

# Parish Bulletin - 30<sup>h</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> 2022

## **MASS INTENTIONS SATURDAY & SUNDAY**

**CROOKSTOWN 7PM** - Enda O'Brien (A), Johnny Reid (MM), Maurice & Margaret Byren-Whitehouse (A), their son Paddy & daughter Colette, Willie Rooney (7<sup>th</sup> A), Julia Foley-Back Moone (A), James & Bridget Cassidy, Edward (Ned) Ball late of Narraghmore (A), Teresa Molloy-Ballybarney (A), Gerry Byrne (A). Ann Brennan (2 A)

BALLYMOUNT 8.30AM - James & Bridget Cassidy

KILMEAD 10.30AM - May Berry (A), Christopher (Chris) Heffernan (A), Gerry Byrne (A).

MOONE 12 noon - Edward Kelly (A), John & Margaret Kennedy (A), Andy Doran (A), Betty Leigh-Pill, Belan (MM) John Whitty—Hughestown and the deceased members of the Whitty family.

CROOKSTOWN: Wed & Fri 9.30am -Donor's Intentions. MOONE TUESDAY 10AM - Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

## \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* WORLD MISSION SUNDAY



World Mission Sunday is the Holy Father's annual appeal for spiritual and financial support so that the life-giving work of overseas mission and missionaries can continue. It always falls on the second last Sunday in October, meaning this

year it will be celebrated over the weekend of Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>. This year's theme is *"YOU WILL BE MY WITNESSES."* A SPECIAL COLLECTION WILL BE TAKEN UP AT ALL MASSES THIS WEEKEND. This fund supports missionary activities in over 1,100 young dioceses, mostly in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. As young dioceses grow, so do their needs. On top of this, they are often found in remote areas devastated by conflict



or natural disasters. The Universal Solidarity Fund provides aid so that missionaries can continue to go to these places to share the love of God.

Missionaries are also vulnerable to attack. Makurdi Diocese is located in the Middle Belt, in Benue state in Nigeria, where "according to records from the State government, over 5000 catholics have been killed between 2011 and June 2022". In Eritrea a Catholic bishop was arrested last week along with two priests. In August the Bishop of Matagalpa, in Nicaragua, Msgr. Rolando José Alvarez Lagos, was taken into custody by police and is still being help. Christians are among the post persecuted groups in the world. Please support our missionaries, who continue to bear the night at 7pm in St Ita's Church in Kilmead ultimate witness.

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## **NOVEMBER MASSES**

November Masses for our deceased parishioners will take place as follows:

ST MICHAEL'S, ATHY Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm SS MARY & LAURENCE, CROOKSTOWN Monday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:30pm ST ITA'S, KILMEAD Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30pm MOST BLESSED TRINITY, MOONE Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm

#### MASS FOR FRANK MCNULTY

After 10 years of voluntary service as chairperson of the Board of Management of Scoil ide Naofa, Frank McNulty stepped aside earlier this year. As a mark of appreciation for all Frank has done, there will be a Mass of thanksgiving on Monday with refreshments served afterwards in the school hall, thanks to the parents association. Everyone is welcome to come along and show your appreciation for all Frank has contributed to Kilmead School over the years.

#### **LOOKING FOR A NEW HOBBY?** Playing bridge is great way to meet people



and have some fun. If you don't know the difference between a Bid and a Contract but would like to learn more, there are bridge lessons for beginners. For more information etc...

please phone Miriam on O87-9370168.



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## Volunteer Opportunities at The Old Hardware



The Old Hardware Shop & Tearoom in Narraghmore is looking for new volunteers to help out in Shop Assistant and Caretaker roles. No experience is necessary - just a willingness to get involved

in a community-run project, have fun and give something back to the community. Full training will be provided. If you can spare 4 hours a week, please get in touch at narraghmore.development@gmail.com

MASS TIMES IN NARRAGHMORE & MOONE ST JOSEPH'S BALLYMOUNT: Sunday 8:30am

## CATECHETICAL CORNER - "IN HEAVEN ON SUNDAY, BACK TO WORK ON MONDAY"

Ok, hands up. Do you or don't you say the "*Through Him, with Him and in Him...*" prayer with the priest at mass? This beautiful prayer, this prayer that is the culmination of the Eucharistic Prayer, is called the 'CONCLUDING DOXOLOGY'. It is a conclusion because it is concluding the Eucharistic prayer. It is a 'Doxology' because the word 'doxa' comes from the Greek meaning glory; "...all glory and honour are Yours for ever and ever". So this prayer then, is a concluding prayer giving glory to GOD.

Let's take a step back for a moment. Mass is, at it's core, an act of worship of GOD. The main 'purpose' of mass is to give glory to GOD. This happens no matter how good or bad the homily or the music is, no matter how well we are or are not entertained, no matter how devout the priest. So to leave mass and say something like; "well that was boring." or even "that was lovely" is to completely miss the point. Mass has nothing to do with how we feel and everything to do with giving "glory and honour" to GOD.

The greatest act of worship is the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross. Mass is, as we have seen before, a re-present-ing of that sacrifice. It is making us present to the sacrifice of Christ in a non bloody manner.

At Mass, this glorification of GOD finds it's culmination in the Concluding Doxology. Christ, who is at the same time the victim of the sacrifice and the one offering the sacrifice, is raised up and offered to GOD and the priest at mass, who shares in the priesthood of Christ, offers Christ, to the Father, on our behalf. This is the moment of the completion of the sacrifice; *"it is finished"* Jn.19:20.

Again, as we have seen before, Vatican II called for the "full, active and conscious participation of the faithful" at the liturgy. So then, surely we should join in praying this prayer with the priest? No! The General Instruction on the Roman Missal (the Roman Missal is the book that the priest uses to say mass from, the General Instruction is like the users manual for the missal) says: "The concluding doxology of the Eucharistic Prayer is spoken solely by the principal priest celebrant...but not by the faithful." (GIRM, 236). This prayer is reserved to the priest. Our active participation comes when we acclaim 'AMEN'. St [Padre] Pio used to say that this Amen should be a shout, it should lift the roof. Why? Because we are saying Amen - I agree, that is the truth, so be it - to our salvation, to the great act of worship and glorification of GOD. So instead of saying the doxology with priest we should shout, not mumble, our Amen. We should shout our assent to all that has just happened, to all that we have just been a part of. For to be at mass is to be in the presence of GOD. Where GOD is, the whole court of heaven are, for they never cease to praise GOD. Mass is Heaven on Earth. We join with the angels and saints in shouting AMEN!

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 THE PARISH TEAM: FR LIAM RIGNEY PP - 087-2607377; *Email: liam.rigney@dublindiocese.ie* Fr Tim Hannon CC - 059-863 0704 FR FRANCIS MCCARTHY CC -087-6978143 CONOR MCCANN - Parish Pastoral Worker - Narraghmore & Moone 086-7905654. Email: conor.mccann@dublindiocese.ie

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## PARISH SECRETARIES

BER MURPHY & TRISH HOLLIGAN - . Mon, Tue, Wed & Fri 10am - 4pm. Ss. Mary & Laurence Church, Crookstown, TEL: 059 8623154. *Email:* stlaurenceschurch@gmail.com thave patience with all things but first with yourself. Never confuse your mistakes with your value as a human being. You're a perfectly valuable, creative, worthwhile person simply because you exist. And no amount of triumphs or tribulations can ever change that. Unconditional selfacceptance is the core of a peaceful mind.

- St. Francis de Sales

# FEAST DAY'S THIS WEEK

Monday: St Anthony Mary Claret - Op Mem Tuesday: Bl Thadeus McCarthy - Op. Mem Wednesday: Thursday: St Otteran - Op. Mem Friday: Ss Simon & Jude—Feast Saturday: St Colman - Op. Mem. Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Optional Memorial