

Parishes of Narraghmore & Moone

The Faith Communities of:



Ballymount, Crookstown, Kilmead & Moone

Parish Bulletin - 2nd Sunday of Lent - March 12th/13th 2022

MASS INTENTIONS

CROOKSTOWN: 7PM - James Leigh Kingsland (A), Anne Maher (A), Margaret (Madge) Delaney (5th A), Edward (Ned) Behan (28th A)

BALLYMOUNT: 8:30AM - No Intention

KILMEAD: 10.30AM - Berna Lynch (1st A), Michael O'Brien (A)

MOONE: 12noon - Margaret (Madge) Delaney (5th A), Mary Browne - Timolin (M.M.), Stephen Weldon - Hobartstown (1st A), Patrick Lawler (A), Rita Keogh (A), Mary O'Brien - Ballitore (A), Lucy & Patrick Kenny - Ballinacarrig (A)
Recently Deceased: - Edwin Hendy

WEEKDAY MASSES:

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

MASS TIME FOR THE FEAST OF ST PATRICK

Ss Mary & Laurence - March 16th @ 7pm
St Ita's - March 17th @ 10:30am
Most Holy Trinity - March 17th @ 11am
St Michael's Athy - March 17th @ 9:30am
and 12 noon *Beidh Aifreann i n'Gaeltige*

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."

"I didn't deserve at all that the Lord would grant such great grace, It was something...I never hoped for or even thought of." *St Patrick.*

St Patrick has been buried behind a screen of plastic Shamrock and drowned in an ocean of alcohol. But when we strip back of all the celebrations that mark our National saint's feastday, we find a man so in love with God and so driven to make God known and loved. Despite the conditions in which Patrick lived, despite the hardships that he was forced to endure, he was able to say: *"he [God] looked down on my lowliness and had mercy on my youthful ignorance. He guarded me before I knew him, and before I came to wisdom and could distinguish between good and evil. He protected me and consoled me as a father does for his son."* Why? Because *"I turned with all my heart to the Lord"* St Patrick puts before us a great challenge *"That is why I cannot be silent – nor would it be good to do so – about such great blessings and such a gift that the Lord so kindly bestowed in the land of my captivity. This is how we can repay such blessings, when our lives change and we come to know God, to praise and bear witness to his great wonders before every nation under heaven."* The challenge St Patrick puts before us is to not be silent about the great and many blessings we have received. This is how we honour our National Saint, this is how we truly celebrate St Patrick. Take some time over the coming days, count your blessings, and see can you, or would it be good to keep silent about them.

ST PATRICK - 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.

CONGRATULATIONS

To the girls and boys from Scoil Íde Naofa in Kilmead, who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday. In his homily, Fr Francis remembered his own Confirmation and the words spoken to him by the Archbishop. He encouraged the boys and girls not to be afraid to stand up for the Catholic faith that they professed and were confirmed in. The music was provided by the some pupils from 4th & 5th class, with Joan O'Connor and Joseph Gorman. Despite the weather, a great day was had by all. Please keep the newly confirmed in your prayers.

HOLY SPIRIT - WE WELCOME YOU.

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 PARTICIPATION IN CHRIST'S PROPHETIC OFFICE

What is it to be a prophet? We often misunderstand what it is to be a prophet. A prophet is not one who sees into the future like some sort of fortune teller. A prophet is one who speaks for GOD, a prophet is one who shares the love and the truth of GOD with those around them. In this sense, Jesus Christ was a prophet of the Father. In today's Gospel we see Jesus with Elijah, the foremost of the Old Testament prophets. We, the laity, have a very onerous role and responsibility in the Church, it is to be prophets, to share in the Prophetic role of Christ, making the love of GOD known to all around us. But surely that is the role of the ordained priest? Yes it is, but it is also ours, by virtue of our baptism. According to St Thomas Aquinas "To teach in order to lead others to faith is the task of every preacher AND OF EACH BELIEVER." The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC), quoting the document on the Church from Vatican II says: "Christ . . . fulfills this prophetic office, not only by the hierarchy . . . but also by the laity. He accordingly both establishes them as witnesses and provides them with the sense of the faith [sensus fidei] and the grace of the word" (CCC 904) We are called to do this not only by the example of our way of living but also by word, when the opportunity arises or requires it: "This witness of life, however, is not the sole element in the apostolate; the true apostle is on the lookout for occasions of announcing Christ by word, either to unbelievers . . . or to the faithful." (CCC 905 ref: AA 6)

So every Baptised Catholic has the duty and responsibility to bear witness to the love of GOD and to draw others to GOD, not only by example but also by word. This duty comes from our Baptism *the newly baptized, who has become a Christian, that is, one "anointed" by the Holy Spirit, incorporated into Christ who is anointed priest, prophet, and king (CCC 1241)* In order to accomplish this we need to have knowledge of the Word, we need to know what it is, or rather Who it is that we are proclaiming. St Jerome, who translated the Bible from its original Hebrew and Greek into Latin, said that: "Ignorance of the Scripture is ignorance of Christ."

In the spirit of St Patrick, let us go and be prophets in our own time and place.

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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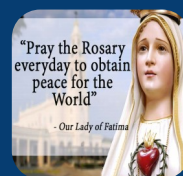
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THE RITE OF ELECTION IN THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

We are truly blessed to have, what is a very rare occurrence in our parish, in fact this may even be a first. At the Easter Vigil an adult will be baptised, Confirmed and receive her first Holy Communion. On Saturday night in Crookstown she takes another step towards this great event. She will be enrolled as a one of the elect, those seeking to join the Church. In the Pro-Cathedral last Sunday 16 others joined the elect. Her name is Terry-Louise Aupiais. Please keep her in your prayers.

PLEASE PRAY FOR PEACE.



Please continue to pray for peace in Ukraine, especially the Rosary.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK.

THURSDAY - ST PATRICK

Principal Patron of Ireland Solemnity

FRIDAY - ST CYRIL OF JERUSALEM

SATURDAY - ST JOSEPH

Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary Solemnity

Saturday Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL NO PARISH BULLETIN OR CHILDREN'S PAGE NEXT WEEK. WE WILL RETURN ON MARCH 27th

Don't forget to visit our website: www.narraghmoreandmoone.ie