

The Faith Communities of:









Ballymount, Crookstown, Kilmead & Moone

Parish Bulletin - 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - November 12th/13th 2022

MASS INTENTIONS SATURDAY & SUNDAY

CROOKSTOWN 7PM - Tom Byrne, Blackhall (1st A), Mary Mackey, Ballitore 8th (A), Margaret O'Toole, Spratstown (A), Rita Margaret Mooney (A), Josie Connolly (A), James Gorman, Calverstown (A), Kathleen Haslam (A), Roseanne Donovan (A).

BALLYMOUNT 8.30AM - James Gorman, Calverstown (A)

KILMEAD 10.30AM - Bridget Dempsey

MOONE 12 noon - Joe Leigh (A), Michael (Mick) Kehoe Recently Deceased.

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

MOONE TUESDAY 10AM - Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

NOVEMBER MASSES

*November Masses for our deceased continues to parishioners will take place as follows: needed finance

St Michael's, Athy
Friday, November 18th at 7:30pm
Ss Mary & Laurence, Crookstown
Monday, November 21st at 7:30pm
St Ita's, Kilmead

Wednesday, November 23rd at 7:30pm Most Blessed Trinity, Moone Friday, November 25th at 7:30pm *****

SHARE APPEAL SUNDAY - TODAY

Share is the second collection taken up at all masses across the Archdiocese of Dublin each week. In his letter, which is in the Share newsletter, some copies of which are available in the church but can also be downloaded from our parish Website, Archbishop Farrell outlines some of the work of Share and how it has changed over the years.

"...Share, the Diocesan Development Fund... depends on the generosity of parishioners across the Archdiocese... Through the work of the Dublin Diocesan Offices, Share provides a range of essential services to our parishes Share and schools... also provide much needed financial support to disadvantaged parishes where alternative funding cannot be secured..." Your week support for Share helps to sustain the life and mission of the Church here in the Archdiocese of Dublin. Please

be as generous as you can afford to be.

Christianity is one beggar, telling another beggar

where they found bread.

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FINDING & SHARING BREAD

Do you have questions?

Do you have answers?

Would you like to learn more and share what you know?

FINDING & SHARING BREAD is relaxed and informal Adult Faith Development, where

we explore our Catholic faith together, learn from each other and share our own wisdom in a round table setting.

If you are interested please contact Conor - contact details overleaf or on the parish website. Numbers are limited (Maximum 12) and are allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Give it a go, what have you got to lose? you might even teach something.

MERCY CENTRE ADVENT RETREAT

Three-day retreat, Dec 1st – 4th will provide participants with space to step back from the day-to-day and focus on preparation for Christmas. Residential: €385. Non-residential: €185. To express your interest or to learn more, please email: programmes@mercyinternational.ie.

PARISH PROGRAMME FOR SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION



We are delighted to welcome the boys and girls from our parish schools together with their families, to mass this

weekend to begin the parish preparation programme for Reconciliation & Eucharist. Please keep them all in your prayers during this special year as they prepare to take the next steps in a lifelong adventure in faith.

Totus Tuus Scripture Conference 2022 is live on Radio Maria Ireland from 2pm on

SCRIPTURE CONFERENCE

Saturday November 19th Speakers include:

- Sr Catriona Kavanaggh OP,
- Brian O'Driscoll (Paving the Way Home)
- Fr John McCarthy (Cloyne Diocese)

Fr Terence Crotty OP

Radio Maria Ireland can be listened to by downloading the Radio Maria Ireland APP, Saorview Channel 210 or listen live at (01) 4373277.

MOONE PARISH CHRISTMAS DRAW



Tickets for the Moone Parish Christmas Draw Christmas are available from sellers at the entrance to Moone Church as well as from the Parish Office. Tickets

are only €2 each or 6 for €10.

There are 7 Prizes: €250, €100, Turkey & Ham, Monster Food Hamper, Christmas Cake, Lunch for 2 in Piers Café, Turkey. Draw takes place on Sunday 11th December after 12noon mass at the Parish Cake Sale in Moone Hall. All proceeds go to the day to day running costs of Moone Church. Thank you for your generosity.

***** FEAST OF A VERY LOCAL SAINT

Monday, November 14th is the Feast of a very local saint. St Laurence O'Toole, O'Tuathaill, was born in Lorcán Castledermot in 1128. He was Abbot of Glendalough and the first Archbishop of Dublin in 1162. He was renowned for his charity to the poor, for his love of learning and solitude. He was also renowned for working for peace between the Irish and the English Normans and was one of the signatories of the Treaty of Windsor in 1175. He attended the Third Lateran Council in Rome in 1179 where he so impressed Pope Alexander III that he was appointed as Papal Legate to Ireland. As Legate, he sought to bring about Church reform throughout Ireland as well as continuing his work for peace. He died in the monastery at Eu in Normandy while working for peace between Henry II of England and the Irish kings. He was canonised in 1225.

To mark the Feast of Naomh Lorcán O'Tuathaill, principal patron of the Archdiocese of Dublin and co patron of the parish of Narraghmore, there will be mass at 9:30am in Ss Mary & Laurence Church in Crookstown, attended by the children from St Laurence's School. Everyone is welcome to attend. This will replace the 7pm mass normally held on Monday during November.

Mass Times in Narraghmore & Moone

ST JOSEPH'S BALLYMOUNT: Sunday 8:30am Ss Mary & Lawrence Crookstown:

CATECHETICAL CORNER - "THE END IS NIGH"

Next week we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King, commonly called the Feast of Christ the King. It is the last Sunday in the Church's liturgical year, the following Sunday being the first Sunday of Advent, is the beginning of a new liturgical year.

At this time of year the readings at Holy Mass can all seem quite scary and a little bit daunting. They are all about the end times and the terrible suffering that is supposed to take place. The prophet Malachi tells that there is a terrible day coming, 'burning like a furnace'. The Gospel tells us that there will be wars, revolutions, disasters, earthquakes and how we, the followers of Jesus, are to be "seized and persecuted" and are to be "betrayed even by parents and brothers, relations and friends..." That all seems quite scary. And indeed if that is our focus, then it is scary and we should be very worried.

But, if we keep our focus on GOD "Like the eyes of a slave on the hand of her master" (Ps. 123:2) we have nothing to worry about. Again Malachi tells us that on those who fear the name of GOD the son of righteousness will shine. The Gospel reaffirms that "not a hair on your head will be lost."

We are being called to have faith. To trust GOD that HE will be faithful to HIS promise to us. Faith is hard, especially in the face of adversity, when there is war and so much suffering. Some will say that "faith is a gift and I just don't have it." And that is true, faith is a gift given by GOD, which we were all given at our baptism. And while faith is a gift it is also a virtue, one of the three great gifts Faith, Hope and Charity/love (see 1 Cor. 13), and as such, it requires nurturing. If we don't nurture something it dies. Virtues are no different, the law of atrophy applies. What does that mean? Well put quite simply: "Use it or lose it." If we don't foster, practice and use the virtues we will lose them, they will become swallowed up by whatever it is that we do practice; doubt, fear, selfishness. Think about it for a moment. If you are a person of Faith, then say things like: "I trust GOD, everything will be ok." If you are a person of Charity/Love, then practice that love towards others. St James says: "that faith without good works is quite dead." Practice Faith, practice Hope, practice Charity. If we do not practice them, then, just like our physical muscles, by the scientific law of atrophy, we will lose them.

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. Ss. Mary & Laurence Church, Crookstown, Tel: 059 8623154. Email: stlaurenceschurch@gmail.com

SIX LITTLE STORIES WITH LOTS OF MEANING

1. Once all villagers decided to pray for rain. On the day of prayer, all the people gathered, but only one boy came with an umbrella. That is **FAITH**.

- 2. When you throw babies in the air, they laugh because they know you will catch them. That is TRUST.
- 3. Every night we go to bed without any assurance of being alive the next morning, but still we set alarms to wake up. That is
- 4. We plan big things for tomorrow in spite of zero knowledge of the future. That is CONFIDENCE.
- 5. We see the world suffering, but still, we get married and have children. That is LOVE.
- 6. On an old man's shirt was written a sentence, "I am not 80 years old; I am sweet 16 with 64 years of experience." That is ATTITUDE.

Have a great day and live your life like these six stories. Have FAITH, TRUST, HOPE, CONFIDENCE, LOVE, and ATTITUDE. And always remember that good friends are the rare jewels of life, difficult to find and impossible to replace!

THIS WEEK'S LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Monday: St Laurence O'Toole TUESDAY: ST ALBERT THE GREAT Wednesday: St Margaret of Scotland & ST GERTRUDE

THURSDAY: ST ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY-FRIDAY: DEDICATION OF THE BASILICA OF Ss Peter & Paul

SATURDAY: MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY – Optional Memorial