

Parishes of Narraghmore & Moone

The Faith Communities of:



Ballymount. Crookstown. Kilmead & Moone

Parish Bulletin - The Ascension of the LORD - May 20th/21st 2023

MASS INTENTIONS SATURDAY & SUNDAY

CROOKSTOWN 7PM - James Maher - Crookstown, Christy King - Glasshealy (2nd A) his parents Pat & Molly King, his brother John King, his grandparents Christy & Elizabeth Kelly, his cousin Edward Kelly (England), Dan & Mary King and deceased members of the King & Kelly families, J.J.O'Neill Law, Lill Byrne, Pat & Celia Flynn - Naas, Michael Dunne - Crookstown (A) his wife Mary and their daughter Susan. Patrick & Brendan Ward (A), Ann O'Rourke (A), Rec Dec: Mary Pelin and Patrick (Pat) Doyle

BALLYMOUNT 8.30AM - Sheila Doyle - Blackrath (A) Recently deceased: Mary Pelin

KILMEAD 10.30AM - Tom Conlan and deceased members of the Conlan family Rita Stafford (1st A) Rec Dec: Mary Pelin

MOONE 12 noon - Michael Whelan (M.M.) Josie Cogan - Grangenolvin (1st A) Francis Cullen - Wexford (A)
CROOKSTOWN: Wed & Fri 9.30am - Donor's Intentions.

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

CEMETERY MASSES 2023

PARISHES OF ATHY, NARRAGHMORE & MOONE

Crookstown Graveyard -
Saturday June 3rd at 7:00pm

Kilmead Graveyard -
Sunday June 4th at 10:30am

St Michael's New Cemetery -
Wednesday June 7th at 7:30pm

Churchtown Cemetery -
Wednesday June 14th at 7:30pm

Kilberry Cemetery -
Friday June 16th at 7:30pm

Moone Graveyard -
Sunday June 18th at 12 noon

Barrowhouse Graveyard -
Sunday June 18th at 9am

St Michael's Old Cemetery -
Wednesday June 21st at 7:30pm

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28 July 2023

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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION IN MOONE

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

John Bell, Róisín Davoren, Niamh Flynn, Fionn Hennessey, Nicole Warren, Ollie O'Brien, Euan Handy, Allana Byrne, Liam Doyle, Rachel Stack, Danny Anderson and Amelia Croke, who received Holy Communion for the first time on Friday, May 19th in the Church of The Most Blessed Trinity, in Moone from Fr Francis.

In his homily Fr Francis reminded them of their unique gifts and talents and also that they have a forever friend in Jesus, who is always close to them.

The girls and boys had all worked really hard in getting ready for their big day. Well done to Ms Brid Brennan, the class teacher, for her

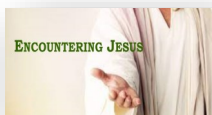
hard work in preparing them, while also preparing and leading the school choir. It was a wonderful celebration.

Please remember all the girls and boys from our parish schools who have received Holy Communion for the first time. We also remember and pray for the girls and boys who received the Sacrament of Confirmation earlier in the year. May they all continue to be blessed by GOD.

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.

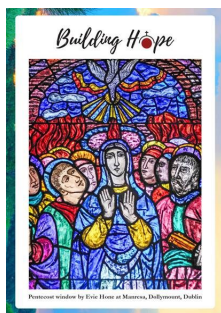
"COME TO ME...AND YOU WILL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOUL..."



Each Wednesday after Mass and the Rosary, approximately 10.15am, in Crookstown Church you are invited to join us for a time of guided meditation. You can come along for mass and rosary or just for the meditation. Why not give it a try, what have you got to lose?

NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

You are warmly invited to join with every parish in the diocese in a Novena to the Holy Spirit – a period of prayer, reflection & planning for the renewal of the Church in the Arch-diocese of Dublin. The Novena will take place in the nine days from 21st - 29th May and will be prayed at all masses, beginning on the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord, through Pentecost and continuing to the Feast of Mary, Mother of the Church. Prayer Cards are available at the entrance to the church and on our Parish Website. Come, Holy Spirit.



ALL IRELAND ROSARY RALLY IN KNOCK

The All Ireland Rosary Rally will take place on **Saturday June 3rd from 1pm** in Knock. It will include Holy Mass, the Rosary, the Stations of the Cross and a talk by Bishop Oliver Doeme. The Main Celebrant for the Holy Mass is Archbishop Eamon Martin, Primate of All Ireland.

EXAM STUDENTS' PRAYER

Located in our churches there is a Prayer Intention Book especially for exam students. If you have an exam student in your life please write an intention into the book and take a Prayer Card for them.



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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CATECHETICAL CORNER - QUEEN OF THE MAY

The Queen of the May, also known as Bring Flowers of the Rarest, is one of the most popular Marian Hymns. It was written by Mary E Walsh, an American composer sometime before 1870 and is based on a traditional 13th century Catholic Hymn. As we all know, the hymn is about us bringing flowers to our Blessed Mother during the month of May, just when the early summer flowers are coming into bloom. Just as anyone would be happy to see their parent honoured, so too is Jesus pleased when we honour HIS mother in this way. After all she is our mother too. *"This is your mother"* (Jn.19:27)

There is an old Latin adage that goes: *'Ad Jesum per Mariam - To Jesus through Mary'*. This is Mary's role in salvation, to lead us to her Son and ultimately to the Father. The Son of God came into the world through Mary, Mary always wants to lead us closer and into deeper relationship with her Son. The first public miracle that Jesus worked at the wedding of Cana was done so at the request of Mary; *"They have no wine..."* (Jn.2:3)

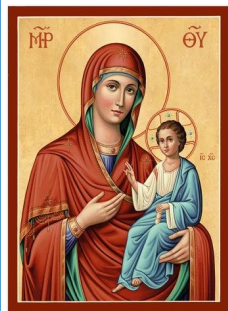
The feast of the Ascension, which we celebrate today, makes sense only in the light of the feast of Pentecost, which we celebrate next week. *"it is for your own good that I am going, because unless I go, the Paraclete will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you"* (Jn.16:7) Pentecost is seen as the birthday of the Church, and the Monday after Pentecost is the feast of Mary, Mother of the Church: *"After her Son's Ascension, Mary aided the beginnings of the Church by her prayers."* In her association with the apostles and several women, *"we also see Mary by her prayers imploring the gift of the Spirit, who had already overshadowed her in the Annunciation."* (Catechism of the Catholic Church [CCC] #965).

From the Annunciation right through to the Passion and death of her Son, Mary maintained a unique and unbroken connection to Jesus and so is uniquely placed to lead us to Him: Because of the way that she cooperated with the Saviour's work she is *"mother to us in the order of grace"* (CCC #968) *"This mother hood of Mary...continues*

uninterruptedly from the consent which she loyally gave at the Annunciation and...sustained beneath the cross, until the eternal fulfillment of the elect. Taken up to heaven she did not lay aside this saving office but by her manifold intercession continues to bring us the gifts of eternal salvation..." (CCC #969)

Take a look at the Icon of Mary holding the Baby Jesus. The Infant is sitting on her left arm. Her right hand is pointing towards the Infant. She is almost presenting the Baby Jesus. Just as any mother would, she is saying; *'don't mind me, here is my beautiful child.'*

The role of the Queen of the May is to watch over and protect us, to lead us safely home. In honouring Mary we honour her Son. As we 'bring flowers of the fairest' let us also take some time to be with our Blessed Mother and let her lead us closer to her Son, for true devotion to Mary will always lead us to a deeper relationship with Jesus.



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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.

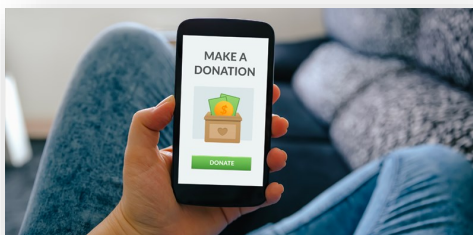
Inspire men and women to give themselves totally to the work of Christ and His Church.

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.



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