

Parishes of Narraghmore & Moone

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Ballymount. Crookstown. Kilmead & Moone

Parish Bulletin - Sunday 10th December 2023 - 2nd 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 in the parish office
building. 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 can't
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.

ST. LAURANCE'S N.S. CROOKSTOWN CAROL SERVICE

ON WEDNESDAY 13TH OF
DECEMBER ST. LAURANCE'S
NATIONAL SCHOOL WILL BE
HAVING A CAROL SERVICE IN Ss.
MARY'S & LAURENCE'S CHURCH
CROOKSTOWN AT 11:15AM & 7PM.
ALL ARE WELCOME

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE FOR

NARRAGHMORE & MOONE 2023
23rd/24th December - 4th Sunday of
Advent Masses:

- Crookstown 7pm
- Moone 12:00noon

Christmas Eve:

Crookstown

- 5pm - Children's Liturgy
- 7pm Vigil Mass

Moone:

Vigil Mass: 6pm

Kilmead:

Vigil Mass - 9pm

Christmas Day - Normal Sunday
Masses in all churches

New years Day

Crookstown 9:30am

Christmas Mass bouquets Intentions
- Triduum of masses on the 27th,
28th & 29th in Crookstown Church
each morning at 9:30am

INTENTIONS SATURDAY & SUNDAY

Recently Deceased:

Teddy Brennan - England

CROOKSTOWN 7PM -

Patrick Carroll (A)
John, Peter and Oliver Cullen
Bridget Dowling - Ballybarney (1st A)
Timothy Fennin (A)
Frank Browne - Narraghmore (A)

Kilmead 10:30am

Leeia Scully (3rd A)
John Bradley (2nd A)

MOONE 12:00NOON

Kathleen O Toole (A) and deceased members
of the O'Toole family.
Mary Whitty - Hughestown (1st A) and
deceased members of the Whitty Family

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 Wednes-
day 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 – ADVENT...TIMES 3

We have probably all heard many times that the word 'Advent' means coming or arrival. And we are probably also aware that the Advent Season, it is not Christmas yet, is a time of preparing for the celebration of the birth of Jesus. But we might not be aware that when we talk of Advent, and the coming of Christ, we are, in fact, referring to three comings of Christ.

The first Advent of Christ is His birth which we celebrate in at Christmas time. Christmas time is the liturgical season that runs from Christmas Day up to the feast of the Epiphany on January 6th. This great event, the Incarnation is also remembered each day when we pray the Angelus. Traditionally the Angelus is prayed three days each day at 6am, noon and 6pm and it recalls the Annunciations to Mary and the Birth of our Lord.

The second Advent of Christ, is what we call the Second Coming at the end of time, this is called the 'Escathon', the Greek word meaning the end. We look forward to, and indeed our whole life should be one long Advent Season, preparing for the coming of Christ. The end of all things, the Escathon, is properly understood, not as the case of Christ returning to a world from which he departed when He ascended to Heaven. Rather, it is the case of Christ becoming visible to a world in which He has been present but unseen since the Ascension. The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC), put's it like this:

"When the Church celebrates the liturgy of Advent each year, she makes present this ancient expectancy of the Messiah, for by sharing in the long preparation for the Saviour's first coming, the faithful renew their ardent desire for his second coming..." (CCC # 524)

The third Advent of Christ is the coming of Christ in the Sacramental and ordinary life of the Church and of the individual Christian. In many ways this is the Advent of Christ over which we have some control. At Baptism we receive all that is needed to live the life of Grace, to live a life untied to Christ. Grace is a free gift and as such we are free to respond to that gift or not. The grace, the gift, remains in us, but it can be that it is like an un-opened and un-used gift.

The liturgical season of Advent is a time for us to relook at the grace we have been given, it is an opportunity to focus on the coming of Christ, not just in His incarnation or at the end times, but in the ordinary every day and most especially in our sacramental life.

We have two weeks, give or take, before we celebrate the Incarnation, how can we use this time wisely to be like John the Baptist and prepare a way for the Lord?

Saint of the Week - Saint John of the Cross

O Blessed Jesus, give me stillness of soul in You. Let Your mighty calmness reign in me. Rule me, O King of Gentleness, King of Peace. Amen.

Petition prayer

Almighty Father, you endowed John of the Cross with a spirit of self-denial and a love of the Cross. By following his example, may we come to the eternal vision of your glory. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,, one God, for ever and ever. Amen. St. John of the Cross, pray for us.

MOONE PARISH DRAW RESULT

1st Prize €250 - Ava Fitzgerald

2nd Prize €100 - Maeve Foley

3rd Prize - Turkey & Ham - Elaine Jackson

4th Prize - Christmas Cake - Martin Hayden

5th Prize - Turkey - Laurence Kenny

6th Prize - Food Hamper - Aine Hatfield

7th Prize - Food hamper—Lucy Glennon

8th Prize - Pier Café Voucher—Aine Leagh Clynch

9th Prize - Jam—Patrick O'Halloran

MOONE CAKE SALE RESULTS

CAKE - TOMMY NOLAN

PUDDING - SOPHIA GING

PROSECCO - BRENDAN LEIGH

CANDLES - COLETTE O' HALLORAN

BEAUTY SET - COLETTE HICKEY

WREATH—JOAN DUNNE

JAM - COLETTE O'HALLORAN

WREATH - IVAN HARROW

BISCUITS - PAULINE BYRNE



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