

Parishes of Narraghmore & Moone

The Faith Communities of:



Ballymount. Crookstown. Kilmead & Moone

Parish Bulletin - Sunday 17th December 2023 - 3rd Sunday of Advent

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**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament,
with Confession on Friday 22nd
December at 7pm - 8pm.**

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE FOR

NARRAGHMORE & MOONE 2023

23rd/24th December - 4th Sunday of

Advent Masses:

Sat. 23rd Dec. Crookstown @ 7pm

Sun. 24th Dec. Moone @ 12:00noon

Christmas Eve:

Crookstown

- 5pm - Children's Liturgy (Not Mass)
- 7pm Vigil Mass

Moone:

Vigil Mass: 6pm

Kilmead:

Vigil Mass - 9pm

Christmas Day - Normal Sunday

Masses in all churches. (No

Christmas Day Mass in Crookstown Church)

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:

Joanne Delahunt
Jonathan Irwin

CROOKSTOWN 7PM -

Sr. Mary Ghent OSM
Jim Leigh - Lipstown
Maureen Darcy (1st A)
Michael Kelly - Ballymount (A)

Kilmead 10:30am

Donal Flanagan - Ardsclull (6th A)
Aidan Murphy
Recently Deceased: Joanne Delahunt

MOONE 12:00NOON

Seamus Clynych (M.M.)
John & Margaret Dunne - Scratham (A)
Esther O'Brien - Lower Belan (A)
Tom, Jane, Brendan & Nellie Whelan and deceased members of family - Bolton Hill - (Anniversaries)
Edward & Sarah Bolger and deceased family members Back Moone (Anniversaries)
Michael Whelan (Jnr.) (A) his dad Michael and his grandparents Bill & Molly Whelan
Joe & Ciss O'Shea

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.



CATECHETICAL CORNER – “O...”

The beautiful Advent hymn “O come, O come Emmanuel...” is a musical setting of a set of prayers or antiphons, called, not surprisingly, the O Antiphons or the Great O Antiphons, that have been in use in the Church, certainly since the seventh/eighth century, and possibly as early as the fifth century. Since that time, this set of seven prayer texts has been sung or recited over the final days of Advent, beginning on the 17th of December, during the daily service of vespers, or evening prayer. They are voiced in response to the Magnificat (*Luke 1:46-55*). Each antiphon/prayer addresses God with "O" and a biblical name and concludes with a call for Him to come. The phrases of the prayers derive from Scripture. And while you not be familiar with evening prayer, as recited by priests, religious and a growing number of lay people, you will be familiar with them from the verses of the well-known Advent hymn, "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel." These prayers may be used devotionally, one a day, from December 17 to 23 as way of meditating on the coming of Jesus, just as they have been for nearly 1500 years. Here are the texts of the "Great O's" together with some of the biblical references, as they appear in the Evening Prayer:

- O Wisdom, you came forth from the mouth of the Most High, You fill the universe and hold all things together in a strong yet gentle manner. O Come and teach us the way of truth. (*Proverbs 8:12; Isaiah 11:2*)
- O Adonai and Ruler of the house of Israel, you appeared to Moses in the fire of the burning bush, and on Mount Sinai gave him your Law: O Come, and save us with your mighty power. (*Ex. 3:14b*)
- O Root(Stock) of Jesse, You stand for a signal for the nations; before You kings shall keep silence, you whom all nations acclaim. O Come and save us and do not delay. (*Isaiah 11:1; Matt. 1: 1- 17; Rom. 15:12*)
- O Key of David and Sceptre of the house of Israel: What you open and no one else can close, What You close and no one may open. O Come to lead the captive from of prison; free those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death. (*Isaiah 22:22*)
- O Dayspring (Rising Sun), you are the splendour of eternal light and the sun of justice. O Come and enlighten those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death. (*Job 38.12; Isaiah 9:2; Lk 1:78*)
- O King (Ruler) whom all the people desire, you are the cornerstone which makes all one. O Come and save [humanity] who you made from clay. (*Psalms 118:22; Isaiah 28:16*)
- O Emmanuel, you are our King and Judge, the One whom the peoples await and their Saviour. O Come and save us, Lord our God. (*Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 28:20b*)

Advent Prayer

We pray that this Advent may be a time marked by simplicity, calmness and quietness as we wait in hope and wonder for Jesus who is present in our lives now and whose future reign is coming. Lord Jesus, Master of both the light and the darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas. Help us, Lord, not to dampen the joy of others. Remind us this week to rejoice always and to pray without ceasing. Holy Spirit, guide us so that our lives may be testimony of the wonders and the love of God, so that others might believe through us.

**St Laurence O'Toole Conference, of the Society of St Vincent De Paul, Athy
(covering Athy and surrounding areas) Annual Church Collection 2023 Saturday
9th & Sunday 10th December 2023**

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Crookstown € 2,337.50

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