

Parishes of Narraghmore & Moone

The Faith Communities of:



Ballymount, Crookstown, Kilmead & Moone

Parish Bulletin - 3rd Sunday in Lent - March 11th/12th 2023

MASS INTENTIONS SATURDAY & SUNDAY

CROOKSTOWN 7PM - James Leigh - Kingsland (A), Michael Mooney (A), Anne Maher - Crookstown, Edward (Ned) Behan (29th A), Margaret (Madge) Delaney (A) Willie Doyle - Mullaghmast (A), Mary O'Brien. **Rec Dec:** Agnes Chambers (née Ghent)

BALLYMOUNT 8.30AM - Recently deceased: Agnes Chambers (née Ghent)

KILMEAD 10.30AM - James Connell (M.M.) Seamus O'Rourke - Waterford, Michael O'Brien - Fontstown (A), Tom, Anne and Lal Byrne (A), Fr. Jim Tormey (A)

MOONE 12 noon - Elizabeth (Babs) Byrne (A), Stephen Weldon (2nd A), Margaret (Madge) Delaney (A).

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

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

JOURNEYING IN FAITH & HOPE

Full details in the brochure at the doors of the Church - please take one. Also check the Lenten Resources tab on our Website

OPERATION 'SOUL' TRANSFORMATION. WEEK 3

Monday - Pray the Angelus - full text available on our website .

Tuesday - No complaining today, not even about the weather...

Wednesday - Pray the Memorare (full text on our website) especially for the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

Thursday - If you meet a homeless person or someone begging, don't just throw a few coins into their cup, take a moment to talk to them, tell them your name and ask them theirs. Try to recognise Jesus in them.

Friday - Make a special effort to abstain



from meet today. While there are only two actual abstinence days in the year - Ash Wednesday & Good Friday. On Fridays during Lent the traditional practice of no meat is especially true. Give it a go.

Saturday - Visit a church and spend a few moments adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

Sunday - Arrive an extra few minutes early to Mass and spend the time in prayer asking the Holy Spirit to help you to be really present at Mass.

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**

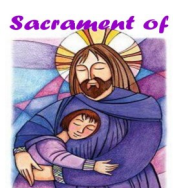
GUIDED MEDITATION: Will not take place next Wednesday.

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.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION



Reconciliation

CONGRATULATIONS to the girls and boys from 2nd class in our parish schools. It has been a very busy week. We have had three celebrations of the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the First time during the week. In

Kilmead on Tuesday evening in Crookstown on Wednesday afternoon and in Moone on Thursday afternoon. Please keep the boys and girls in your prayers.

TODAY



Scoil Ide Naofa Kilmead Fun Run

March 12th 2023

TRACTORS, VINTAGE
CARS, TRUCKS,
MOTORBIKES, NEW
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

MASS TIMES FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF ST PATRICK *Principal Patron of Ireland*

THURSDAY MARCH 16TH
VIGIL MASS
Crookstown - 7pm

FRIDAY MARCH 17TH
Crookstown - 9:30am
Athy - 9:30am
Kilmead - 10:30am
Moone - 11am
Athy - 12noon

**St Patrick's Day is a Holy
Day of Obligation**



ANNUAL ECUMENICAL PRAYER FOR ST PATRICK'S DAY

On St Patrick's Day at 3pm at St Patrick's Well in Glasleely there will

be the annual Ecumenical Prayer service. Everyone is welcome, please come along and bring your singing voice.

KNOCK PILGRIMAGE CHOIR

Would you like to participate in a Choir of Many Voices for our Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock on Saturday, April 29th? This will be a great way to bring people from our parishes together in honour of Our Lady of Knock. Our pilgrimage choir will provide a unique opportunity for people from every corner of our Archdiocese to participate in our pilgrimage Mass, which will be celebrated by Archbishop Dermot Farrell. The choir will be under the direction of Ciaran Coll, who is well known for a wide variety of music ministry in our Diocese and beyond. If you would like to be part of the choir, please email

knockpilgrimage@dublindiocese.ie

with you name, your parish, the position you sing in and your phone number or email address. Alternatively, you can phone 086 369 1217 with this information. A number of rehearsals will be organised and we will provide further updates over the coming weeks.



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

The phone line in the Parish Office is currently out of order. To contact the parish office please do so by email: stlaurenseschurch@gmail.com or call in in person.

There will be no Parish Bulletin or Children's newsletter next week.

CATECHETICAL CORNER - SPRINGSTEIN AND JAGGER.

Last week we took a look at the first of the three key words associated with Lent, namely prayer and how we might pray smarter not necessarily harder. This week we will take a look at what it means to fast, with reference to The Boss and Mick Jagger. Intrigued? Me too, let's see where this goes.

The Boss, Bruce Springsteen, sang: *"Everybody's got a hungry heart, everybody needs a place to rest, everybody's got to have a home..."* Mick Jagger famously sang: *"I can't get no satisfaction, though I try and I try and I try..."*

You know, neither of them are wrong, in fact they are both correct. But a long time before either of them, about 1500 years or so, in fact, St Augustine of Hippo put it like this: *"Our hearts are made for You O, God and our hearts are restless until they rest in You."* The western culture in which we live is categorized by acquisition, we are always striving to acquire more 'stuff', be it technology, clothes, cars, food etc... All the while we are trying to satisfy our hungry hearts, trying to get some satisfaction. But until we recognise that our hearts are made for GOD, and will continue to be restless, hungry and unsatisfied, until we rest in GOD.

The purpose of our Lenten fast isn't just to make us suffer or to struggle, it isn't about self denial for the sake of punishment. No, our Lenten fast is designed to help us to turn our hearts to GOD. It is about freeing us from the attachment to the passing pleasures of this world, however wonderful and beautiful they may be, so that we can shift our focus to the lasting things of heaven. Preface II to the Eucharistic prayer during Lent, addressing GOD the Father, puts it like this: *"For you have given your children a sacred time for the renewing and purifying of their hearts, that, freed from disordered affections, they may so deal with the things of this passing world as to hold rather to the things that eternally endure."* While Preface IV says this: *"For through bodily fasting you restrain our faults, raise up our minds, and bestow both virtue and its rewards, through Christ our lord."*

The vow of poverty taken by all religious, nuns and priests, is not about not having possessions, indeed, the religious have many possessions, but rather, it is about not being attached to them, not seeking to have them for the sake of having them. This is at the heart of our Lenten self denial. Our Lenten fast should be difficult, it should take effort on our part, it should take a conscious act of the will. Why? If we do not train our will, if we do not master our desires for 'stuff'; chocolate, coffee, social media, technology...then our desires will master us and our free-will, which is GOD's greatest gift to us, will be lost, buried, under our 'stuff'. Pope Benedict XVI says this: *"The ultimate goal of fasting is to help each one of us to make a complete gift of self to God."* This is where we go back to the first key word - prayer. Prayer, especially the Eucharist, is essential if we are to master our desires. The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) says this: *"Through the Eucharist those who live from the life of Christ are fed and strengthened."* (CCC #1436). Our Lenten fast, without prayer, is lacking. Even Jesus spoke about the need for prayer and fasting: *"Some demons can only be cast out by prayer and fasting."* (Mk.9:29). *"The ultimate goal of fasting is to help each one of us to make a complete gift of self to God."* - . If we are to satisfy our hungry hearts, if we are to find the satisfaction that we seek, if our hearts are to find rest, we must fast...and pray. Happy Lent.

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.

In today's Gospel Jesus says this: *"I have food to eat that you do not know about... My food is to do the will of the One who sent me, and to complete His work."*

Where do you find the kind of food that Jesus was talking about?