

Parishes of Narraghmore & Moone

The Faith Communities of:



Ballymount, Crookstown, Kilmead & Moone

Parish Bulletin - Fourth Sunday of Advent - December 17th/18th 2022

MASS INTENTIONS SATURDAY & SUNDAY

CROOKSTOWN 7PM - Patrick Chambers
Sr. Mary Ghent OSM, Jim Leigh - Lipstown,
Jason Kenna (1stA), Mary (Myra) Murphy
(1stA), Mary Loakman (M.M.), Christopher,
Maudi & Mary Bridget O'Toole (A), Bridget
Jones (50th A), Kathleen Corcoran (A), Jack
& Molly Dunne (A), Julia Dowling
Joseph Dowling Jnr, Timothy Fennin
Recently Deceased: Bridget Dowling -
Ballybarney

BALLYMOUNT 8.30AM - Michael Kelly -
Ballymount (A). Recently Deceased: Bridget
Dowling - Ballybarney

KILMEAD 10.30AM - Donal Flanagan (A)
Aidan Murphy, Kathleen & Chris Kelly
(A)

MOONE 12 noon - Esther O'Brien (A)
Margaret & John Dunne - Scratham (A)
Teresa Hayes (née Martin) (M.M.)
Michael Whelan - Bolton Hill (A)
James, Charles, Bridget & Sarah Power
(A), Michael Whelan - Simonstown (A)

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

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

MOONE PARISH CHRISTMAS DRAW



A total of €4885
was raised for the
day to day running
costs of Moone Church.
Thank you for your
generosity. Thanks too
to all of those who

sold tickets or donated to the cake sale. The
Prize Winners are as follows:
€250 - Ann Callaghan, Mullaghmast c/o B.
Harrow
€100 - John & Margaret Maher, c/o Fr.

Francis
Turkey & Ham - Seán Woods, Naas, c/o S.
Farrell
Food Hamper - Fr Francis
Christmas Cake - James Keeley,
Ballincarrig, c/o S. Farrell
Lunch for 2 in Piers Café - Harry Dunne
Turkey - Mary Donoghue, Battlemount
Christmas Wreath - Phyllis McCarthy,
Crookstown

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE PRIZE
WINNERS.**



**A TOTAL OF €15,725 WAS DONATED
TO THE ST LAURENCE O'TOOLE
CONFERENCE - ATHY - OF THE
SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR INCREDIBLE
GENEROSITY.**

**A TOTAL OF €630 FROM MOONE
PARISH WAS DONATED TO THE
CASTLEDERMOT CONFERENCE OF THE
SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL.

WORLD YOUTH DAY

World Youth Day 2023 for 18 - 35 year
olds, is taking place in Lisbon. Travelling
on July 31st returning on August 8th. Details
of the package are available, along with the
payment schedule, and dates for programme
of preparation. Payment of deposits and
completion of registration forms are done
online and will be available from 1st
December. Total cost is €725 per person.
which includes return flights, transfers,
accommodation (which is hostel
accommodation), the pilgrim packs,
insurance, meal tickets, etc., and group t-
shirt, booking deposit of €150. If you have
any queries, please contact, Conor or
Natasha - details below.

BOOKS OF CONDOLENCE

Books of Condolence for the late Pte. Sean
Rooney will be available in: Crookstown,
Kilmead and Moone Churches this weekend.

Our thanks to Kevin Carton of the
Organisation of National Ex-servicemen -
Athy Branch - for making this facility
available to us.

Ar Dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

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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A PRAYER BEFORE HOLY COMMUNION

O Lord, my God, I am not worthy that You should come into my soul,
but I am glad that You have come to me because in Your loving kindness you desire to dwell in me. You ask me to open the door of my soul, which You alone have created, so that You may enter into it with Your loving kindness and dispel the darkness of my mind. I believe that You will do this for You did not turn away Mary Magdalene when she approached You in tears. Neither did You withhold forgiveness from the tax collector who repented of his sins or from the good thief who asked to be received into Your kingdom.
Indeed, you numbered as Your friends all who came to You with repentant hearts.
O God, You alone are blessed always, now, and forever. *St John Chrysostom*

Copies of the Schedule for Christmas and the New Year are available at the doors of the Church. They are also available to download from our website and our social media.

CATECHETICAL CORNER - "MBAPPÉ TO SIGN FOR MOONE CELTIC"

Imagine that?? Imagine that Mbappé or Messi were to sign for Moone Celtic? I know, laughable isn't it?
Hands up if you think that Christmas is just for children? Hands up if you think that it is just about getting the family together and having a good time and a catch up? Next question: if that is what you think, or if that is what others think are you, are they, right or wrong? Well, to be very diplomatic about it, they/you are both right and wrong.
On one level, Christmas is all about the children and family. It is about the personification of the idea of Santa Clause, that we would give without any expectation of a word of thanks, in fact the gratitude going to someone else, just so we can see the joy on the faces of children. In some respects, the meaning of Christmas, finds expression in the travelling of family members to be with each other. Isn't that what Joseph and Mary did? Joseph returned, with his wife, to where he was from.
But if that is the level at which Christmas remains then, that is where we go wrong. Because the real meaning of Christmas is that GOD became human. Think about that for a second? GOD became human. Let's try and get a tiny bit of perspective on it for a moment. It is the equivalent of, well not really but this just makes the point, Kylian Mbappé or Lionel Messi signing for Moone Celtic, laughable I know, except in the case of GOD becoming human, it isn't laughable at all! It actually happened. GOD became human while remaining GOD.
Hang on a second, He is either GOD or He is human, how can HE be both? Well that is part of the mystery of Christmas, that is one of the mysteries of our faith. That the Jesus had human nature, just like you and me. He was fully human. He felt pain, He felt the loss, grief, sadness, loneliness etc... But HE had, or rather has, GOD nature, whatever that is. Whatever it is that we ascribe to GOD us humans to make us human, that too we ascribe to Jesus. Thinking about that for a moment takes Christmas to a whole different level, especially so if you ask the obvious question: Why? Well the answer to that question is to be found at Easter. He assumed our nature so that HE could redeem our nature. He became human to show us what it was to be human but also because our human nature had gone astray it needed to be saved. So you see, Christmas while yes, it is all about the Children and family, it is also all about our salvation. The meaning of Christmas is to be found at Easter. GOD, in an amazing act of humility and love took on our human nature so that we could have the possibility of living for all eternity in the presence of GOD. That is why it is appropriate to say Happy Christmas, because it really is a cause for happiness and joy. Happy Christmas.



PARISHES OF ATHY, NARRAGHMORE & MOONE
Schedule for Christmas 2022 and New Year 2023

MONDAY, 19th December at 7.30pm
While Shepherds Watched
The Athy Musical & Dramatic Society
Present the 30th Anniversary
A Celebration of Christmas Songs & Music
In St Michael's Church, Athy

WEDNESDAY, 21st December, 7.30pm
Penitential Service
including individual confession and individual absolution.
in St Michael's Church, Athy

CHRISTMAS EVE, Saturday, 24th December
Vigil Masses
5pm Family Liturgy: Crookstown
(Please note that this service is NOT a Mass)

6pm Vigil: Athy
(Family Mass. Children are invited to come dressed as angels or shepherds)

7pm Vigil: Crookstown
8pm Vigil: Moone
9pm Vigil: Athy
(Carols at 8.45pm by St Michael's Parish Choir)

9pm Vigil: Kilmead
(Carols at 8.45pm by St Ita's Church Choir)
11.30pm Vigil: Syro-Malabar Community Mass Athy
(This Mass will be entirely in the Malayalam language)

CHRISTMAS DAY, Sunday, 25th December
8.30am Mass: Ballymount
9am Mass: Barrowhouse
10.30am Mass: Athy
10.30am Mass: Kilmead
12 noon Mass: Moone
12 noon Mass: Athy

MONDAY 26th to Friday 30th December
Mass at 11am everyday in Athy Church
Mass at 9.30am on Wednesday, Thursday & Friday
..... in Crookstown

SATURDAY & SUNDAY 31st December and 1st January, New Year's Day
Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God
World Day of Prayer for Peace
Normal weekend Mass times

MONDAY 2nd to Thursday, 5th January
Mass at 11am, every day in Athy Church
Mass at 9.30am on Wednesday in Crookstown

FRIDAY 6th January, Feast of the Epiphany
5th January, 7.00pm Mass-Vigil in Crookstown
9.30am Mass: Athy
10.30am Mass: Kilmead
11.00am Mass: Moone
7.30pm Mass: Athy

If you cannot be present in person in the church, We invite you to join us in prayer at home on Live-streaming:-
www.parishofathy.ie
(Athy Church)
www.narraghmoreandmoone.ie
(Crookstown Church, Kilmead Church, Moone Church)

Parish Radio Athy: 107.9fm
Crookstown: 107fm
Moone: 88fm