

# Parishes of Narraghmore & Moone

*The Faith Communities of:*



*Ballymount. Crookstown. Kilmead & Moone*

## Parish Bulletin - Sunday 1st October 2023 - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### MASS INTENTIONS SATURDAY & SUNDAY

#### **CROOKSTOWN 7PM -**

Roger Keane remembrance;  
John McNamee(A) Michael & Mary Brady  
(A) & their daughter Geraldine Deay;  
Anastasia Lee(50thA); Michael Hickey(A);  
Eileen Hickey (A) Sally O'Connor (A)

#### **BALLYMOUNT 8.30AM -**

#### **KILMEAD 10.30AM -**

Brigid Conlan (A)  
Edward, Julia & Mary Lennon (A)  
Philip Browne (A)

#### **MOONE 12 noon -**

Dr. Peter O Callaghan (A)  
Edward (Ned) Connelly (M.M.)

#### **CROOKSTOWN:**

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

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### **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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**To have your Mass intention included  
in the newsletter it must be received  
before Wednesday at 4pm. Intentions  
booked after this will still be included  
in the Mass and put on our parish web-  
site but will not be in the newsletter.**

### **Autumn Leaves Concert,**

Autumn leaves concert will take place on  
Thursday 12th of October at 8pm in Ss.  
Mary & Laurence Church, Crookstown.  
Proceeds will go to Ss. Mary & Laurence  
Church, Crookstown and St. Joseph's  
Church, Ballymount. Tickets are €20 and are  
available in Crookstown Parish Office,  
Ballytore Post Office, Crookstown Garage  
and from committee members. We have  
the talented Baldonnel Singers, Joseph  
Gorman, Molly Doyle and Paul Linehan &  
Kelly Rose Kerins on the night.



### **South Always South Concert**

The Story in music, words and pictures  
of explorer Ernest Shackleton's life, the  
Endurance Expedition and his  
extraordinary legacy. Composed and  
performed by Brian Hughes with the  
county Kildare Orchestra scripted and  
narrated by John Mc Kenna. Concert  
will take place in St. Michael's Church  
Athy on Sunday 22nd of October @  
7:30pm. Tickets €25. Tickets available  
on [www.eventbrite.ie](http://www.eventbrite.ie)



**2021 Synod 2023**  
For a synodal Church

Archbishop Dermot Farrell, calls all of us.

My dear Sisters and Brothers On  
Wednesday next, lay women and men,  
members of religious orders, priests and  
bishops from around the world will  
gather in communion with Pope Francis  
to pray, reflect and discuss what a  
Synodal Church looks like. A body has  
many parts and for the body to function  
well, to be energy filled, all the parts  
must play their part, and play in harmony  
(1 Cor 4:31). This historic month-long  
event gives me hope, because I am  
convinced that it can make a difference  
to our mission worldwide, and here in  
the Dublin Diocese. I wish to ask you to  
join with me in giving some time and  
space in your thoughts and prayer to the  
dialogue taking place in Rome.

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### **CATECHETICAL CORNER – IS THERE A DOCTOR IN THE HOUSE?**

If you are of a certain age, or if you just happen to like Classic Rock you will probably be familiar with Led Zeppelin's 'Stairway to Heaven'. But did you know that there is an easier way to heaven than taking the stairs, we can take the elevator, or the lift as we might call it, but more about that later.

St Augustine, St Ambrose, St John Chrysostom, St Francis De Sales, St John of the Cross, St Thomas Aquinas, St Catherine of Sienna, to name a but a few of the 37 'Doctors of the Church'. Definitely what we might call 'Church Heavy weights'. Perhaps, if we ever gave it a second's thought, we might have thought that there would be many more than 37, especially when we consider the long history of the Church and the great many thinkers, writers and theologians.

So what does it mean to be a "doctor of the church"? And why would somebody receive this title?

A doctor of the church is a person whose teaching on faith has been deemed sound and of benefit to the church through their writing, study, or research. Along with significant theological contribution, the person must also display a high degree of sanctity, which is why all church doctors are also canonized saints. A third requirement to be named a doctor of the church is formal proclamation as such by the pope or an ecumenical council.

To be in this company one would have to have contributed greatly to the store of knowledge of the Church. Of the 37 doctors of the Church, 4 are women: St Teresa of Avila, St Hildegard of Bingen, St Catherine of Sienna and St Therese of Lisieux, the Little Flower – whose Feast day is October 1<sup>st</sup>. But how did a French nun, who entered an enclosed Carmelite Monastery at the age of 15, and died at the age of 24, having never left that monastery, manage to be declared a saint, never mind a doctor of the Church? Well because of her Little Way, or her '*elevator to heaven*' as she called.

St Therese wanted to do great things for GOD, she wanted to go and preach in foreign lands, she wanted to be a martyr and give her life for GOD, but she was unable to do any of that so she set about becoming a martyr in the ordinary every day. Her little way consists of doing the ordinary tasks of everyday life with as much love as we can possibly muster. It involves giving of ourselves to our families, our employment as best as we possibly can, but all for the love of GOD. Going about our everyday tasks, offering them to GOD, no matter how simple, mundane and even boring they may be, but doing so with love, is what St Therese called the Little Way. It was her Little Way that led to her being declared a Saint, less than 28 years after her death. It was her little Way that led her to being declared a Doctor of the Church in 2012. And it is her Little Way that can be our elevator to sainthood too.

#### **Saint of the Week :**

**Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus - Sunday 1st October.**

**"Love is repaid by love alone"**

**Prayer:** Please pick a rose from the heavenly garden, and send it to me, with a message of Love. Ask God to grant me the favour I thee implore and tell Him I will love him each day more and more. Amen.



Heavenly Father, help us to understand and treasure the way Saint Therese has thought us. Help us rejoice in our littleness and weakness realizing as she did, that through them your divine strength is free to do its work of life in us. Show us that nothing is an obstacle but that everything, temperament and situations that we find ourselves in, our duties in life are gifts of love. Give us generosity and courage, O Lord, to use them as you wish. We place our needs before you, confident that you will answer us. Since we pray with St. Therese through your beloved Son Jesus Christ of Lord. Amen.

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