

The Faith Communities of:



Ballymount, Crookstown, Kilmead & Moone

Parish Bulletin - 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 19th/20th 2022

MASS INTENTIONS

CROOKSTOWN: 7PM - Kathleen Ann Leigh - Baronsland (A), John Leigh - Ballymount (A), Bridget & Maureen Leigh, Eugene Kelly - Calverstown, Teresa Kelly - Calverstown, James (Ger) O'Neill - Bullhill, Willie Doyle - Blackrath (A), Joseph Doyle - Blackrath, Mary Doyle - Blackrath, Michael & Delia Lavin (A), Bridie Cassidy - Blackhall (A), Tommy Fleming - Blackhall (A)

BALLYMOUNT: 8:30AM - Willie Doyle - Blackrath (A), Joseph Doyle - Blackrath, Mary Doyle - Blackrath

KILMEAD: 10.30AM - Noel & Ann Flood (A), Jim Keegan (A) and his daughter Mary Shia (née Keegan) recently deceased - formerly Rathconnell & Boston

MOONE: 12noon - Rose Doyle (2nd A), Mary Cullen - Wexford (1st A), Dora Phelan (née Carton) (3rd A), Br. Alberic Turner - Bolton Abbey (1st A), William (Bill) O'Neill - Scratham (A), Dick Watts (1st A), Christy Nolan - Portersize (A) and his parents Pat & Janey Nolan, Recently deceased: Gertrude Ryan & Mary Browne

WEEKDAY MASSES:

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

PARISH LOTTO - JANUARY RESULTS

The winning numbers were:

24-25-40

There was no jackpot winner, the following players each won €20.

Tom Dunne c/o M. Cullen
 Cameron Molloy c/o N. Dowling
 Geraldine Case c/o M. Cullen
 Sheena O'Connor c/o M. Cullen
 Thomas Wall c/o M. Cullen.

Congratulations to each of them.

Next month's Jackpot is €2000.00

THE PARISH LOTTO helps fund the running of the Parish. If you would like to financially support your parish, while having a bit of craic, please contact the Parish Office



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

"Our perfection does not consist of doing extraordinary things but to do the ordinary well" *St Gabriel of our Lady of Sorrows*

Gabriel Possenti was born in Assisi, Italy on March 1, 1838 from a privileged family background. He was extremely handsome, sociable with a fantastic charisma and dress code. He attended many social functions and as well as being a great dancer had personality traits that women found irresistible. Not surprisingly he found himself engaged to two women at the same time.

But St Gabriel, although satiated with world values and earthly comforts had only one desire which was to dedicate his life to God and become a Passionist monk. To live an evangelical life and promote the love of God revealed in the Passion of Jesus.

Despite disbelief and resistance, especially from His father, St Gabriel entered the Passionist congregation. During his life in the monastery he was known for his great devotion to the sorrows of the Virgin Mary.

St Gabriel was never short of courage. One day he single handed stood up to a group of soldiers who were trying to rape a young girl. Not only did he save her but he marched them out of the village and told them never to return. He died from tuberculosis at the age of 23 in Isola del Gran Sasso, in the province of Teramo. He was canonized by Pope Benedict XV in 1920. **SAINT GABRIEL - PRAY FOR US.**

DUBLIN DIOCESAN SYNODAL PATHWAY.

Pope Francis has called a Synod (gathering) of Bishops next year in Rome. Normally when a synod takes place, the Bishops meet and discuss and then the Pope issues a document based on those deliberations.

For this synod, Pope Francis has changed the process. For this synod, Pope Francis wants to hear from you, and from every Catholic and indeed every person of goodwill who wishes to express their views on the Church, with a view to shaping how the church will look as we go forward.

So how does this work? Over the course of the month of March, there will be a series of listening events - 2 in each faith community - where **ANYONE** who wants to, is welcome to come along and share their views,

To help this listening there are questions to reflect on. At the first meeting they are:

- ◆ When you think of your experience of Church, what brings joy?
- ◆ When you think of your experience of Church, what brings sorrow?

And at the second meeting they are:

- ◆ When you think of your experience of Church, what brings hope?

- ◆ When you think of your experience of Church, what brings fear or anxiety?

The hope is that a huge range of experiences, positive and negative, and a huge range of expectations and concerns, will be expressed by a great range of people. The various views will be categorized and consolidated before being passed through the Dublin diocese and ultimately to Rome. The listening gatherings are as follows:

- Ballymount Tue - March 1st & 8th
- Barrowhouse Thurs - March 3rd & 10th
- Moone Mon - March 14th & 21st
- Athy Tue - March 22nd & 29th
- Crookstown Wed - March 23rd & 30th
- Kilmead Mon - March 28th & April 4th

This is your opportunity to have your say. These are Listening events, there will not be an opportunity for discussion or answering questions, but your questions or concerns will feature in the report from the gatherings which will be brought to Rome for the Synod in 2023. Your Church needs you, please, if you care take the time to share.

KNOCK PILGRIMAGE.

The Archdiocese of Dublin Pilgrimage to Knock will take place on Saturday April 23rd. More details to follow. Subject to government restrictions, we hope to be able to travel to Knock this year. We invite expressions of interest from choirs who would like to participate. For more information, please email knockpilgrimage@dublindioecese.ie

ORDINATION OF DEACON JOE KEEGAN

Deacon Joe Keegan will be ordained to the priesthood by Archbishop Dermot Farrell.

Today at 3pm. The Ordination can be viewed on the parish webcam link: <https://www.churchservices.tv/cabrawest>.

EVER THOUGHT OF BEING A PRIEST? Could you encourage your son or another young man to consider a life of service to God and the Church? On Tuesday 1st March @ 8pm there will be an opportunity for young men to join in on a Zoom meeting to find out more about priesthood. The event is being run by the National Vocations Office. Further information and registration details can be obtained by emailing info@vocations.ie alternatively by logging onto info@vocations.ie/zoom

“The Lord has always called people to share his mission of service of the Gospel. The call to priesthood is born out of that invitation (of Jesus), to “come, follow me and I will make you fish for people” (*Matt 4:19*). The one called to priestly ministry is the one whose very life is defined by that invitation, who sees their life tied up with the One who came that we “might have life, and have it in abundance” (*John 10:10*). Because in truth, if this is where the Lord is calling you, then all I can say is that your heart will know no greater joy than in following”.

Archbishop Dermot Farrell

A PRAYER FOR PRIESTLY VOCATIONS

Lord our God, you said that “the harvest is rich but the laborers are few. Pray, therefore, the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into his fields.” (*Lk.10:2*)

Lord, we pray for your Spirit to send us holy priests. To ignite the spark inside men to faithfully minister as priests in the Archdiocese of Dublin.

Fill them with zeal to come forward with a heart on fire with divine love, so they may become mirrors of Christ, your Son, in a world in need of His light, meaning, hope and courage.

Send to the Archdiocese of Dublin, strong and courageous spiritual shepherds, fearless in proclaiming the Resurrection of Christ anew for our time.

May these men of prayer be always open to the responsible call of service to your beloved people.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord.
AMEN.

CATECHETICAL CORNER - THE PRIESTHOOD

Today is a special day for the Archdiocese of Dublin and indeed for the whole Church. Today Deacon Joe Keegan will become Fr Joe Keegan. On this day when another man commits his life to the service of Jesus Christ and HIS Church, it might be a good time to reflect on the priesthood and just what it means for us.

To put it simply and bluntly, where there no priests, there would be no Church. The priest is the means through which the very lifeblood of the Church flows. As we have already seen, the priest shares in the priesthood of Christ, who is the high priest. While it is true that all the baptised, including the ordained/ministerial priest, participate in the ‘priesthood of Christ’, the ordained or ministerial priesthood participates in another and altogether different way: “*The ministerial or hierarchical priesthood of bishops and priests, and the common priesthood of all the faithful participate, “each in its own proper way, in the one priesthood of Christ.” While being “ordered one to another,” they differ essentially. In what sense? While the common priesthood of the faithful is exercised by the unfolding of baptismal grace - a life of faith, hope, and charity, a life according to the Spirit - ,the ministerial priesthood is at the service of the common priesthood. It is directed at the unfolding of the baptismal grace of all Christians. the ministerial priesthood is a means by which Christ unceasingly builds up and leads his Church. For this reason it is transmitted by its own sacrament, the sacrament of Holy Orders.” (CCC 1547)*

“*In the ecclesial service of the ordained minister, it is Christ himself who is present to his Church as Head of his Body, Shepherd of his flock, high priest of the redemptive sacrifice, Teacher of Truth. This is what the Church means by saying that the priest, by virtue of the sacrament of Holy Orders, acts in persona Christi Capiti [in the person of Christ the Head].” (CCC 1548)*

So when we come to the priest for the Sacraments, it is, in fact, Christ Himself that we encounter. It is Christ who heals, and anoints. It is Christ who absolves. It is Christ who accompanies and consoles the bereaved. It is Christ who presides at our wedding. It is Christ Himself who gives us HIS Body & Blood to eat and drink.

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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TRÓCAIRE boxes are available at the

Charity is the beating heart of the Christian: just as one cannot live without a heartbeat, so one cannot be a Christian without charity.
- Pope Francis

entrances to the church, please take one and be part of this great Irish tradition of helping those less fortunate.

PLEASE PRAY FOR PEACE.

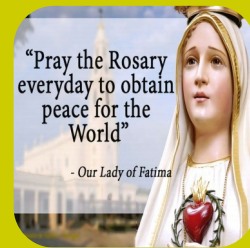
Pope Francis has asked that all Catholics continue to make a special effort to take

some time to pray for Peace, especially in Russia and the Ukraine.

As Europe stands on the brink of war it

has never been more urgent.

Let’s all do our part for peace.



“Pray the Rosary everyday to obtain peace for the World”
- Our Lady of Fatima

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK.

MONDAY - Ss Cyril & Methodius - Feast (*St Valentine is not celebrated*)

TUESDAY -

WEDNESDAY -

THURSDAY - Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

FRIDAY -

SATURDAY - Saturday Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary.