

*The Faith Communities of:*



*Ballymount, Crookstown, Kilmead & Moone*

**Parish Bulletin - 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> 2022**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**CROOKSTOWN: 7PM** - Eileen Ghent, Paddy Doran (1<sup>st</sup> A), Anne Ward (M.M.), Pat Walsh (4<sup>th</sup> A), Eddie O'Shea (A), Paddy Cassidy - Killeen, Narraghmore (A), Ann Price (10<sup>th</sup> A), Mick Price (7<sup>th</sup> A), Patrick Doyle (A) Samuel & Teresa Kelly (A), John Dempsey - Inchaquire (A). Rec Dec - Larry Whelan

**BALLYMOUNT: 8:30AM** - Paul Keatley (A) and deceased members of the Keatley Family, Rec Dec - Larry Whelan

**KILMEAD: 10.30AM** - Rose Ita O'Brien (A), Margaret Keegan (3<sup>rd</sup> A), James & Anne Dempsey (A) and deceased members of Dempsey family, Mary Ellen & Jonie Kavanagh (A) and deceased members of the Kavanagh family - Rathconnell. Rec. Dec - Larry Whelan

**MOONE: 12noon** - Elizabeth Kane - Grangenolvin (A), John Joe Mahon - Aylmerstown (A), Laurence Kavanagh (A) and deceased members of the Kavanagh family - Hughestown, Michael Kenny - Ballinacarrig (A) and his wife Breda, Marie Reilly - Kilcullen (1<sup>st</sup> A), Rec Dec: Cecil Moore

**WEEKDAY MASSES:**

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

**OUR LENTEN JOURNEY**

**Our Lenten Prayer nights are back after a Covid enforced break. This year they will take place as follows:**

Wednesday March 9<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30pm

**CROOKSTOWN**

Wednesday March 16<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30pm

**MOONE**

Wednesday March 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 7:30 pm

**KILMEAD**

Wednesday March 30<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30pm

**ATHY**

Wednesday April 6<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30pm

**CASTLEDERMOT**



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

*"No, never! Under any circumstances ... I have said NO once and for all, and you can shoot me, and kill me, but you shall get from me no other word." Blessed Vasyl Velychkovsky*

Vasyl Velychkovsky (June 1, 1903 – June 30, 1973) was a priest, and later bishop, of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, one of the Eastern Catholic Churches in communion with Rome. He is a martyr of the Catholic Church, dying in 1973 of his injuries sustained while imprisoned by the Soviet Union for his Christian faith.

He was born in Stanislaviv. In 1920 he entered the seminary in Lviv. In 1925 he took his first religious vows in the village of Holosko near Lviv in the Redemptorists and was ordained a priest. In 1942 he became abbot of the monastery in Ternopil. Because of religious persecution by the Communist Soviet Union he was arrested in 1945 and sent to Kiev. The punishment of death was commuted to 10 years of hard labour. On release in 1955 he went back to Lviv, and was ordained a bishop in 1963. In 1969 he was imprisoned again for three years for his religious activities. Released in 1972, he was exiled outside the USSR and moved to Canada. He died there on June 30, 1973, aged 70, of his injuries sustained while in prison. Thirty years after his death, his body was found to be almost incorrupt. He was Beatified in 2001 by John Paul II, his remains are enshrined at St. Joseph's Ukrainian Catholic Church in Winnipeg, Canada. **BLESSED VASYL - 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 - MAR 1<sup>ST</sup> & 8<sup>TH</sup>
- BARROWHOUSE THURS - MAR 3<sup>RD</sup> & 10<sup>TH</sup>
- MOONE MON - MAR 14<sup>TH</sup> & 21<sup>ST</sup>
- ATHY TUE - MAR 22<sup>ND</sup> & 29<sup>TH</sup>
- CROOKSTOWN WED - MAR 23<sup>RD</sup> & 30<sup>TH</sup>
- KILMEAD MON - MAR 28<sup>TH</sup> & APR 4<sup>TH</sup>

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.



## APPEAL

My heart aches greatly at the worsening situation in Ukraine. Despite the diplomatic efforts of the last few weeks, increasingly alarming scenarios are opening up. Like me, many people all over the world are feeling anguish and concern. Once again the peace of all is threatened by partisan interests. I would like to appeal to those with political responsibility to examine their consciences seriously before God, who is the God of peace and not of war; who is the Father of all, not just of some, who wants us to be brothers and not enemies. I pray that all the parties involved refrain from any action that would cause even more suffering to the people, destabilising coexistence between nations and bringing international law into disrepute.

And now I would like to appeal to everyone, believers and non-believers alike. Jesus taught us that the diabolical senselessness of violence is answered with God's weapons, with prayer and fasting. I invite everyone to make next 2 March, Ash Wednesday, a Day of Fasting for Peace. I encourage believers in a special way to dedicate themselves intensely to prayer and fasting on that day. May the Queen of Peace preserve the world from the madness of war.

*Franciscus*

### KNOCK PILGRIMAGE.

The Archdiocese of Dublin Pilgrimage to Knock will take place on Saturday April 23<sup>rd</sup>. 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@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:knockpilgrimage@dublindiocese.ie)



**WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**  
Will take place on Friday March 4<sup>th</sup>.

Locally, this year it will be hosted by Moone parish where there will be an ecumenical prayer service at 7:30pm followed by refreshments.



**ASH WEDNESDAY - MASSES & DISTRIBUTION OF BLESSED ASHES**

**MASS TIMES AS FOLLOWS:**  
ATHY - 9:30AM & 7:30PM  
CROOKSTOWN - 9:30AM  
KILMEAD - 10AM  
MOONE - 7PM

**BLESSED ASHES WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AT ALL MASSES**

## CATECHETICAL CORNER - THE ROLE AND MISSION OF THE LAITY PRIEST - PROPHET - KING

Over the past number of weeks we have been looking, in some detail, at the Ministerial or Ordained Priesthood. We have seen that it shares in the Priesthood of Jesus Christ, who is in fact the High Priest, we have seen that the primary role or function of the Ministerial priest is to offer sacrifice, namely the sacrifice of the Holy Mass, Re-presenting, not representing, the Sacrifice of Jesus on Calvary. Today we will begin to look at the role and mission of the Laity, drawing from the documents of Vatican II and, of course, the Catechism. The laity, as defined by the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC), is: "all the faithful except those in Holy Orders and those who belong to a religious state approved by the Church." (CCC 897). The laity have a "special and indispensable role in the mission of the Church." (AA 1). The Mission of the Church, as given by Jesus in the Gospel of Mark 16:15, is to spread the kingdom over the whole world. Every activity of the Church is at the service of this mission and is referred to as the 'Apostolate'. "...the Church exercises it [the apostolate] through ALL its members." (AA 2). "The laity derive the RIGHT AND DUTY to the apostolate from their union with Christ the head; incorporated into Christ's Mystical Body through Baptism and strengthened by the power of the Holy Spirit through Confirmation, they are assigned to the apostolate by the Lord Himself." (AA 3) As in all things we are not abandoned to our own devices we are aided by the Holy Spirit who "...gives the faithful special gift..." (AA 3). The role and mission of the Laity is an onerous it is given by Christ Himself. It is not one of merely 'helping father', but it is rooted in our baptism, affirmed and Confirmed by the Church and supported by the Holy Spirit by the means of "special gifts". The mission of the Church is the mission of Christ, and being incorporated into Christ through Baptism we share in that same mission, that is the Priestly, Prophetic and Kingly mission of Christ. Over the next few weeks we will explore what it means for the laity to be a Priest, Prophet and King.

### 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 make a special effort to take some time to pray and fast for Peace, in Ukraine. With war having broken out in Europe, it has never



been more urgent. Let's all do our part for peace.

### FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK.

**MONDAY -**  
**TUESDAY -**  
**WEDNESDAY - ASH WEDNESDAY**  
Lent begins a day of Fast and Abstinence  
**THURSDAY -**  
**FRIDAY -**  
**SATURDAY - Saturday Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary.**