

Parishes of Narraghmore & Moone

The Faith Communities of:



Ballymount. Crookstown. Kilmead & Moone

Parish Bulletin - Sunday 22nd October 2023 - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS SATURDAY & SUNDAY

CROOKSTOWN 7PM -

Margaret Timmons—Ballytore (1st A)
Enda O'Brien (A)
Anne & Bill Flood (A)
Mary Maguire (Née Keogh) (M.M) - The Curragh

BALLYMOUNT 8.30AM -

James and Bridget Cassidy (A)

KILMEAD 10.30AM -

Christy Heffernan (A)

MOONE 12:00NOON

Francis O'Keeffe (A)
Andy Doran (A)

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

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

CHILD SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

INFORMATION EVENING

On Thursday 26th of October 2023 from 7:00pm-9:00pm in the Clanard Court Hotel, there will be a Safeguarding Information Evening lead by Mr Garry Kehoe a member of the Diocesan Child Safeguarding & Protection Service for all volunteers in the Parishes of Athy, Narraghmore & Moone, for more information please contact please contact Natasha Geoghegan on 0876730300/ natasha.curran@dublindiocese.ie.

Talks on the Mystics.

The Church of St Francis Xavier (Gardiner Street Parish) would like to invite you to join us for Talks on the Mystics. Starting on **November 4th - December 16th 10am to 12.15pm**, in the John Sullivan Room. Led by Fr Brendan Comerford SJ., come and be inspired! No registration required

Table Quiz

Monster Table Quiz to fundraise for St. Laurence's GAA Oskar's on Sunday 29th October at 8pm in the main hall in St. Laurence's complex. €10 per person with tables of 4-6 people. Please support this important fundraiser for our local GAA club.

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



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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 website but will not be in the newsletter.

CATECHETICAL CORNER – THE WORK OF THE PEOPLE

We are all illiterate to some degree. For example, generally speaking, only those with specialised knowledge, experience or training could read and understand a medical or science journal or a Theology or Philosophy book. Language is no different, I have seen enough TV medical dramas to know that when medics start talking about LFT's and U's & E's, I am totally illiterate. The Mass can be the same. We use language, both written and spoken, and we think and expect that people understand. Words like Eucharist, which literally means thanksgiving. But can also refer to the whole Mass and/or to the Host. It can also refer to that part of the Mass, the Liturgy of the Eucharist, from the Presentation of the Gifts (Offertory) to the Great Amen after the Doxology (*there's another term that we use*), just before the Our Father.

The word 'Liturgy' comes from two Greek words; LAOS (people/Laity) and ERGON (meaning work from where we get the word Ergonomics). So then liturgy, *LAOS ERGON*, means the 'Work of the People'. Another thing to say about Liturgy is that it is the official, common prayer of the Church, that is what defines liturgy. So, when people come together to pray the Rosary, even if it is led by a priest, that is not liturgy. But when we gather for Mass, or a Baptism, or a Wedding, that is Liturgy. So too, is the prayer of the Church, what is called the Liturgy of the Hours or the Divine Office. This was often seen as reserved to priests and religious but increasingly, and thankfully, many of the laity are praying this liturgy.

At Mass, we are not spectators, who observe something being done by the priest. Liturgy – Laos Ergon – is something that we all do together: *"Mother Church earnestly desires that all the faithful should be led to that fully conscious, and active participation in liturgical celebrations which is demanded by the very nature of the liturgy."* So says the document on the Liturgy from the Second Vatican Council.

At Mass we are offering the ultimate act of Worship to God. This short prayer, the significance of which is often overlooked, captures the essence of Mass. The priest says: *"Pray brethren, that my sacrifice and yours, may be acceptable to God the almighty Father."* And the Laos/Laity reply: *"May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands to the praise and glory of HIS name, for our good and the good of all His Holy Church"*. This is the heart of what we are doing at Mass, offering sacrifice to the praise and glory of GOD. We are not there to be entertained by good music or great preaching, they are very much secondary. We are at mass to worship GOD.

So when we are at mass are we sitting back, observing and receiving, being done to? Or are we consciously and actively participating, in offering sacrifice and worshipping GOD?

Introduction to Servant Leadership course

The Office of Mission & Ministry is running the **Introduction to Servant Leadership course** again during the coming year. It is aimed at members of PPCs and those with a parish ministry – but all are welcome. The course requires participants to attend 3 sessions on Zoom (consecutive Tuesdays from 7.30pm-9.00pm) AND ALSO a Saturday session in person (from 10.00am-2.00pm). For information contact peter.siney@dublindiocese.ie

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 peo-
ples.

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 for-
gotten, that they may know the won-
ders of your love.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord.
Amen.

Saint of the Week : St John Paul II

Dear Saint John Paul, you preached: "I
plead with you, never, ever give up on
hope. Never doubt, never tire, and never
become discouraged. Be not afraid."

With your help, I will not give up hope. I
will be trusting, confident, persistent and
unafraid in prayer. Amen.

St. John Paul II's Apostolic Letter
Rosarium Virginis Mariae he says:

**"To recite the Rosary is nothing other
than to contemplate with Mary the
face of Christ.**

May we this week, say a daily rosary to
contemplate with Mary the mother of
Jesus and remember and pray to St. John
Paul II.

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