

Parishes of Narraghmore & Moone

The Faith Communities of:



Ballymount. Crookstown. Kilmead & Moone

Parish Bulletin - Sunday 5th November 2023 - 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS SATURDAY & SUNDAY

Recently deceased: Sheila O'Halloran RIP

CROOKSTOWN 7PM -

Ghent Family

Mary O'Connor (A)

Ciarán O'Brien (A) and his mother

SarahMargaret (Rita) Mooney (A)

Willie Rooney (8th A)

Robert Supple (A)

James & Kathleen Haslam (A)

BALLYMOUNT 8.30AM -

Bridie & Johnny Bagnall (A)

Mary & Henry Bagnall (A)

KILMEAD 10.30AM -

Johnny & Phyllis Bell (A)

MOONE 12:00NOON

Mary Kelly (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.

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.

MUSIC WORKSHOP
A Day for Church Choirs/Music Groups
Led by Marie Dunne CHF
Saturday, 4 November 2023 | 10.00am - 3.00pm
Cost: €10 | Booking Essential

The Workshop will provide the opportunity to learn new liturgical music, and will include resources for Advent.
Music booklets will be provided on the day
(Please bring a packed lunch. Tea/coffee will be provided)

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Holy Faith Convent Grounds, Glasnevin, D11TC21
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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 (10.30am – 2.30pm Monday to Friday), dominicanretreats@gmail.com or visit www.facebook.com/DominicanRetreatCentre/.**

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 .

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PARISH SECRETARIES

BER MURPHY & TRISH HOLLIGAN - Mon, Tue, Wed & Fri 10am - 4pm.
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CATECHETICAL CORNER – “...A GREAT CLOUD OF WITNESSES”

November is one of my favourite months. The autumn colours are in full bloom, the days are getting cooler and the mornings are crisp and fresh. As the poet said: ‘A season of mists and mellow fruitfulness...’ At the start of November, the church puts before us two wonderful feast days when the whole Church is united. On November first, All Saints day, we remember the Church Triumphant or Glorified, in other words the Church in Heaven. On November second, All Souls day, we remember the Church Suffering, the Holy Souls in Purgatory. So the three parts of the Church; the Church Triumphant, the Church Suffering and the Church Militant - that’s us - are all united together in praising GOD

The author of the letter to the Hebrews reminds us that “...we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses...” (Heb. 12:1) This great crowd of witness is before GOD interceding on our behalf. In the book of Revelation we read: “The twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and with golden bowls of incense, which are the prayers of the saints” (Rev. 5:8) The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) says this: “Being more closely united to Christ, those who dwell in heaven fix the whole Church more firmly in holiness.... They do not cease to intercede with the Father for us...” (CCC #956) St Therese of Lisieux famously said: “I want to spend my heaven in doing good on earth.” This is what we call the ‘Communion of Saints’ which we pray every time we pray the Creed.

But what about the Holy Souls? The Catechism says this: “All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven. The Church gives the name Purgatory to this final purification of the elect...” (CCC #1030-1031) Why is this the case? Because we read in the book of Revelation “Nothing unclean can enter Heaven...” (Rev.21:27). In the second book of Maccabees we read: “It is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins.” (2 Macc. 12:46). But here is the other thing, they can also pray for us. This is what St Robert Bellarmine said: “that because the Church Suffering is so close to God – much closer than we are and having the great consolation of knowing they are saved – their prayers for us are very effective. So, as you pray for your dead loved ones and all the holy souls in purgatory, ask them to pray for you, too.”

So in November, as we pray for our deceased relatives and friends we also ask them to pray for us. We unite our prayers with the Church in Heaven and the suffering Church, such a ‘great cloud of witnesses’ as the universal Church continuously prays for each other and praises 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

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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



Diocesan Youth Leadership Certificate

September 30th
Finding Your Place, Voluntary Ministry

October 28th
Lauding Prayer, Advent and Lent

November 25th
Lauding St

December 16th
Lauding Jesus and Bible Exploration

January 27th
Communicating Faith

February 17th
Opening the Way Forward

April 27th
Retreat and Graduation

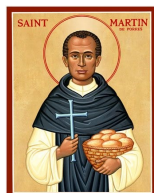
Cost for 6 Modules & Retreat: €70 (€50 Student Rate)

REGISTER NOW
www.dubindioocese.ie

Prayer of the week - St. Martin De Porres

Most humble St. Martin, whose burning charity embraces all, but especially those who are sick, afflicted, or in need, we turn to thee for help in our present difficulties and we implore thee to obtain for us from God health of soul and body, and in particular the favour we now ask ... (pause to ask favours).

May we, by imitating thy charity and humility, find quiet and contentment all our days, and cheerful submission to God's holy will in all the trials and difficulties of life. Amen.



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