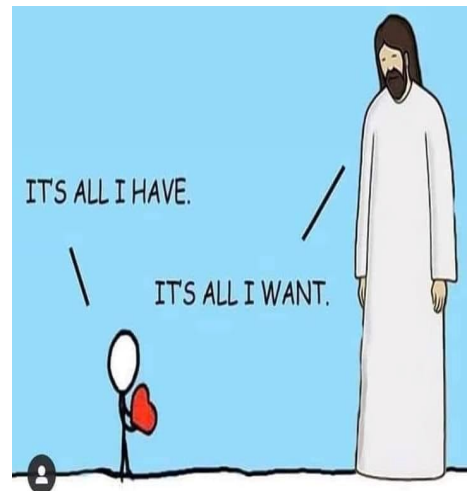
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PLEASE PRAY FOR PEACE.

Pope Francis has asked that all Catholics, over the coming days, make a special effort to take some time to pray for Peace. As Europe stands on the brink of war it has never been more urgent. Let us all do our part for peace.



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SATURDAY FEBRUARY 5TH FROM 2PM

FEATURING:
FR ANTOINETTE MOYNIHAN
FR JOHN MOCKLER
THE SERVANT SISTERS OF THE HOME OF THE MOTHER
FR MORTY O'SHEA
CHAired BY JOHN HAYES

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DAY OF PRAYER FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

Archbishop Dermot Farrell will celebrate Mass at 11.00am on Saturday 5th February to mark WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR CONSECRATED LIFE. This will be an online event and you can join via webcam at www.rednuns.com.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK.
MONDAY - St John Bosco - Memorial
TUESDAY - St BRIGID - Feast
WEDNESDAY - THE PRESENTATION - Feast
THURSDAY - St Blaise, St Ansgar - Op Mem
FRIDAY - St Thomas Aquinas -
SATURDAY - St Agatha - Memorial
Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary.