

Parishes of Narraghmore & Moone

The Faith Communities of:



Ballymount, Crookstown, Kilmead & Moone

Parish Bulletin - 1st Sunday of Lent - March 5th/6th 2022

MASS INTENTIONS

CROOKSTOWN: 7PM - Nina Harney (A), Paddy Brennan (A), Pat Harney (A), Edward Lawlor (A), Daisy Rooney (3rd A), Tommy & Jim O'Mara, Eddie Wright - Lipstown, Narraghmore (A), John Leigh (A), Michael Mooney (A), Willie Doyle - Mullaghmast (A), Recently Deceased - Larry Whelan

BALLYMOUNT: 8:30AM - James Ryan - Ballymount (A), Rec Dec - Larry Whelan

KILMEAD: 10.30AM - Rec. Dec - Larry Whelan

MOONE: 12noon - James Martin - Back Moone (A), Joe Murphy - Ballytore (A), Edward Whelan - Burtown (A), Elizabeth & Eugene Byrne and deceased members of Byrne & Moran families, John, Jennie & Ann Piggott

Recently Deceased: - Anthony (Danno) Kirwan

WEEKDAY MASSES:

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

"O Lord, make this Lenten season different from the other ones. Let me find You again. Amen." *Henri Nouwen*

OUR LENTEN JOURNEY

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

Wednesday March 9th @ 7:30pm

CROOKSTOWN

Wednesday March 16th @ 7:30pm

MOONE

Wednesday March 23rd @ 7:30 pm

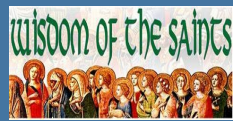
KILMEAD

Wednesday March 30th @ 7:30pm

ATHY

Wednesday April 6th @ 7:30pm

CASTLEDERMOT



"A saint is a sinner who just keeps trying."

"For just as water extinguishes a fire, just so does charity blot out our sins." *St John of God.*

Despite a life full of tragedy, St John of God accepted God's immense love for him and chose to express his gratitude by caring for the sick and mentally ill. His compassion inspired others to join him, and the Brothers Hospitallers was founded. The order now maintains a presence in 53 countries, operating more than 300 hospitals.

Kidnapped at eight years old, he worked as a shepherd in Spain until the age of 22, when the glamour of the soldier's life lured him away. He spent 18 years as a soldier.

He eventually felt remorse for his sinful actions as a soldier, and sought ways to repent. He experienced a major religious conversion in 1537 after hearing John of Avila preach. He began to publicly, beat himself, pulling out his hair and throwing himself in the mud to express sorrow for his sins. Committed to a mental hospital, he welcomed the beatings that were treatment for the mentally ill at that time. John of Avila visited him in hospital and convinced him that God is more pleased by serving others than by self-abuse. He responded by taking in the mentally ill and destitute, literally carrying them to his home by day and begging for alms to feed them at night. Many were moved by John's sincerity, and began donating food and money to support his work. Others joined him to form the Brothers Hospitallers. He died March 8th 1550 and is patron of hospitals, nurses, the mentally ill, the dying, booksellers, printers, & firefighters. **St John of GOD - 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:

- MOONE MON - MAR 14TH & 21ST
- ATHY TUE - MAR 22ND & 29TH
- CROOKSTOWN WED - MAR 23RD & 30TH
- KILMEAD MON - MAR 28TH & APR 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.

MASS INTENTIONS.

In order to avoid the upset and disappointment of a Mass intention being missed and the Mass not being offered, or the name not being included in Parish Bulletin

ALL Mass intentions **MUST** be booked with the parish office in Crookstown only.

Opening hours and contact details are below.



After 2 years of suspension due to Covid-19, the annual Ecumenical Prayer Service at St Patrick's Well, Glassely,

will take place on **ST PATRICK'S DAY AT 3PM.**

Everyone is Welcome.

COME HOLY SPIRIT.

On Friday next, March 11th our parish will celebrate the first of our ceremonies of Confirmation, when the girls and boys from Scoil Íde Naofa will be confirmed by Fr Liam.

Please keep the boys and girls in your prayers during this week as they complete their preparation for this great day in their lives and indeed for the whole Church.

Please note that attendance is restricted to the Candidate, their parents and sponsor.

PARISH LOTTO - FEBRUARY RESULTS

The winning numbers were:
10-25-39

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

Carmel Nolan c/o M. Cullen
Frank Dowling c/o N. Dowling
Anne Kelly Ballymount c/o M. Cullen
Bridie Duffy c/o M. Cullen
Martin Heydon c/o M. Doyle.

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

CATECHETICAL CORNER - THE ROLE AND MISSION OF THE LAITY

THE APOSTOLATE OF THE LAITY

We have seen that the laity, have been gifted by the Holy Spirit with "special gifts" for their participation in the Mission of the Church, but just where do they fit in and what are they supposed to do? The role of the laity is to: "...exercise the apostolate...by their activity directed to the evangelization and sanctification of men and to the penetrating and perfecting of the temporal order through the spirit of the Gospel. In this way, their temporal activity openly bears witness to Christ and promotes the salvation of men. Since the laity, in accordance with their state of life, live in the midst of the world and its concerns, they are called by God to exercise their apostolate in the world like leaven, with the ardor of the spirit of Christ". (AA 2) What that means is that the laity are called to bring Christian values to every aspect of the world so as to 'Christian-ise' the world. To 'penetrate and perfect' the world. In other words, whatever we do, whatever we work at, where ever we socialise; in every aspect of our lives we are to be as 'leaven' in the world. We do not leave our Catholicism at the door of our workplaces. "[The laity have] only a single conscience, a Christian conscience, it is by this that [they] must be guided continually..." (AA 5) So the role of the laity is not to be a mere spectator or to help father, or to put it more cynically: 'to pay or pray', the laity are to be active collaborators in carrying on the mission of the Church and making the Kingdom of GOD a reality in the everyday circumstances of life. But how are they to accomplish such a task? Well "the success of the lay apostolate depends upon the laity's living union with Christ...This life of intimate union with Christ in the Church is nourished by...active participation in the sacred liturgy". (AA 4) "For all their works, prayers, and apostolic undertakings, family and married life, daily work, relaxation of mind and body, if they are accomplished in the Spirit - indeed even the hardships of life if patiently born - all these become spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. In the celebration of the Eucharist these may most fittingly be offered to the Father along with the body of the Lord..." (CCC 901). It is in this way that the laity share in the Priestly nature of Christ and thus are rightly called 'Kingdom Priests', offering acceptable sacrifices to GOD.

** AA is the Decree on the Apostolate of Lay People of the Second Vatican Council*

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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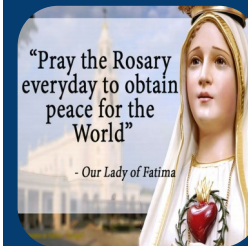
TRÓCAIRE boxes are available at the

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 - Ss PERPETUA & FELICITY

TUESDAY - ST JOHN OF GOD

WEDNESDAY - ST FRANCES OF ROME

THURSDAY -

FRIDAY -

SATURDAY - Saturday Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary.