

Parishes of Narraghmore & Moone

The Faith Communities of:



Ballymount, Crookstown, Kilmead & Moone

Parish Bulletin - 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 11th/12th 2023

MASS INTENTIONS SATURDAY & SUNDAY

CROOKSTOWN 7PM - Sr. Mary Ghent OSM
Rose Devereux (A), Patrick (Pat) Leigh (3rd
A), Patrick Cassidy - Killeen, Narraghmore
Pat & Sally Flood - Killeen, Narraghmore
Thomas Lawlor, Helen (Nellie) Byrne (A)
Bridie Keogh (A), Julia Keogh - Grangecon
(A), Coleman Joyce - Connemara (A)
Recent Deceased: Martha Heffernan

BALLYMOUNT 8.30AM - Joe Doyle -
Blackrath (A), Martin Dowling (A)
Recent Deceased: Martha Heffernan

KILMEAD 10.30AM - **Recent Deceased:**
Martha Heffernan

MOONE 12 noon - Mary Brown (A)
Eamonn O'Toole (A), Donie McGrath -
Hughestown (A), Dora Kinsella (56th A)

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

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

ACCORD ANNUAL COLLECTION

The annual collection for Accord
Dublin, the Diocesan
Agency for Marriage and
the Family, will be made
at all MASSES THIS
WEEKEND FEBRUARY 11th/12th.

Accord Dublin throughout the diocese
offers Marriage Preparation courses –
online, small groups; Counselling for
couples and individuals experiencing
difficulties in their relationships,
currently online or by phone; A
Relationship and Sexuality Programme
for schools.

Accord Dublin needs your support this
year more than ever. Please be as
generous as you can afford to be. Thank
You.



raised was €180.

Thanks to all who
contributed to the recent
church gate collection at
St Ita's in aid of Spina
Bifida. The amount

**Singing in the Shower is all
fun and games until you get
shampoo in your mouth.
Then it's just a Soap Opera**



To avoid the Soap Opera, join St Ita's
Choir, who are especially welcoming to
former shower singers. Practice on
Wednesday evening at 8pm, just come p
to the choir gallery after mass on any
Sunday or for further details, contact
Conor – Parish Pastoral Worker, details
overleaf.

OPERATION TRANSFORMATION.

Are you

- up for a challenge?
- willing to shed those old habits that
might not have been serving you
well?
- open to maybe finding some new
ones?

Each week during Lent there will be a
series of spiritual exercises made
available each week which you are
challenged to try and complete. The
challenges will be available in the Parish
Bulletin each week as well as on our
Website and Social media.

The goal? To get ourselves in better
shape to celebrate Easter.
What do you have to do now? Pray
about it and make a commitment to give
it a go. Watch this space.

If you are out and about and you fancy a

Fancy a
cuppa?



cuppa, or if you are looking for somewhere
to meet a friend, don't forget to try either of
the two community cafes; THE OLD
HARDWARE in NARRAGHMORE and THE PIERS
CAFÉ in MOONE. In addition to tempting
treats the Piers Café also offers a selection of
hot food during the day. Why not give them
a go, you won't be disappointed.

**ASH WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 22ND
THE BEGINNING OF LENT.**

Family & Life

presents
Protecting the vulnerable from the
threat of legalised Euthanasia



Legion of Mary House,
Convent road
Enniscorthy

Wednesday February 15th @
7:30pm

"Pro Life Wexford info meeting, entitled,
'PROTECTING THE VULNERABLE FROM THE
THREAT OF LEGALIZED EUTHANASIA'.
Wednesday 15th February at
The Legion of Mary House, Convent Road,
Enniscorthy at 7:30pm. Everyone is
welcome!

NEW ROTA AVAILABLE

Liturgical Ministers



Ministers of the Word in
Kilmead & Crookstown
should have received by
now a copy of the Rota
for February & March
The Rota is also

available to view on our Parish Website
under the Minister's Rota tab on the main
menu. If you have not received it, or if you
cannot access it online please, contact
Conor.

If you are unavailable to minister at your
rostered time, please arrange cover with
another minister.

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:

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CATECHETICAL CORNER - BE MY VALENTINE...FOREVER.

St Valentine is probably one the most famous saints in the Church. He has managed to reach into popular culture despite the fact that we know very little about him. What we do know is that he was martyred for celebrating sacramental marriages. In those times, the time of the Roman Empire, only unmarried men were permitted to serve in the army. Since serving in the army came with a possible death sentence, many men sought to avoid it by getting married. Valentine incurred the ire of the Romans by facilitating these marriages and when he refused to stop, despite having been warned, he was executed.

As the world celebrates Valentine's day, with no reference to the saint, it might be worth taking a brief look at the nature of Sacramental Marriage. To understand the significance of Sacramental Marriage it is necessary to look at the nature of the Holy Trinity, because it is in the nature of the Trinity that we find the Church's understanding of marriage.

The Holy Trinity is a relationship of Love. GOD the Father loved the SON into being who in turn loves the Father. This relationship of constant love flowing between Father and SON is what, or rather Who, we call the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the very fruit of the love that the Father has for the Son and the Son for the Father. Just as children are the fruit of the love that a husband has for his wife and a wife for her husband. In the book of Genesis we read how GOD created us: "...in HIS own image and likeness...male and female HE created them..." (Gen.1:26-27). What is this image in which we are created? Love! We are created in the image and likeness of GOD who empties HIMSELF in love for the other, thus bringing the other into being. This is where the Bible begins, in a relationship of love, love within the nature of GOD and love of GOD for HIS creation, we are literally loved into existence.

Marriage is instituted by GOD; "it is not good that man should be alone..." The Catechism of the Catholic Church puts it like this: "The intimate community of life and love which constitutes the married state has been established by the Creator...God himself is the author of marriage." (CCC 1603) Marriage, in the Catholic understanding, is to enter into the very life of the Holy Trinity, it is to become God like. The mutual giving of self and emptying of self for love of the other is what is at the very heart of the Trinity and a happy, successful marriage.

Sacramental Marriage makes Christ present in the world and in the marriage. In the document of Vatican II on the Church in the Modern World (Gaudium et Spes) we read: "...so now the Saviour of men [Christ] and the Spouse of the Church [Christ] comes into the lives of married Christians through the sacrament of matrimony. He abides with them thereafter so that just as He loved the Church and handed Himself over on her behalf, the spouses may love each other with perpetual fidelity through mutual self-bestowal." (GS 48). When we honour St Valentine, we honour marriage. When we honour marriage we honour GOD - FATHER, SON & HOLY SPIRIT.

PARISH SECRETARIES

BER MURPHY & TRISH HOLLIGAN - .

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

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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. Amen

St John Chrysostom

Carmelites - Whitefriar Street

St Valentine

Tuesday, February 14th

Mass: 11.30 a.m & 3.00 p.m.

Celebrant & Preacher

Fr Simon Nolan, O.Carm.,
Prior of Whitefriar Street



The memorial of St
Valentine is a special
day here in Whitefriar
Street Church. There
will be special
celebrations and we are
delighted that so many
people will be joining
us in our celebrations.

Church will remain open
until the beginning of our
Tuesday Night Perpetual
Novena at 8.00 p.m.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR - SIXTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

MONDAY:

TUESDAY: Ss. Cyril & Methodius - Feast
St Valentine is not celebrated liturgically

WEDNESDAY:

THURSDAY:

FRIDAY: SEVEN HOLY FOUNDERS OF THE
SERVITE ORDER - Optional Memorial
SATURDAY MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED
VIRGIN MARY - Optional Memorial