

Parishes of Narraghmore & Moone

The Faith Communities of:



Ballymount, Crookstown, Kilmead & Moone

Parish Bulletin - 2nd Sunday in Lent - March 4th/5th 2023

MASS INTENTIONS SATURDAY & SUNDAY

CROOKSTOWN 7PM - John Dempsey - Inchaquire (A), Patrick Doyle (A), Bridie Jones - late of Narraghmore and Suncroft (M.M.), Daisy Jane Rooney (4th A), Eddie O'Shea (A), Tommy O'Mara, James O'Mara Nina Harney (A), Pat Harney (A), Patrick Brennan (A), Eddie Lawlor (A). **Rec Dec.** Fr Denis Carroll late of Ballitore.

BALLYMOUNT 8.30AM - James Ryan - Ballymount (A)

KILMEAD 10.30AM - Martha Heffernan (M.M.). **REC DEC:** Christopher (Kit) Doyle

MOONE 12 noon - Joe Murphy (A) James Martin - Back Moone (A) Anthony (Danno) Kirwan (1st A) and his granddaughter Caoilainn McNeill, Edward (Ned) Whelan (A), Jennie, John & Ann Piggott.

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

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

JOURNEYING IN FAITH & HOPE

is our parish programme for the Season of Lent. Full details in the brochure at the doors of the Church - please take one.

OPERATION 'SOUL' TRANSFORMATION. WEEK 2

Monday: Try not having any bread today.



Tuesday: In the spirit of this weeks Gospel, try to find a quiet time/place for yourself to sit and just be with GOD.

Wednesday: Pay at least three people you

meet today a compliment.

Thursday: Try to use your phone just to make and receive calls today, no social media or internet browsing. If you do not use a smart-phone, how about no TV today.

Friday: Consider going to the Holy Hour in Crookstown and if you haven't been in a while, maybe go to confession.

Saturday: Gratitude Challenge. Foster an attitude of gratitude, Spend 5 minutes in prayer just thanking GOD. You may need to spend a few moments to think of what you want to thank HIM for.

Sunday: If you can afford it, put some money in a Trócaire box..

LENTEN PRAYER EVENINGS: We are delighted that the Lenten Prayer evenings have returned. Each Wednesday evening at 7:30pm you will have the opportunity to pray, to relax and to reflect.

- March 1st - Moone
- **MARCH 8TH - CROOKSTOWN**
- **MARCH 15TH - Castledermot**
- **MARCH 22ND - Kilmead**
- **MARCH 29TH - Athy refreshments served afterwards**

GUIDED MEDITATION: Join us every Wednesday after 9:30am Mass and the Rosary in the Church of Ss Mary & Laurence in Crookstown for a guided meditation on the next Sunday's Gospel. This is a very gentle way to enter into the Gospel and encounter Jesus. Everyone is welcome and no experience of Christian Meditation is needed, just come as you are. This will also be live streamed. For further information contact Conor on 086-7905654.

HOLY HOUR DURING LENT Every Friday during Lent there will be a Holy Hour in Ss Mary & Laurence Church in Crookstown at 7pm with the opportunity for individual confession.



St. Ide Naofa Kilmead Fun Run
March 4th 2023
TRACTORS, TRUCKS, CARS, TRUCKS, MOTORBIKES, NO CARS - IF IT DRIVES IT IS WELCOME
Registration in St Laurence's GAA : 11.30am onwards
Depart at 1pm sharp
€20 per vehicle
Refreshments available on the day
Raffle
All proceeds to Kilmead National School



Our next Do This In memory mass will be celebrated next weekend. We look forward to seeing all the girls and boys next weekend. PLEASE NOTE that the DTIM mass will not take place in Kilmead because of the Tractor Run, but parents are invited to attend mass in Crookstown on Saturday at 7pm.

Archdiocese of Dublin
TURKEY & SYRIA EARTHQUAKE COLLECTION
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY
CROOKSTOWN/ BALLYMOUNT: €3,100
MOONE: € 685
KILMEAD: €1,069
TOTAL: €4,854
THANK YOU
The funds raised will be shared with partners in the affected areas. This will replace the SHARE collection

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Sacrament of



Reconciliation

The girls and boys in our parish schools will be very busy this week with the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. On Tuesday evening the Sacrament will be celebrated in Kilmead, on Wednesday in Crookstown and on Thursday in Moone, both at 1:30pm. Please keep them all in your prayers as they take this next step in the lifelong adventure that is our faith journey.



CONGRATULATIONS TO:

CHLOE, LUCY, LAURA, DONNAHCA, CAELAN, CONOR, JULIE, PETER, ÉABHA, MOLLY, KATIE, LUCY, CHARLIE, LUCY, NIAMH, ADAM, RÓNAN, OISÍN, AVA, SENAN, CLAUDIA, KATE, & SEÁN, who all received the Sacrament of Confirmation in St Ita's Church in Kilmead on Friday. Fr Liam administered the Sacrament and in his homily he told the young people that this was a celebration of faith. In Confirmation they are anointed with Christ, which means 'Christ oil'. They are anointed and strengthened, which is what Confirmation means, because, he said, to be a Christian is difficult. He reminded them that even in the time of Jesus it was difficult to be a Christian, that many of the disciples were martyred for the faith and even now we are expected to take up our cross and follow Him. He went on to say that, thankfully we are all different, he said that being different we can use our gifts and talents to change the world. He said to the boys and girls that they have power, power to change the world., the power to make a difference. He said that sometimes faith can be compared to a ship in the harbour, but a ship wasn't built to be in harbour, but rather to go out. He said that if the girls and boys go out, using their gifts and talents together with the gifts of the Holy Spirit, that they will make a difference. In speaking to the candidates for Confirmation, Fr Liam was speaking to us all.

The following beautiful prayer was offered as a post Holy Communion reflection:

Loving God,

**We thank You for all our blessings,
and we entrust ourselves to You.
Guide our minds and hearts every day,
fill us with gratitude and hope.
Help us to shine brightly in the world,
that we may reflect Your love,
be courageous in the face of difficulty
and wise in our decisions. AMEN.**

CATECHETICAL CORNER - A.C.T.S. OF PRAYER.

The three pillars or key words associated with Lent are: Pray, Fast & Give. Prayer can be very personal and private, we all have our own way, our own pattern and habit of prayer Which is how it should be. Maybe we talk to GOD in our own words, which is great, because it fosters a personal relationship with GOD. For others, the Rosary or other devotions are our go to way of praying, often we will offer these devotions for particular intentions, again, fantastic. For others still it may be a walk in the countryside - finding GOD through HIS creation; it may be reading the bible or any one of the very many other ways to pray, all of which have merit. You see prayer is an expression of our spirituality, spirituality is how we relate to GOD. And just like no two human relationships are the same, so too, no two 'spiritual' relationships are the same. How you relate to GOD is, and should be, different to how I relate to GOD. There is no right or wrong way. So, during Lent it is not just about the quantity of our prayer, it is not just about praying more but maybe praying smarter. Whatever way we pray, our prayer should be comprised of A.C.T.S., that is: Adoration, Contrition, Thanks and Supplication.

ADORATION: Try to spend a few moments every day adoring or praising GOD. You don't have to visit the Church to do this, but before the Blessed Sacrament or at Mass is the most perfect way. In your prayer you can say something like: *'I/we adore you O Christ and I/we bless you, because by Your holy cross You have redeemed the world.'* That is only one suggestion, you could also adore GOD for the beauty of a sunset or a rainbow, or artistry and wonder of your body. Again, find your own way.

CONTRITION: The official Night Prayer of the Church, begins with an examination of conscience. Where those who are praying this prayer, are called to spend a few moments looking back over their day to see what they might need forgiveness for. This section of the prayer concludes with an act of sorrow and a prayer for forgiveness, something like the penitential rite at mass. If you have a couple of minutes before bed, perhaps try this during Lent, and maybe bring what you find to the Sacrament of Confession, available every Friday evening, during Lent, from 7-8pm in Crookstown, the Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession) being the most perfect way to express our contrition.

THANKS: Take a few moments each day during your prayer and just say thank you to GOD. We have much to be thankful for. First and foremost for the gift of HIS Son to us. For the life, death & resurrection of Jesus which gives us the promise of eternal life. But also, our family, our health, our body, our home, the food we have and so much more. Everyday during Lent, try and find three things to say thank You to GOD for.

SUPPLICATION: A fancy word for bringing our intentions to GOD. Bring all your intentions to GOD, if you are praying for someone, try to mention their name, if there are too many to mention, or, like me, you can't remember them all, just commend them all to GOD, knowing that HE has *'called them by name'*.

Prayer is a relationship, if all we do is ask for things, we are missing out on the best part of just getting to know GOD and letting ourselves be loved by HIM. During Lent, pray smarter not harder and let yourself be loved.

Please continue to pray for the newly confirmed and we pray that GOD will bless them as they find their place in the Church.

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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SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT.

On this day, when we hear about the Transfiguration of Jesus, when Peter, James and John beheld the splendor of GOD, and heard a voice saying: *"THIS IS MY BELOVED SON...LISTEN TO HIM"*. Where do you behold the splendour of GOD and how do you hear HIS voice?