

Parishes of Narraghmore & Moone

The Faith Communities of:



Ballymount. Crookstown. Kilmead & Moone

Parish Bulletin - Sunday 8th October 2023 - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS SATURDAY & SUNDAY

CROOKSTOWN 7PM -

Michael Waters - Blackrath (2nd A)
Seán O'Connor (1st A)
Seamus Mackey - Ballytore (A)
Winnie Corrigan (Birthday Remembrance)
Phyllis Ward - Brewel Hill (A)

KILMEAD 10.30AM -

Imelda Mahon (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

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.

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). Sessions are a mixture of input, discussion and reflection exploring what Servant Leadership is and how we might grow this ministry.

For more information please contact peter.siney@dublindiocese.ie. To complete the online registration please visit the Adult Faith section of www.missionministry.ie

FINDING INNER PEACE THROUGH GROUNDING

Dominican Retreat & Pastoral Centre-
FINDING INNER PEACE
(mindfulness) With Teresa Larkin. Saturday, October 14, 10am – 3pm. Learn to connect with your inner peace, strength and stability; learn grounding; find your own compassionate voice. All Welcome. Cost: €60 (including lunch and teas & coffee breaks) Contact Anita at 01 4048123 or 4048189 (10.30am – 2.30pm Mon–Fri),
Email: dominicanretreats@gmail.com

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. We have the talented Baldonnel Singers, Joseph Gorman, Molly Doyle and Paul Linehan & Kelly Rose Kerins on the night. Tickets are still available for €20 and can be purchased in Crookstown Parish Office, Ballytore Post Office, Crookstown Garage and from committee members.



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CATECHETICAL CORNER – JESUS' FAMILY ALBUM

Looking through old family photographs can be a great way to have a laugh or indeed a good cry. As we look at the pictures we are reminded of the events that they capture. They can be happy times, like birthday parties, weddings or Baptisms, and they make us smile or even burst out laughing; “do you remember when...?”. There can also be sad times, particularly if the person in the picture has died or is sick, and we feel that ache of longing or sadness that just seems to take over. But whatever the circumstances, when we look at the pictures, it is like we are back there and we feel all the same emotions; joy, sorrow, excitement, wonder, all over again.

Praying the Rosary is like looking at photographs of the life of Jesus. When we take time to look at the 20 different pictures that are placed before us, when we meditate on them and look through the eyes of His Mother, it is like we are there, in those scenes. We experience what Mary felt; her joy at His annunciation, birth and early life in the Joyful

mysteries; in the Luminous mysteries, we share her wonder at His Baptism, the miracles, His Transfiguration and the greatest miracle of all: the gift of His body in the institution of the Eucharist. We experience her deep, gut wrenching pain as she saw Him tortured, crucified and die in the Sorrowful mysteries. And her inexpressible delight at His resurrection, Ascension into Heaven and the coming of the Holy Spirit in the Glorious mysteries. To pray the Rosary is, not just the monotonous recitation of repetitive prayers, but it is to take the hand of Mary, and to be guided by her through the life of her Son. St Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa) used to say that to take the rosary beads in your hand is to hold the hand of Mary.

But more than that, the Hail Mary gives such glory to GOD for what is undoubtedly HIS greatest creation, the sinless one. “Hail Mary, full of grace”..., is actually a poor translation of what the Bible actually says in the original language in which it was written, in this instance, Greek. Why is it a poor translation? Because it just doesn't go far enough. It just doesn't fully capture the es-

sence of what St Luke was trying to say. St Luke says; Hail “Kecharitomene”. This word, Kecharitomene, was never used anywhere before in Greek literature and it literally means: one who was created with the fullness of grace. Even that is not the complete meaning of the term. Because it comes with the word ‘Hail’ before it, it can be also be understood to be a title as in ‘Hail Caesar’. So when we pray the Hail Mary, what we are actually saying is: “Hail the one who was created with the fullness of all that GOD had to give, the grace filled one.”

So you see the Rosary is no monotonous prayer but rather a walk through the life of Christ, holding the hand of His Mother while also praising GOD for HIS greatest creation, the one created with the fullness of grace. “Hail, Kecharitomne, the Lord is with Thee...”.



A PRAYER BEFORE HOLY COMMUNION

O Lord, my God, I am not worthy that You should come into my soul,
but I am glad that You have come to me because in Your loving kindness you desire to dwell in me. You ask me to open the door of my soul, which You alone have created, so that You may enter into it with Your loving kindness and dispel the darkness of my mind.

I believe that You will do this for You did not turn away Mary Magdalene when she approached You in tears. Neither did You withhold forgiveness from the tax collector who repented of his sins or from the good thief who asked to be received into Your kingdom.

Indeed, you numbered as Your friends all who came to You with repentant hearts.

O God, You alone are blessed always, now, and forever. Amen

St John Chrysostom

Saint of the Week : St. John Henry Newman

Peace at Last

**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**



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