

# Parish Bulletin - Sunday 22nd October 2023 - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS SATURDAY & SUNDAY

Recently deceased: Sheila O'Halloran RIP CROOKSTOWN 7PM -Dinny & Mary Maher - Old Connell, Newbridge (A) Betty O' Connor (1st A) Geraldine Carroll (A) Ester Lawlor - Battlemount (2nd A) Anne Brennan (A) Baby Amy Wynne (21st A & Birthday Rem.) Barbara Joyce - Ballinakill, Connemara (A) Julia Foley - Back Moone (A)

BALLYMOUNT 8.30AM -Martin Heydon (A) Michael Bresnan (1st A)

KILMEAD 10.30AM -Kitty Gilmore (née Cullen) (A) Pat Cullen (A) Frances O'Brien (A)

MOONE 12:00NOON Dan Murphy (2nd A)

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

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Mass Times in Narraghmore &			
1	Moone		
	ST JOSEPH'S BALLYMOUNT: Sunday		
8	3:30am		
	Ss Mary & Lawrence Crookstown:		
Saturday 7pm (Vigil)			
1	Wednesday & Friday: 9.30am		
	ST ITA'S KILMEAD: Sunday 10.30am		
Mass is celebrated most weekdays at			
10am but is subject to change.			
1	Most Blessed Trinity Moone:		
•	Sunday 12noon. Holy Day: 11am		
	To have your Mass intention included in the news-		
	letter it must be received before Wednesday at		
	Ann Intentions booked after this will still be		

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.

CEME- TERIES	Blessing of Graves
Barrow- house	Thursday2 <sup>nd</sup> November @3:00pm
Tankard- stown	Thursday2 <sup>nd</sup> November @3:30pm
Crooks- town	Thursday2 <sup>nd</sup> November After 9:30am Mass
Moone	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November After 9:30am Mass
Old St. Michael's	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November @ 11:15
New St. Michael's	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 10:45am
Geraldine	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November @ 12:00noon
Covent Cemetery	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November @ 10:15am
Cloney	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November @ 1:30pm
Kilberry	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November @ 1:00pm
Nicholas- town	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November @ 2:30pm
Church- town	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November @ 2:00pm
Toberara	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November @ 2:15pm
St. Mary's (near Vin- cent's)	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November @ 3:00pm
Kilmead	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November @ 12:30am
Fontstown	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November @ 1:30pm
Glashealy	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November @ 12:00pm
Kilelin	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November @ 11:00am

Visit of the Relics of St. Therese of Lisieux

On Saturday 4th & Sunday 5th November 2023 in St. Brigid's Church, The Curragh Camp Kildare. The Relics of St. Therese of lisieux will arrive on Saturday 4th @ 6pm. Mass at 7pm and veneration until 9am. Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> – Mass @ 10am & 11.30am with Veneration till 3pm further information can be obtained from the family of the late Pat Sweeney RIP: Phone: 085 8887549 or Curragh Parish Office (045) 441369



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## CATECHETICAL CORNER – THE MINDFUL SIGNER

Mindfulness is everywhere lately. So too in Mindlessness, doing things without thinking or having any awareness of what we are doing, like making the Sign of the Cross. Many Catholics don't realise that the Sign of the Cross is a prayer itself, not just the beginning and end of prayer, like a spiritual full stop. It should be said with reverence; we shouldn't rush through it on the way to the next prayer. The Sign of the Cross is not merely a pious gesture but is a very powerful prayer. Why do Catholics make the sign of the cross? What do the Scriptures, the Church Fathers, saints, and Catholic teaching teach us about the Sign of the Cross? Here are six thinking points, about, each of which, much more could be said.

- The Sign of the Cross is a mini-Creed, a profession of faith in God as Trinity and in all that GOD has done. We also open ourselves up to the abiding presence and action of God in our lives.
- First-century Christians began making the sign of the cross as a reminder and renewal of what happened to them when they were baptized. It still works the same way for us, reminding us that in Baptism we have, sacramentally, died and risen with Christ (see Rom 6:3-4 and Gal 2:20). We are asking the Lord to renew in us those baptismal graces.
- At baptism the Lord claimed us as his own by marking us with the Sign of the Cross. Now, when we sign ourselves, we are affirming our loyalty to him, and declaring that we belong to him alone (see Lk 9:23). The sign of the Cross marks us belonging to Christ, as sheep to a shepherd, commissioned to work at advancing the Kingdom of GOD on earth.
- Some suffering in life is inevitable (see Lk 9:23). The sign of the Cross reminds us that, we are to embrace whatever pain comes as a consequence of our faith in Christ. Making the sign is our "taking up the cross and following" him while at the same time being a comfort that Jesus joins in our suffering as we join in His. It is through our suffering that we, the body of Christ, contribute to His saving work of perfecting the Church in holiness (see Col 1:24). The sign of the Cross is a defensive weapon against the attacks of Satan. It is also an offensive weapon. It announces our cooperation with Christ in the indomitable advance of the kingdom of God against the kingdom of darkness. The Church Fathers taught that the Sign of the Cross diffused the force of powerful temptations such as anger and lust. So no matter how strongly we are tempted, we can use the Sign of the Cross to activate our freedom in Christ and conquer even our besetting sins. Making the sign of the cross expresses our decision to crucify these desires of the flesh and to live by the Spirit (see Col 3: 5-15).

### " 5 DAYS OF PRAYER WITH

## ST. MARTIN DE PORRES"

WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE DOMINICAN CHURCH,NEWBRIDGE CO. KILDARE FOM .MONDAY 30TH OCTOBER TO FRIDAY 3RD NOVEMBER. MASSES: 10:00AM & 6:00PM.

MASS WITH ANOINTING OF THE SICK ON FRIDAY 3RD NOVEMBER. ALL ARE WELCOME!



Derry Girls fundraiser: TRAD. MUSIG NIGHT IN THE HARP, BALLYTORE FRIDAY, 3RD NOVEMBER FROM &PM RAFFLE ON THE NIGHT!

#### Prayer of the week

During this week on November 2nd, All Souls Day—The Commemoration of all the faithful departed. We remember all those who we have loved and lost but are now enjoying their eternal rest in God's Heavenly Kingdom

May the Lord support us all the day long, 'Til the shades Lengthen and evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then, Lord, in his mercy, may He give us a safe lodging, a holy rest, and peace at last. Amen SCAN THIS QR CODE TO DONATE TO CROOKSTOWN CHURCH



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