

# Parishes of Narraghmore & Moone

*The Faith Communities of:*



*Ballymount. Crookstown. Kilmead & Moone*

## Parish Bulletin - Fourth Sunday of Easter- April 29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> 2023

### MASS INTENTIONS SATURDAY & SUNDAY

**CROOKSTOWN 7PM** - Teresa Leigh (A) & Christine Leigh (A) John Corcoran (A), Jack & Molly Dunne (A), Barney Deay (2<sup>nd</sup> A), Peg Deay (11<sup>th</sup> A), Bill Deay (A), Sr. Mary Winnifred Deay (A), Paddy Foley - Back Moone (A), Willie Fleming - Grangecon (1<sup>st</sup> A), Raymond Callaghan (A), Philomena & John Creagh - Ballitore (A)

**BALLYMOUNT 8.30AM** - Barney Deay (2<sup>nd</sup> A) Peg Deay (11<sup>th</sup> A), Bill Deay (A), Sr. Mary Winnifred Deay (A)

**KILMEAD 10.30AM** - Johnny Whelan - Booleigh, Athy and his brother Dan Whelan

**MOONE 12 noon** - Michael Byrne, Bridie Byrne, D.C. Byrne (A), Lizzy Whitty - Hughestown (A) and deceased members of the Whitty family. Recently Deceased: Michael Whelan and Mary (Moll) O'Toole

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

**MOONE TUESDAY 10AM** - Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion  
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struggling just to keep the lights on. You can now donate directly to the parish. You can also contribute your weekly Mass collection offerings, the first and second collections at mass, as well as all special diocesan collections, such as the Lay Ministry collection.

The first and second collections at mass, as well as Christmas, Easter and Harvest Dues, are diocesan collections and none of the funds remain in the parish. Your continued support of your church is the only thing that helps to keep the lights on. Please be as generous as you can afford to be. <https://www.narraghmoreandmoone.ie/donate-to-our-parish/>

please call: Una Burke/Susie Kelly/Michael Kelly on 059 8632044. Further Education and Training Centre, Carlow Road, Athy. Co Kildare. [www.athyfetc.ie](http://www.athyfetc.ie)  
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### A BIG DAY FOR OUR PARISH.

On Saturday next, May 6<sup>th</sup>, the boys and girls of second class in Scoil Íde Naofa will receive Holy Communion for the first time. So why is that a big day in our parish? Well it is in fact a big day for the whole Church. Why? Because as St Paul tells us we are all one body, so when one part of the body is nourished we all benefit. The Church is strengthened by the Communion of it's members. The girls and boys have been preparing really hard and are very excited and looking forward to welcoming Jesus for the first time. Please remember them in your prayers. Please too, remember the girls and boys of Crookstown and Moone who will also be receiving Jesus for the first time.  
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### SUPERSLIDE STAIR LIFT

Acorn Superslide 130 Stair Lift, very good condition, suitable for straight stairs, got very little use. Enquiries 087 2401945. Proceeds from the sale will go towards the Moone Road Run.

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### GUIDED MEDITATION WEDNESDAY

During Lent we began the practice of guided meditation on the following Sunday's Gospel. We invite you to join us in Ss Mary & Laurence Church on Wednesday morning, after Mass & Rosary when we will take time to Pray & Reflect on the Gospel for Sunday. Everyone is welcome and no experience of Meditation is needed. Come as you are.

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As you may know, during the pandemic shutdowns, financial support of parishes suffered a severe decline, as much as an 80% fall off, and has not recovered to pre-pandemic levels, leaving many parishes

The **FURTHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING CENTRE ATHY** will be hosting an **Open Day** on May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 10am to 12pm. If you would like to find out more about all levels of Education and Training courses for adult learners and young people in your area, please come along on the day. We will also be accepting registration for new students enrolling on programmes starting in September, as well as some of our summer programmes. For additional information

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## THE TOTUS TUUS WOMEN OF FAITH CONFERENCE 2023



will be LIVE on Radio Maria Ireland this coming Saturday May 6<sup>th</sup> from 2pm. Speakers will include Siobhán Dunne, Sr. Benedetta (Sisters of Merciful Jesus), Katie Ascough and Mary

Anne Collins. You can follow the conference by:

1. Going online at [www.radiomaria.ie](http://www.radiomaria.ie).
2. Download the Radio Maria IRELAND App to your smartphone or tablet.
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## LAY MINISTRY COLLECTION



The Lay Ministry Collection, for the support and training of lay ministry across the Archdiocese, will take place **next weekend of May 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup>**. This collection will replace the usual Share collection. You can contribute to this collection online.

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## DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS TO THE DIOCESAN PRIESTHOOD

**THIS SUNDAY, APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup>**, will be the Day of Prayer for Vocations and the beginning of a Year of Prayer for Vocations to the Diocesan Priesthood.

### PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Good and gracious God, you have called us through baptism to discipleship with your Son, Jesus Christ, and you have sent us to bring the Good News of salvation to all peoples. We pray that you grant more priests and religious to build up your Church here within the Archdiocese of Dublin. Inspire men and women to give themselves totally to the work of Christ and His Church.

Together may we seek the face of Christ In the poor, the marginalised, the forgotten, that they may know the wonders of your love.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

## CATECHETICAL CORNER - "BÍ ULLAIMH"

Those of us who were or are members of the guides or scouts, will recognise the motto of the scouting movement - Bí Ullaimh/Be Prepared. Some of us spend a lot of time preparing for things; getting ready if we are going out, getting organised if we are going on holiday, perhaps getting the veg prepared early if we are having a large number for dinner. Some are more prepared than others and write lists etc..., while others are more 'fly by the seat of your pants' in their preparation style. Some people are very house-proud and much of the preparation may be in cleaning the house or decorating if a visitor is coming, especially if it is an important visitor.

Since the time of their Baptism, but most especially since last September/October the boys and girls of second class have been working towards their First Holy Communion. Many of them have participated in all of the monthly preparation masses. They have done some work at home and in school which has been brought to the church. They have also been working really hard in school learning the mass responses and prayers of the Mass. Holy Communion for the first time is a significant moment in the life of all Catholics. So too are our second, third, and all subsequent Communion. Do we and should we prepare for our 951st communion, or whatever number it happens to be? And if so, how? Or do we just turn up, almost taking the Eucharist for granted?

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) makes it clear to us that preparation is essential. In paragraph 1384 it says this: *"The Lord addresses an invitation to us, urging us to receive him in the sacrament of the Eucharist..."* In #1385 the CCC sets out how we should respond to this invitation from the LORD: *"To respond to this invitation we must prepare ourselves for so great and so holy a moment. St. Paul urges us to examine our conscience: 'Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a man examine himself, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For any one who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment upon himself.'" (1 Cor.11:27-28).* The same paragraph goes on: *"Anyone conscious of a grave sin must receive the sacrament of Reconciliation before coming to communion."*

In addition the CCC points out, *"To prepare for worthy reception of this sacrament, the faithful should observe the fast required in their Church."* (#1387) We used to have to abstain from food from midnight before receiving Holy Communion, now this is what the Church says: *"A person who is to receive the Most Holy Eucharist is to abstain for at least one hour before holy communion from any food and drink except for only water and medicine."* (CIC Can 919). In addition we should try to be reconciled with those we have hurt or sinned against as well as forgiving those who have hurt or sinned against us. *"So then, if you are bringing your offering to the altar and there remember that your brother [sister] has something against you, leave your offering there before the altar, go and be reconciled with your brother [sister] first, and then come back and present your offering."* (Mt.5:23-24)

Our preparation for the coming of Jesus to us in Holy Communion, isn't to make us worthy, because, as we say at every mass, quoting from the Gospel of St Matthew; *"Lord, I am not worthy that You should enter under my roof..."* (Mt.8:8). Our preparation is so that we might gain the benefit of our Communion, that there is nothing that should inhibit this. *"The principal fruit of receiving the Eucharist in Holy Communion is an intimate union with Christ Jesus."* (CCC #1391)

Just as we prepare our homes for a visitor, so we are to prepare our hearts to receive Jesus. I suppose we should strive to be 'Heart-proud' just as we would be 'house-proud'.

## 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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