

The Faith Communities of:



Ballymount, Crookstown, Kilmead & Moone

Parish Bulletin - First Sunday of Advent - November 26th/27th 2022

MASS INTENTIONS SATURDAY & SUNDAY

CROOKSTOWN 7PM - Edward Lawlor - Wood Road, Betty O'Connor (M.M.), Margaret Timmons (M.M.), Michael Fogarty (A), Declan Wall (A), Jack O'Connor - Blackhall (A), Ann (Nan) Doran (A) and deceased members of the O'Connor and Doran families, Patrick Keogh - Lipstown (A), Jim Keogh - Monkstown, Dublin (A), Matt & Mary Lawler and deceased members of their families. Recently Deceased: Mary Loakman

BALLYMOUNT 8.30AM - No Intention

KILMEAD 10.30AM - Tim & Johanna Bucke (A) & Henry Bucke - recently deceased

MOONE 12 noon - Nan Kavanagh Whitty - Hughestown (A) and her husband , Mick Kavanagh , Margaret Timmons (M.M.), Patrick Dunne - Coolrake, Moone and deceased members of the Dunne family – Coolrake, Michael & Kay Moore

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

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

NOVEMBER MASSES

Thank you to everyone who helped in anyway to make our November Masses so special. To our Ministers of the Word, Ministers of the Eucharist, Choirs, Sacristans and Church Care groups. To everyone who helped in any way - Thank You! Our Parish Secretary deserves special mention for the hours of work in preparing the letters and candles and so much more.

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

A very special welcome back to the girls and boys of our parish schools who are preparing to celebrate Reconciliation and Holy Communion, for the first time. Please keep them all in your prayers as they prepare for these next steps in the life long adventure that is our walk with, in faith, with the Lord.



OUR ANNUAL FOOD APPEAL for the homeless in Athy starts today. Donations can be left in the boxes provided at the entrance to Moone, Kilmead and Crookstown Churches. Please be as generous as you can afford to be. Items include: non-perishable foodstuffs, toiletries, hats, scarves, gloves. Thank you for your generosity. *“BECAUSE CHRISTMAS IS NOT THE SAME FOR EVERYONE”*

LARRIES ON THE MOVE is having a social high tea for senior citizens in the club house at **6PM NOVEMBER 30TH** If you know of anyone who needs a little social outing do let them know everyone is welcome.



There is good music, guest singers and Irish dancing. **NO CHARGE!**

BETTER BASICS

Looking for something to do with your spare time? Would you like to volunteer to help children improve their reading? County Kildare LEADER Partnership is organising training for a programme called, Better Basics - Boosting Reading, where volunteers support children in primary school to improve their reading. Two days of training are provided to prepare volunteers. The volunteer commitment for the

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.

programme, is one hour, twice a week, for 15 weeks, commencing mid-January 2023.

Training will take place on Wednesday the 30th November and Wednesday 7th December in Kildare Town. Interested volunteers must attend both dates.

Training is free, but you must register in advance.

If you would like to register for the training, or receive more information, please contact Aine Byrne,

by email aine@countykildarelp.ie or by mobile (086) - 0414223. Closing date for registration is Monday 28th November.

MOONE PARISH CHRISTMAS DRAW

Tickets for the Moone Parish Christmas Draw 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 of 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.



OUR PARISH UKULELE group are back for a Child Centered, Family Friendly Advent Liturgy next Sunday at 10am in Ss Mary & Laurence Church in Crookstown. Everyone is welcome.

Please note that this is not mass and does not fulfil your Sunday obligation to attend Mass.

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

THE PARISH TEAM:

CATECHETICAL CORNER - "NO GUTS, NO GLORY"

Whether you are a soccer fan or not you cannot help but notice that the World Cup is on at the moment, where some of the greatest players of the game are competing to win. When a goal is scored the celebrations seem to me to be coming more and more extravagant, and lasting longer, as praise and glory are heaped on the scorer. And while the individual may be the one who scores it is the team who receive the praise, the manager may even become very sought after. I have to confess, that sometimes when the teammates are jumping on the scorer I feel a bit sorry for him. I rather him than me...

In this we can see what it means to glorify someone, we see how they are applauded, honoured and showered with praise and plaudits. We may even join in, in our own small way. We might wear a jersey with the name of our favourite player on it, we might talk about him and say how fantastic he is, how great the team are; *"Did you see that goal, isn't he amazing? What a great team"*

And yet when we come to Mass, or sometimes, when we pray we give glory to GOD: *"Glory be to the Father...Glory to GOD in the highest..."* is this what we mean; *"Did you see that...sunrise...child-birth, leaf, blade of grass, breath I took...step I walked...my sins are forgiven...I have the promise of eternal life, isn't HE amazing?"* When we pray: *"We praise you, we bless you, we glorify you, we adore, we give you thanks..."* What is that we are saying? We are *'applauding, honouring, and showering GOD with praise and plaudits.'* Why? because Jesus is the one who takes *"away the sins of the world"*. Jesus is the One *"seated at the right hand of the Father"*

During Advent, which begins this Sunday, we do not sing or pray the Gloria at mass, because we are waiting. We are waiting like the Shepherds. We are waiting with the whole Church so that on Christmas we can joyfully acclaim with those shepherds, with our sisters and brothers in the Church; *"Glory to GOD in the highest..."* Our Advent time of waiting and preparing finds its fulfilment in the Christmas Gloria. At Christmas we honour and shower GOD with glory, applause, plaudits and praise. Not because HE has done something so ordinary, no matter how extra-ordinary, as a goal. No, because HE has become incarnate among us as one of us. He, *"the Holy One...the Lord...the Most High..."* has become the lowliest, the servant, the least holy, a refugee baby born in a dirty stable.

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BER MURPHY & TRISH HOLLIGAN -
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OLD HILLBILLY WISDOM

Your fences need to be horse-high, pig-tight and bull-strong.

Life is simpler when you plough around the stump.

Words that soak into your ears are whispered, not yelled.

The best sermons are lived, not preached.

If you don't take the time to do it right, you'll find the time to do it twice.

It doesn't take a very big person to carry a grudge.

You cannot unsay a cruel word.

Borrowing trouble from the future doesn't deplete the supply.

Most of the stuff people worry about ain't never gonna happen anyway.

Don't judge folks by their relatives.

Silence is sometimes the best answer.

Don't interfere with somethin' that ain't botherin' you none.

If you find yourself in a hole, the first thing to do is stop diggin'.

Sometimes you get, sometimes you get got.

The biggest troublemaker you'll ever have to deal with watches you from the mirror.

Good judgment comes from experience, and most of that comes from bad judgment.

Lettin' the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier than puttin' it back in.

Live a good, honourable life. Then when you get older you'll enjoy it a second time.

Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply.

Speak kindly. Leave the rest to God.

Most times, it just gets down to common sense

THIS WEEK'S LITURGICAL CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY: ST ANDREW, APOSTLE -
Feast

SATURDAY: ST FRANCIS XAVIER - *Memorial*
MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
- *Optional Memorial*