

Parishes of Narraghmore & Moone

The Faith Communities of:



Ballymount, Crookstown, Kilmead & Moone

Parish Bulletin - 5th Sunday in Lent - March 25th/26th 2023

MASS INTENTIONS SATURDAY & SUNDAY

CROOKSTOWN 7PM - John Curran - Calverstown (A), Mary Kelly (nee Codd) (M.M.), Mary (Mamie) O'Connor - Blackhall (A), Tommy O'Connor - Blackhall (A), Patsy Keogh - Lipstown (A) Frank Keogh - Grangecon (A), Bob O'Connor (A), Nan O'Connor (A), Peggy Wall (A), Agnes Cusack (A), Johnny Doyle (A), William Nolan (A) **Recently Deceased:** Sadie Kehoe
BALLYMOUNT 8.30AM - **Recently Deceased:** Sadie Kehoe

KILMEAD 10.30AM - Frances Doyle (A) Ita Flynn (M.M.), Margaret McCann (8th A) **Recently Deceased:** Sadie Kehoe

MOONE 12 noon - John & Katie O'Toole Esther Fox, Kathleen Dempsey, Maureen Hamilton, Eileen Byrne, Paddy, Tom, John and Eamonn O'Toole, Paddy O'Sullivan (A) Rita & Ned Keogh - Rathtoole and deceased members of the Farrell family, Noreen Whelan (3rd A), Johnny Doyle (A) Julia, Adrienne & Michael Byrne, Nora Kelly - Grangenolvin (2nd A) and deceased members of the Kelly & Doyle families, Anne Moran - Coolrake (A). **Rec Dec:** Matthew Murphy and Sadie Kehoe

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

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

OPERATION 'SOUL' TRANSFORMATION. WEEK 5



Monday - Pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy - full text available on our website.

Tuesday - Make a conscious effort to be nice to everyone today.

Wednesday - Try to be aware of not taking the name of the Lord in vain today.

Thursday - Pray for the girls and boys who will be confirmed today in Crookstown.

Throughout the day say this prayer from time to time: 'Come, Holy Spirit, Come', while keeping them in mind.

Friday - As we approach the last week, it might be a good time to renew your Lenten fast. What is that you gave up for Lent? Maybe you took something on? Whatever you decided to do, maybe it has slipped a bit and now would be a good time to make a final push to Easter.

Saturday - Pray our parish Prayer for Lent. The full text is available on our parish website and on leaflets near the doors of the church.

Sunday - Schedule some family time today. Perhaps begin by inviting a family, who may not go to mass, to join you at Sunday mass.

LENTEN PRAYER EVENINGS: Please join us for the final Lenten Prayer Evening in St Michael's Church, Athy, on Wednesday at 7:30pm. Everyone is welcome for a time of quiet, prayer and reflection.

• **MARCH 29th - ATHY refreshments served afterwards**

GUIDED MEDITATION: after Mass and Rosary in Crookstown on Wednesday morning.

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.



Confirmation next Thursday. Veni Sancte Spiritus - Come Holy Spirit.

PRAYER WALK

As we continue our Lenten journey you are warmly invited to join the parishioners of Naas, Sallins and Two Mile House in a

prayer walk on Sunday 26th March at 3pm in Punchestown Racecourse.

In the spirit of the Synod, we will walk the track together and pray the Stations of the Cross. The Pastoral Councils of Naas, Sallins and Two Mile House have planned this event as part of our preparation for the great feast of Easter. Our grateful thanks to Punchestown Racecourse. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO JOIN US.**

SCOIL ÍDE NAOFA - TRACTOR RUN.

Scoil Íde Naofa and Scoil Íde Naofa Parents Council would like to thank everyone who took part in and contributed to the Tractor Run on March 12th, which raised €4,100. Mile, Mile buíochas.



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.

CATECHETICAL CORNER - GOOD ADVICE FROM ELSA.

We have been looking at the key words, the pillars, we might say, of Lent. We have looked at Prayer and Fasting. Today we take a look at what it means to give alms and why we do it.

Princess, or is it Queen, Elsa from the Disney movie, Frozen, has some advice when it comes to almsgiving when she sings; 'Let it go!' I know, it seems like a bit of tenuous connection, something of a head scratcher, but bear with me.

You see, almsgiving isn't about the other person, it isn't about giving to someone who needs a leg up or a hand out. Almsgiving is about the person who gives. It is all about a virtue called detachment. We saw this previously when we looked at fasting. Fasting is about freeing ourselves from our passions, putting our will back in charge, to be more attentive and focused on GOD. With almsgiving it is the same thing. We give that we might be enriched by giving. Not in the sense of 'virtue signaling' - look at me, how good I am, but rather that we might not be attached to the things of earth so that we might be attached to the things of Heaven.

Let's consider two stories from the Bible. The first comes from the Old Testament, the first book of Kings chapter 17. The prophet Elijah encounters a widow from whom he asks a scrap of bread, she replies: *'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.'* Elijah prevails upon her to share her bread with him on the promise that the jar of meal and jug of oil would not be emptied and so it wasn't. The second story we may be more familiar with and is often referred to as 'The widow's mite' It is in the Gospel of Mark, chapter 12. *"A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then He called His disciples and said to them, 'In truth I tell you, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they could spare, but she in her poverty has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.'*

The widow of Zarephath, whom Elijah encountered and the poor widow, putting her penny into the treasury, both teach us one thing, that our generosity should hurt. It should cost us. It shouldn't be from our excess. It is in giving in this way that we learn dependence on GOD. GOD will make up whatever is lacking.

Giving alms to the poor is listed among the corporal works of mercy, indeed the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) says this: *"Among all of these [the spiritual and corporal works of mercy] giving alms to the poor is one of the chief witnesses to fraternal charity; it is also a work pleasing to GOD."* (CCC 2447)

Giving alms is listed as one of three ways we do penance (see CCC 1434), the other two being Prayer and Fasting. The book of Tobit says this: *"Prayer with fasting and alms with uprightness are better than riches with iniquity. Better to practise almsgiving than to hoard up gold. Almsgiving saves from death and purges every kind of sin. Those who give alms have their fill of days"* (Tob.12: 8-9).

So you see, almsgiving has very little to do with the other person, the recipient of our charity, and much to do with ourselves and our own relationship with GOD. Giving alms is the third leg of the Lenten milking stool. Without a stable milking stool getting the best from our milking will never work. If we are to truly benefit from Lent, if we are to get the best that Lent has to offer, which is a renewed and improved relationship with GOD, then we must have the three legs on the stool, the three pillars of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. As Elsa said; 'Let it go..' to find a greater prize. Happy Lent.

J. S. Bach St. John Passion

Palm Sunday, April 2nd 2023,
3.30pm
St. Andrew's Church,
Westland Row, D2

SOLOISTS

Evangelista - Andrew Gavin
Christus & Bass arias - Shokri Francis Raouf
Pilatus - Rory Dunne
Soprano - Kelli Ann Masterson
Alto - Alison Browner
Tenor - Jacek Wislocki

The Dublin Bach Singers
Marlborough Baroque Orchestra
Conductor - Blánaid Murphy

Tickets €25

www.eventbrite.ie
and at the door

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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LENT

is a call
to renew
a commitment
grown dull,
perhaps,
by a life
more marked
by routine than
by reflection.

-Joan Chittister