

Parishes of Narraghmore & Moone

The Faith Communities of:



Ballymount, Crookstown, Kilmead & Moone

Parish Bulletin - Passion (Palm) Sunday - April 1st/2nd 2023

MASS INTENTIONS SATURDAY & SUNDAY

CROOKSTOWN 7PM - Patrick (Pat) Behan (4th A), Agnes Chambers (M.M.), Martina McDonnell (née Lavin) (A), May Finnegan - Ballybarney (A), Kathleen Fennin - Ballybarney (A), Bridget Farrell (3rd A) Joe, John and Jim Cullen (A), Anthony Lawler (A). **Recently Deceased:** Eamon Ringwood

BALLYMOUNT 8.30AM -

KILMEAD 10.30AM - Dinny Redmond - Moatfield (3rd A) and deceased members of Redmond families, May Bradley (A) and deceased members of Mackey and Bradley families, Anne O'Toole (A)

MOONE 12 noon - Brendan Murphy - Timolin (A), Sheila Carton - Sheriff Hill (A) and her husband William, Fr. Patrick Kelly (former P.P. of Moone Parish) and deceased members of the Kelly family, Eddie & Margaret Byrne - Sheriff Hill (A), Paschal Leigh - Pill, Belan (A), Ann (Nancy) Murphy (A)

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

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

OPERATION 'SOUL' TRANSFORMATION. WEEK 5

Monday - Try to get to the Reconciliation Service in Athy or Crookstown on Monday or Tuesday night.

Tuesday - Try not to talk about anyone today. Don't share 'gossip' about others today, even and especially, if it's true.

Wednesday - Make a phone call to someone you haven't spoken to in a while, just to say hello.

Thursday - Lent ends the Easter Triduum begins.



VENI SANCTE SPIRITUS

CONGRATULATIONS to the girls and boys who were confirmed in the faith in Crookstown on Thursday. In his homily Fr Liam reminded them that the glory of GOD is the human person fully alive. In other words, being the person GOD created them to be. He encouraged them, in the words of St Pope John Paul II, to 'launch into the deep', and not to be satisfied with splashing around the shallows. To use their gifts and talents for the good of others and for the glory of GOD. We pray that GOD will continue to bless them as they grow in the relationship that was begun when they were Baptised. Come Holy Spirit - Veni Sancte Spiritus.



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CELEBRATE THE DIVINE MERCY.

Divine Mercy Sunday is April 16th, join in celebrating The Divine Mercy in St Michael's Church, Athy beginning at 2:30pm. Mass & Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 3pm. Everyone is welcome. Also, The Divine Mercy Novena will be available daily on the Parish Facebook Page beginning on Good Friday.

Moone

CLASSIC & VINTAGE

ROAD RUN



in aid of
Moone Timolin Community
Easter Sunday, April 9th, 2023 at 1pm

EASTER SUNDAY AT 1PM

Contact: Kevin Doody — Tel: 086 8537691
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THE MOONE ANNUAL CLASSIC AND VINTAGE ROAD RUN will take place on Easter Sunday, April 9th, at 1pm. Please come along and support this great event. You will also be supporting a range of local community organisations, including: Moone Karate Club, Timolin Church (repairs needed), Moone Old Folks Club, The Active Retirees and Moone Celtic FC. The run will finish, as always, in the Crookstown Inn with a Charity Auction. All donations would be gratefully received, as will items for the Charity auction, the raffle, the driver's draw and spot prizes. Thank you for your continued support.



Fr Liam was presented with a cheque for €60,000 for the restoration fund of Moone Church from the Moone Road Run. This is the culmination of a lot of hard work by the committee & volunteers. Sincere thanks to all involved.



PARISHES OF NARRAGHMORE, MOONE & ATHY Holy Week Ceremonies 2023

PALM SUNDAY
Palmos will be blessed and distributed at all Masses.
Normal Sunday Mass Schedule

**ŚWIECENIE POKARMÓW WIELKANOCNYCH -
The Blessing of the Easter Baskets**
Athy Church Saturday April 8th 12noon

RECONCILIATION SERVICE
Athy Monday 2nd April @ 7:30 pm
Crookstown Tuesday 3rd April @ 7pm
This will include individual confession and absolution.
Please note that this service will not include Mass.

HOLY SATURDAY
Athy Easter Vigil @ 8 pm

HOLY THURSDAY
Followed by Watch and Prayer before the Altar of Repose
Athy Mass of the Lord's Supper @ 7pm
Kilmead Mass of the Lord's Supper @ 7:30pm

Athy Easter Vigil Syro-Malabar Rite @ 10:30pm
Crookstown Easter Vigil @ 8 pm

GOOD FRIDAY
Athy Solemn Celebration of the Passion @ 3 pm
Moone Solemn Celebration of the Passion @ 3 pm

EASTER SOURCE SERVICE
MULLAGHMAST AT 6:30am - SUNRISE IS 6:40am
Breakfast afterwards in Timolin Church Hall

Good Friday Stations of the Cross & OTHER DEVOTIONS
Athy Children's Stations of the Cross @ 12 noon
Athy Stations of the Cross @ 7pm
Crookstown Prayer around the Cross @ 7:30 pm
Moone Seven Sorrows of Mary @ 7:30 pm
Kilmead Stations of the Cross at the Moate of Ardscull @ 12 noon
Kilmead Taize Prayer around the Cross @ 7:30 pm
Barrowhouse Stations of the Cross @ 7pm
Ballymount Stations of the Cross @ 6pm

EASTER SUNDAY MASSES
Ballymount Mass of the Resurrection - 9:30am
Barrowhouse Mass of the Resurrection - 9am
Athy Mass of the Resurrection - 10:30 & 12 noon
Crookstown Mass of the Resurrection - 10:30am
Kilmead Mass of the Resurrection - 10:30am
Moone Mass of the Resurrection - 12 noon

Parish Offices - Easter Schedule
Narraghmore & Moone Parish Office
will close on Wednesday, 5th April at 4 pm
Re-opens Tuesday, 18th April at 10 am
St. Michael's Parish Office, Athy,
Good Friday - closed
Holy Saturday - open 10:30am - 1pm
Easter Monday, 11th April - Thursday 13th April - closed
Easter Friday, 14th April, open 10:45am to 1pm
Re-opens as normal Monday, 17th April, at 2:15pm

"NOTHING BEATS BEING THERE..."
However, if you cannot join us in person, we
invite you to celebrate with us online:
Crookstown, Moone and Kilmead Churches
Website: narraghmoreandmoone.ie
Athy Church
Website: parishofathy.ie
THE PARISH TEAM WISH YOU EVERY BLESSING FOR EASTER

CATECHETICAL CORNER - "IS IT ANY WONDER YOU HAVE SO FEW FRIENDS?"

That would be a pretty hurtful thing to say to someone, don't you think? "Is it any wonder you have so few friends?" If you wanted to lash out at someone who had hurt you, you might say something like that. Imagine saying it to GOD? But we'll come back to that later.

As Lent draws to a close and we begin Holy Week, the focus shifts to Jesus and all that He endured for us, and rightly so. During this week we will encounter Jesus as the suffering servant in Isaiah 53. We will see Jesus portrayed as the innocent Lamb for slaughter of the Jewish Passover in the book of Exodus. And we will encounter, in often gory detail, all that Jesus had to endure during His passion. To die by crucifixion still remains one of the most horrible ways to die, not to mention the torture that He had to endure beforehand. We will hear those haunting words: "My GOD, My GOD, why have YOU forsaken Me?" Then we think back to the story of the Transfiguration from the second Sunday of Lent when we hear GOD saying: "This is MY Son, the Beloved One..." It seems hard to equate these various images; Jesus, the Beloved Son, Jesus, the suffering servant, Jesus, the sacrificial lamb and Jesus, the crucified and abandoned One. How can GOD, allow HIS 'Beloved Son' to suffer like this? How can GOD allow us, whom HE also claims to love, to suffer so much, while HE seemingly remains far removed, detached and un-involved?

This is the heart of one of the greatest questions of all time. Why do good people suffer? Why does GOD not stop suffering, especially of little children? I think at some point we have all asked questions like this. At the heart of such questioning is our image of GOD. What do we imagine GOD to be? How do we picture GOD? The scriptures tell us GOD is Father, the word most often used is 'Abba', which is best translated as 'Daddy'.

Only last Sunday, we heard the story of the death of Lazarus, and we encountered Jesus weeping at the death of His friend. On Easter Sunday we will hear the account of how Mary went to the tomb and was in great distress when she thought that the body of Jesus had been taken, but Jesus was there, with her in her distress. On Sunday week we will hear the story of the journey to Emmaus, when Cleopas and his companion, were similarly distraught. As they understood it, all their hopes and dreams for what might have been, were dashed by the death of Jesus. And yet, Jesus was with them. They just didn't recognise Him. What is the common feature in all of these stories? Jesus is right there, walking with the suffering people. Just like a human parent cannot prevent their child's suffering, they cannot protect them from a world that can do so much harm. The same is true of GOD. GOD does not promise to keep us free from suffering. Even HIS 'Beloved Son' had to endure suffering. But what GOD does do, is journey with us. In Isaiah 41:10 we read: "do not be afraid, for I am with you; do not be alarmed, for I am your God. I give you strength, truly I help you, truly I hold you firm with my saving right hand"; in just the same way that a human parent might sit by the bed of a sick child, holding their hand giving them their own strength. And the very last words of St Matthew's Gospel are: "I am with you always, yes, to the end of time." Not to suffer, not to endure pain and hardship and even death would make us not human. It would mean that we live forever, and therefore, would not be with GOD. Death is inevitable. But if we see death as final then it is and should be, a cause for great distress. But this coming week shows us something different. Death isn't final, death doesn't have the final say and our unavoidable suffering has meaning.

Until we understand the nature of suffering then we may well join St Teresa of Avila, who called out to GOD, "If this is how You treat Your friends, is it any wonder that You have so few of them?"

MOST BLESSED TRINITY MOONE:
Sunday 12noon. Holy Day: 11am

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EASTER** is displayed at the doors of the
church and is available in a leaflet to take
home. It is also on our Website and social
media.

THE HOLY FACE OF JESUS

Public Veneration of the Holy Face of Jesus
in the Potato Market in Carlow on Good
Friday from 12noon to 1pm. Everyone is
Welcome.

THANKS FROM THE GHENT FAMILY

The family of the late Agnes Chambers nee
Ghent, thank all those who attended the
Requiem Mass, sent Mass or sympathy cards
and letters of condolence. It was very much
appreciated. And a great comfort at this sad
time. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be
offered for your intentions.

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.