

Parishes of Narraghmore & Moone

The Faith Communities of:



Ballymount, Crookstown, Kilmead & Moone

Parish Bulletin - The Solemnity of Pentecost - May 27th/28st 2023

MASS INTENTIONS SATURDAY & SUNDAY

CROOKSTOWN 7PM - Matthew Leigh - Ballymount (A), Agnes & Michael Donoghue - Grangecon (A), Phil O'Halloran (A), Margaret Mackey - Thoran Road (A)
Recently deceased: John O'Neill & Murt Keatley

BALLYMOUNT 8.30AM - Phil O'Halloran (A)
Recently deceased: John O'Neill & Murt Keatley

KILMEAD 10.30AM - Joseph, Elizabeth & Billy Behan (A), Billy O'Brien - Burtown (A), Mattie & Eileen Bell (A), Shirley Keogh Maureen Kelly - Booleigh (5th A)

MOONE 12 noon - Jim & Betty O'Brien (10th A), Eileen Mahon (A), William O'Brien (A) Eileen O'Rourke (A), Ann Lawler (A) David Kinsella - Hughestown (89th A)

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

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



**Fr. Joe Doran
Memorial Car Run**

In Aid Of FHSC
(Family Heart Screening Clinic)

**Barndarrig, Wicklow
Sunday 18th June**

Registration 11.30am - Leaving 1pm

PLEASE BRING PICNIC

Leaving Crookstown Garage at 10:30am if anyone wants to go along.

KNOW YOUR FAITH Come to PATHWAYS: EXPLORING FAITH AND MINISTRY

Pathways is an Adult Faith Development Programme run by the Dublin Archdiocese. It begins this year in DCU St. Patrick's Campus, Upper Drumcondra Rd., Dublin 9 on Thursday 28th September 2023 (7.00p.m. - 9.30 p.m.). Places are limited so early application is advised.

Pathways is a two-year, one evening a week course for adults of all ages who wish to explore their faith. It runs from late September to May each year. There are no exams and no written work. The only requirement is an openness to listening to others and to participate. You can just come along and enjoy! The cost is €400 for the coming year which may be paid in instalments. Some sponsorship may be available for those of limited means. Places are limited.

For more information please visit your webpage: www.missionministry.ie or contact: Eileen Houlahan, Pathways Programme Director. Ph: **01 8087594** Email: pathways@dublindiocese.ie



CEMETERY MASSES 2023

PARISHES OF ATHY, NARRAGHMORE & MOONE

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

MARK THIS ON YOUR
CALENDAR

August 20th

FAMILY FUN DAY

in aid of St Ita's Church &
Scoil Íde Naofa.

St Laurence's GAA Complex.

Everyone Welcome.

More Details to follow

PARISH BULLETIN

Please note that there will not be a Parish Bulletin or Children's Page for the next few weeks to facilitate staff holidays.

If you have any notices please contact the parish office and they can be included in the notices to be read at Mass.



Sharing the Good News is the newsletter of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference. If you would like to receive this weekly ezine, you can do so at <https://catholicnews.ie/newsletter/>

NEW PARISH APPOINTMENTS

The Archbishop has reappointed the Parish Pastoral Workers, NATASHA GEOGHEGAN and CONOR MC CANN, to the Partnership of Parishes for a further 3 year term. The new partnership now includes Castledermot Parish. Natasha will be primarily based in Crookstown and Conor in Athy. However, it envisaged that they will be working more closely together in the future. As with all diocesan appointments these new appointments come into effect on July 9th



EXAM STUDENTS' PRAYER

We continue to pray for all students sitting exams at the moment. Come, Holy Spirit, Come.

WORLD YOUTH DAY COLLECTION

There are 10 young people who will represent our at World Youth Day in Portugal in August. The cost of travel and accommodation is €750 each. To help with the cost a collection is being taken up after all masses this weekend. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

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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PARISH SECRETARIES

BER MURPHY & TRISH HOLLIGAN -

Mon, Tue, Wed & Fri 10am - 4pm.

CATECHETICAL CORNER - IS THERE A DOCTOR IN THE HOUSE?

Health is big business. Many TV stations allocate air time and huge resources to healthy living and healthy eating programming. We have only to think of *Operation Transformation* on RTE or *You Are What You Eat*, which originally aired on Channel 4 but has been remade now for Channel 5. The basic thrust of the programme; the clue is the name, you are what you eat. If you eat junk food you cannot expect to be healthy, you cannot exercise away a bad diet. That is a simple fact of life.

It is also a fact of the spiritual life. In the spiritual life there is even a name for it, it is called *Theosis*. Theosis is the process by which we become more like GOD, it is also known as: deification, divinization, participation, and divine [daughter]/sonship. It might even be called Holiness, which is not to be confused with Piety or Reverence. Piety or Reverence are when we or another act with great care in the presence of GOD or in sacred or religious places. While both Piety and Reverence are gifts of the Holy Spirit and to be sought after and practiced, Theosis or Holiness is a different thing. We may see someone who is very devout in their prayer and the way they behave in the church, but does mean that they are holy? Not necessarily. Holiness is a different thing and is not easily defined but is easily recognised. When we are in the presence of a 'holy' person, we just know. There is a presence about them, there is a gentleness and joyfulness. There is a deep peace and prayerfulness, all of which are signs of Theosis.

We have been created, out of love by GOD to be in relationship with GOD. In fact it is more than relationship, it is communion. The Catechism puts it like this: "*in a plan of sheer goodness freely created man to make him share in his own blessed life*" (Catechism of the Catholic Church #1). This communion with GOD is sharing in the very life and nature of GOD. In another place the CCC says: *The desire for God is written in the human heart, because man is created by God and for God; and God never ceases to draw man to himself. Only in God will he find the truth and happiness he never stops searching for.* (CCC #27) It continues, quoting Vatican II: "*The dignity of man rests above all on the fact that he is called to communion with God...For if man exists it is because God has created him through love, and through love continues to hold him in existence.*" (CCC #27 cf: *Gaudium et Spes* 19)

How are we to achieve this Theosis, this growing in communion with the Most Blessed Trinity? The Gospel gives us the answer: "*...who[ever] eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him. As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me.*" (Jn.6: 56-57).

This is the very essence of the Church, this is what it is all about, this is the big picture that all our smaller actions, prayer, sacrifice, fasting etc., are geared towards. Growing in communion with GOD and leading others into this communion is what the Church is for, everything else is, as it were, window dressing. This is accomplished through the sacraments, especially worthy reception of the Eucharist, which means regular reception of the Sacrament of reconciliation (Confession). Some 1700 years ago St Augustine put it like this: "*Behold who you. Become what you receive.*" In other words, you are what you eat, or at least we are trying to allow the grace of GOD to make us so, because we cannot do it on our own.

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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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