

# Parishes of Narraghmore & Moone

The Faith Communities of:



Ballymount. Crookstown. Kilmead & Moone

## Parish Bulletin - Sunday 19th November 2023 - 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

### MASS INTENTIONS SATURDAY & SUNDAY

#### CROOKSTOWN 7PM -

Ken Waters (A)  
Thomas Byrne - Blackhall (2<sup>nd</sup> A)  
Margaret O'Toole (A)  
Anne (Nan) Doran - Inchaquire/Castledermot (6<sup>th</sup> A)  
Ned Cranny (A)  
Sheila Delaney - Wolfhill (A)  
Declan Wall (A)

#### MOONE 12:00NOON

Chris Farrell - Parkvale (A)  
Catherine, Michael & Patrick Finn (A) John Brien - Lipstown, Narraghmore (A)  
Noel Kenny - Ballinacarrig (A)  
Seán Scally - Sheriff Hill (A)  
Joe Leigh - Pill, Belan (A)  
Sheila O'Halloran (M.M.) and her sister Betty Cody (M.M.) who died in England

**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.

**MOST BLESSED TRINITY MOONE:**

Sunday 12noon. Holy Day: 11am

### Annual Mass of Remembrance for Deceased Parishioners

- St. Michael's Church, Athy,  
Thursday 16th Nov. @7:30pm
- Ss. Mary & Laurence Church, Crookstown, Monday 20th Nov. @7:30pm
- St. Ita's Church Kilmead, Wednesday 22nd Nov. @7:30pm
- Church of the Most Blessed Holy Trinity, Moone, Wednesday 29th Nov. @7:30pm .

### ADVENT AT DOMINICAN RETREAT CENTRE

'Tear Open the Heavens' Advent Retreat with Sean Goan. **Thursday, December 7, to Sunday, December 10.** The focus will be on the scriptures of Advent with a special focus on Isaiah, whose writing continues to inspire us to yearn for the coming of the Chosen One who brings light and hope into the darkness of winter. Cost: €300 residential, full board Thursday to Sunday. €180 non-residential, supper Thursday, lunch Friday, lunch Saturday & Sunday Limited places still available. **To book please contact 01 4048123 or 4048189 [dominicanretreats@gmail.com](mailto:dominicanretreats@gmail.com)**

**Ministers of the Word Reflection Morning** Will take place in Moone Parish Hall on **Saturday 1st December from 10:00- 2:30pm.** It is an opportunity for ministers to get together to reflect on this ministry with one another. For more information please contact Natasha Geoghegan on 0876730300 or Conor McCann on 0867905654.

### Eucharistic Ministers Reflection Morning

On **Saturday 25th of November from 10:00 - 2:30** in Moone parish Hall. Eucharistic Ministers and those who wish to become a Eucharistic Ministers are invited to a reflection and retraining morning. It is a nice opportunity for us to get together as a group to reflect and refresh our ministry. Also it is an opportunity to meet with others for the partnership of parish of of Athy, Narraghmore, Moone and Castledermot. For more Information please contact Natasha Geoghegan on 0876730300 or Conor McCann on 0867905654.

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### PARISH SECRETARIES

BER MURPHY & TRISH HOLLIGAN - Mon, Tue, Wed & Fri 10am - 4pm.  
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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 – HEAVEN KISSES EARTH.

IN THE BOOK OF REVELATION in the Bible we read about the Marriage Feast of the Lamb, the Heavenly Banquet. The book of Revelation, which is also called the Apocalypse, is often misunderstood as a vision of end times. It is more properly understood as a vision into Heaven. Indeed, the word 'apocalypse' means un-veiling. In other words, this book gives us an insight into Heaven and the worship of the Lord of Hosts and His Lamb by the courts of Heaven. We are invited to join "...the company of Angels and Saints...sing the hymn of your praise as without end we acclaim..." It is from chapter 4 of Revelation that we get that lovely prayer that we then go on to say or sing just before the consecration at Mass, the "Holy, Holy, Holy..." or *Trisagion* (Thrice Holy) as it is called. It is this song that the angles gathered around the throne "never stopped singing" (Rev. 4:8).

So mass is not an act of mere duty, it is not a dry, boring ritual where we come seeking to be entertained by inspiring homilies, or outstanding choirs, all of which are wonderful and add greatly to the sense of occasion. Mass is the very act of worship of those who are in Heaven, the Angels and the Saints. It is an unceasing act of worship and praise to GOD, the Lord of hosts. It is the manifestation of the Lamb of GOD who was "...sacrificed and by HIS blood has ransomed people for GOD from every tribe and tongue and people and nation and made them a line of kings and priests for our GOD." (Rev. 5:10). The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) says; "the Eucharist is...an anticipation of the heavenly glory." #1402. The Sacrament of the Eucharist makes present the grace, the life of Heaven, that it signifies: "The sacraments are perceptible signs (words and actions) accessible to our human nature. By the action of Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit they make present efficaciously the grace that they signify." CCC 1084.

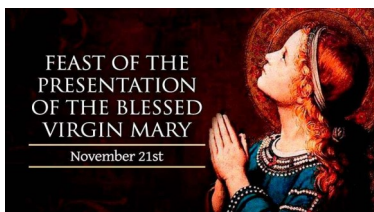
When we come to mass, we are, in effect, in Heaven. As one writer said: "In the Mass, Heaven kisses Earth..." In Holy Mass, we are receiving all the graces of Heaven and are present there at and able to join with, the worship of GOD.

**To Do:** Make a conscious effort to be more present at mass to be more mindful when at mass that we are in effect, in Heaven.

### Alpha 5-week Zoom course on spiritual conversion with Fr Dave Pivonka

Bayside Alpha are running a new free 5-week Zoom course called *Metanoia*. Metanoia is a transformation of the heart, a spiritual conversion. The videos contain half hour episodes shot in locations throughout the Holy Land and there is an opportunity to share for anyone who wishes to. The course starts on Tuesday the 21st of November 2023 at 7.30pm and is hosted by Franciscan Friar, Fr Dave Pivonka, and other speakers. If you would like to take part please email Paul [alphabayside@gmail.com](mailto:alphabayside@gmail.com)

### The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary



The Feast of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, celebrated annually on November 21st, commemorates the presentation of the Blessed Virgin as a child by her parents in the Temple in Jerusalem. Before Mary's birth, her parents received a heavenly message that they would bear a child. In thanksgiving for the God's gift of Mary's birth, they brought her to the Temple to consecrate their only daughter to The Lord.

#### Prayer for the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

As we venerate the glorious memory  
of the most holy Virgin Mary, grant, we pray, O Lord, through her intercession,  
that we, too, may merit to receive  
the fullness of your grace. Through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

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