

Parishes of Narraghmore & Moone

The Faith Communities of:



Ballmount, Crookstown, Kilmead & Moone

Parish Bulletin - Ascension Sunday - May 28th/29^h 2021

MASS INTENTIONS SATURDAY & SUNDAY

BALLYMOUNT 8.30AM - No Intention.

CROOKSTOWN 7PM - Breda Leigh - Lipstown, Narraghmore (A), The Keogh family - Killeen, Narraghmore, Pat & Mary Stynes - Ragoon, Nicholas Dowling - Ballitore Hill (A)

KILMEAD 10.30AM - William & Mai Coughlan (A), Fr. Michael Coughlan (A) Dominic Kennedy (A)

MOONE 12 noon - Fr. Martin Garry - Bolton Abbey (2nd A), Phil, Andy, Eamonn and Dessie Horan, Mikey O'Neill, Johnny Pierce - Back Moone (6th A), Dora (Dolly) Kinsella - Hughestown (A)

WEEKDAY

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

TUESDAY 10AM - Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion in Moone Church

CEMETERY MASSES

Churchtown Cemetery -
Wednesday June 1st at 7:30pm

Crookstown Graveyard -
Saturday June 11th at 7:00pm

Moone Graveyard -
Sunday June 12th at 12 noon

St Michael's New Cemetery -
Thursday June 16th at 7:30pm

Barrowhouse Graveyard -
Sunday June 19th at 9am

Kilmead Graveyard -
Sunday June 19th at 10:30am

St Michael's Old Cemetery -
Thursday June 23rd at 7:30pm

Kilberry Cemetery -
Friday June 24th at 7:30pm

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST IN WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023

Parishes and Individuals are now invited to register their interest in either attending WYD

Lisbon or organising a parish group to participate. World Youth Day will take place 1-6 August in Lisbon 2023. Package options and costs are still being determined and the registration system will open in September. At present it is intended to have the option for teenagers aged 16-18 to participate as well as those aged 18-29.

The Archdiocese of Dublin has a great tradition in participation at World Youth Day. This is a great opportunity to reach out to young people and connect them to young people in many parishes that will participate at WYD. A full pastoral programme for all pilgrims will also commence later in the year, with opportunities for leadership roles as well.

If you would like to know more about World Youth Day or interested in going, contact **Natasha Geoghegan on 087 67 30 300 or email. natasha.curran@dublindioocese.ie or Conor McCann on 086 790 5654 or email conor.mccann@dublindioocese.ie Get In touch and keep in touch!!!!!!!!!!!! Dublin Diocese Registrations for WYD Lisbon will open in late August 2022.**



ST LAURENCE'S GAA ALL STARS

WHO IS IT FOR? Primary School kids with additional needs.

WHAT IS IT? Fun & Games in a safe environment, with 1:1 & Group Coaching.

WHEN IS IT? Every Saturday morning - beginning in early June.

HOW CAN I LEARN MORE? Contact Chloe on WhatsApp @ 085-1199977 or by email: cdowlingfoye@gmail.com

GAA Healthy Club



PENTECOST SUNDAY - FAMILY LITURGY



Child Friendly, Family centered Liturgy for

PENTECOST SUNDAY - JUNE 5th

in the

CHURCH OF SS MARY & LAURENCE - CROOKSTOWN @ 10:30AM

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

PLEASE NOTE: THIS IS NOT MASS AND DOES NOT FULFILL YOUR SUNDAY OBLIGATION TO ATTEND MASS

CAN YOU SING?

Would you like to join a choir? If so St Ita's Choir in Kilmead would be delighted to welcome you. The Choir provide the music ministry in St Ita's Church every Sunday and at various other liturgies throughout the year. They practice once a week for about 1 hour.

If you would like to learn more please contact Conor McCann, details overleaf. You can be guaranteed a very warm welcome.

THE REMOVAL OF COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

On March 31st the last remaining Covid-19 restrictions were lifted by the government. In the parishes of Athy, Narraghmore & Moone, the parish team decided, due to still high numbers of Covid-19 in the community, to retain a number of those restrictions. We now feel it is an opportune time to remove them. Accordingly, you are no longer requested to wear a face mask or to respect social distancing, while in the church. However, there are a number of exceptions:

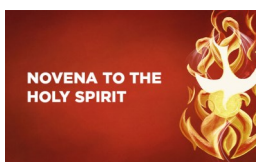
1. We will still not offer a contact sign of peace at mass.
2. We will still distribute Holy Communion on the hand only.
3. We will still request that you use hand sanitiser on entering and leaving the church.

In addition, and in consultation with each local community, we will begin to explore the possibility of: Altar Servers returning, the passing of collection baskets and the use of Holy Water on entering and leaving the church. These decisions will only be taken after consultation with all the relevant parties.

PLEASE NOTE: that as of April 24th last, the Catholic Bishops have reinstated the Obligation to attend Sunday mass in person. The obligation had been removed at the beginning of the pandemic. The obligation only applies to those who are fit, well and able to attend.

PRAY FOR LIFE NOVENA UNDER WAY

The Pray for Life Novena is an invitation to join thousands of people across Ireland to pray for the protection of human life, from Monday, May 23, to the Feast of the Visitation next Tuesday, May 31. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life in Ireland. Visit www.prayforlife.ie for the daily novena prayers. The novena is also available each day on our Parish Facebook page. This is an initiative of the Council for Life of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference



In preparation for the Feast Of Pentecost, you are invited to join in praying a novena to the Holy Spirit. The Novena prayers will

be posted on our parish website and Facebook page each day. The novena focuses on praying for the fruits of the Holy Spirit, beginning with Charity/Love.

CATECHETICAL CORNER - QUEEN OF THE MAY

The Queen of the May, also known as Bring Flowers of the Rarest, was written by Mary E Walsh, an American composer sometime before 1870 and is based on a traditional 13th century Catholic Hymn. As we all know, the hymn is about us bringing flowers to our Blessed Mother during the month of May, just when the early summer flowers are coming into bloom. However, I wonder is this the kind of devotion that Mary, our Blessed Mother, requires of us? I wonder, is she satisfied with us bringing flowers to the May altar or is she looking for something more?

There is an old Latin adage that goes: *'Ad Jesum per Mariam - To Jesus through Mary'*. This is Mary's role in salvation, to lead us to her Son and ultimately to the Father. The Son of God came into the world through Mary, Mary always wants to lead us closer and into deeper relationship with her Son.

The feast of the Ascension, which we celebrate today, makes sense only in the light of the feast of Pentecost, which we celebrate next week. Pentecost is seen as the birthday of the Church, and on the Monday after Pentecost is the feast of Mary, Mother of the Church: *"After her Son's Ascension, Mary "aided the beginnings of the Church by her prayers." In her association with the apostles and several women, "we also see Mary by her prayers imploring the gift of the Spirit, who had already overshadowed her in the Annunciation." "* (Catechism of the Catholic Church #965). From the Annunciation right through to the Passion and death of her Son, Mary maintained a unique and unbroken connection to Jesus and so is uniquely placed to lead us to Him: *"Thus the Blessed Virgin advanced in her pilgrimage of faith, and faithfully persevered in her union with her Son unto the cross. There she stood, in keeping with the divine plan, enduring with her only begotten Son the intensity of his suffering, joining herself with his sacrifice in her mother's heart, and lovingly consenting to the immolation of this victim, born of her: to be given, by the same Christ Jesus dying on the cross, as a mother to his disciple, with these words: "Woman, behold your son". "* (CCC 964)

The role of the Queen of the May is to watch over and protect us, to lead us safely home. In honouring Mary we honour her Son. As we 'bring flowers of the fairest' let us also take some time to be with our Blessed Mother and let her lead us closer to her Son, for true devotion to Mary will always lead us to a deeper relationship with Jesus.

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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PARISH SECRETARIES

BER MURPHY & TRISH HOLLIGAN - .

Mon, Tue, Wed & Fri 10am - 4pm.

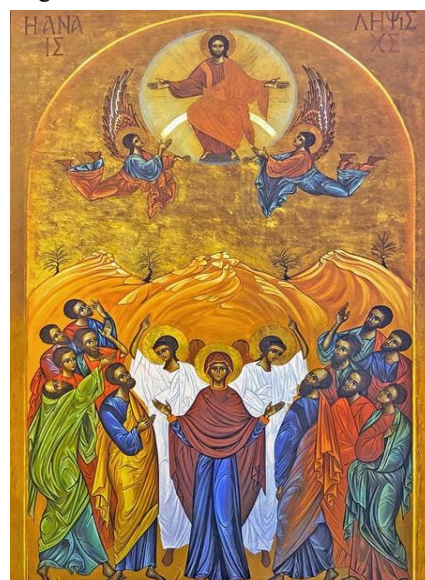
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AN ASCENSION DAY PRAYER.

Lord Jesus Christ, right before your Ascension into heaven you told your apostles to be His witnesses to the ends of the earth upon receiving the Holy Spirit. May I be similarly inspired to spread your Gospel message in word and deed, according to your will for me. And may I do so prudently and joyfully, with your help, your guidance, and your grace! And remembering this glorious event, help me to seek what is above, Heaven, where you are seated at the right hand of God the Father! Amen.



Icon of the Ascension - St Alphonsus Monastery, Dublin.