

Parishes of Narraghmore & Moone

The Faith Communities of:



Ballymount. Crookstown. Kilmead & Moone

Parish Bulletin - Sunday 3rd December 2023 - 1st Sunday of Advent

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JOURNEYING TO CHRIST

Advent reflection on the Sunday Readings in Advent taking place in Crookstown Church each Wednesday at 10:15am just after Mass and Rosary. If you are interested in prayerful reflection on the scriptures this advent, you are invited to come and join together on this journey. If you cant make Wednesdays, Please contact Natasha Geoghegan on 08776730300 or Natasha.curran@dublindiocese.ie and she will give you the resources to use at home. All are welcome.

Sycamore

Sycamore is a fantastic book that goes through 20 key aspects from the Catechism in a gentle conversation style allowing young people to engage and explore their faith in a new way. For the first time, we will run a gathering based on exploring Sycamore together. The gatherings will take place every Tuesday evening on Zoom, beginning **January 16**. Two in-person retreat/gathering days will take place over the course of reading the book. To find out more go to www.dublindiocese.ie/missionandministry

INTENTIONS SATURDAY & SUNDAY

Recently Deceased:

Sadie Coyle (née O'Brien)
Oliver Callaghan

CROOKSTOWN 7PM -

Louise Flood (A)
Patricia Brady (2nd A)
Kathleen Cranny (M.M.)
Joseph Dowling (Jnr) (A)
Susan Dunne Mc Ferran (5th A)
Michael Fogarty (7th A)

BALLYMOUNT 8.30AM -

Recently Deceased: Oliver Callaghan

Kilmead 10:30am

Louise Flood (A)
Cecil O'Donoghue (A)
Róisín Keegan (A) and deceased members of the Keegan family
Recently deceased: Oliver Callaghan

MOONE 12:00NOON

John & Mary Byrne - Bolton Hill (A)
Recently Deceased: Sadie Coyle (née O'Brien)

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.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- Return flights with Aer Lingus - Dublin to Santiago de Compostela
- 10kg Baggage checked-in
- Transfers on arrival and departure to/from Santiago Airport
- 7 nights in hotel/hostel accommodation on B&B basis
- Use of coach throughout the trip and bag transfers (where needed)
- Official Cathedral de Santiago Passport (Credencial del Peregrino)
- Compostela Certificate from the Cathedral in Santiago
- Day trip to Finisterre
- Full preparation and spiritual program
- Group t-shirt
- All airport & local City taxes
- Services of Marian Pilgrimages tour manager throughout the trip

€895



Preparation Dates:

March 16th

April 20th

May 19th



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CATECHETICAL CORNER - THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY

Next Friday we celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary. But what is the Immaculate Conception?

The Immaculate Conception is a Catholic dogma that states that Mary, whose conception was brought about in the normal way, was conceived without original sin or its stain. That is what "immaculate" means: without stain.

It's important to understand what the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception is and what it is not. Some people think the term refers to Christ's conception in Mary's womb without the intervention of a human father; but that is the Virgin Birth. Others think the Immaculate Conception means Mary was conceived "by the power of the Holy Spirit," in the way Jesus was, but that, too, is incorrect.

When discussing the Immaculate Conception, an implicit reference may be found in the angel's greeting to Mary. The angel Gabriel said, "Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you" (Lk. 1:28). The phrase "full of grace" is a translation of the Greek word 'KECHARITOMENE' which literally means: "to have been created in the fullness of grace". That Greek word appears nowhere else in the Bible and is used only in reference to Mary.

We read in the Catechism of the Catholic Church: "Through the centuries the Church has become ever more aware that Mary, "full of grace" through God, was redeemed from the moment of her conception. That is what the dogma of the Immaculate Conception confesses, as Pope Pius IX proclaimed in 1854: *The most Blessed Virgin Mary was, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Saviour of the human race, preserved immune from all stain of original sin* ". (CCC # 491). And in the next paragraph we read: *The Father blessed Mary more than any other created person "in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places" and chose her "in Christ before the foundation of the world, to be holy and blameless before him in love"*

It is also worth noting, that although Mary was preserved from original sin and indeed remained sinless throughout her life she was still in need of salvation... "My spirit rejoices in GOD my saviour..." (Lk. 1:47). But Mary was saved before her sin, not like us. We are saved after our sin by the merits of the Cross of Christ. In other words, there are two ways to save someone who falls into the sea; one is to pull them out the other is to stop them from falling in in the first place. The Immaculate Conception is the latter. Mary was saved from falling into sin in the first place.

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

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
peoples.

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 forgotten, that they may know the
wonders of your love.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord.
Amen.

Saint of the Week -

Saint Francis Xavier

Prayer to Saint Francis Xavier

**O most kind and loving saint,
in union with you I adore the
Divine Majesty.**

The remembrance of the favours
with which God blessed you
during life, and of your glory
after death, fills me with joy; and
I unite with you in offering to
God my humble tribute of
thanksgiving and of praise.
Amen.

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