

# Parishes of Narraghmore & Moone

## The Faith Communities of:



*Ballymount. Crookstown. Kilmead & Moone*

## Parish Bulletin - Sunday 24th December 2023 - 4th Sunday of Advent

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**THERE WILL BE NO NEWSLETTER  
PUBLISHED OVER CHRISTMAS & NEW  
YEAR. NEXT NEWSLETTER WILL BE  
SUNDAY 13TH JANUARY.**

### CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

The parish Team wishes parishioners  
from the Parishes for Athy,  
Narraghmore & Moone, a Peaceful  
Christmas & Happy New Year. We  
thank you for your continuous  
support to your parishes.

May your Christmas be filled with  
Peace. May God bless you this  
Christmas, may all darkness in your  
lives be removed by the light of  
Christ. May your hearts be filled with  
the Joy of Christ's birth and may you  
share that joy with others. Amen.

### INTENTIONS SATURDAY & SUNDAY

#### CROOKSTOWN 7PM -

Patrick Chambers (A)  
Sr. Mary Ghent OSM  
Ghent Family  
Jason Kenna (2nd A) Calverstown  
Julia Dowling (A) Ballybarney  
Christopher, Mary, Bridget, & Maudie O'  
Toole.  
Kathleen Corcoran (A)  
Jack & Molly Dunne (A)  
James & Elizabeth Eustace (A)  
Hugh Foley (A)  
Teresa Mackey  
Margaret & Bill Mackey

#### MOONE 12:00NOON

William O'Brien (A)  
Eileen O'Rourke & deceased member of the  
O'Rourke family.  
Ann Lawler (A)  
Mary Nolan (A)  
Lar & Molly O'Toole & their son Patrick.  
Eamonn Bolger (A)  
Michael Whelan Simonstown (A)  
Deceased members of the Cummins &  
Flinter Families.  
Deceased members of the Byrne & Kelly  
Families.  
Elizabeth & John Murphy & their sons Mick,  
James & John.  
Deceased members of Murphy & Kavanagh  
families Hughestown.

**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

## Epiphany Retreat

### New Year. New Direction

#### Keeping hope in your heart

An epiphany is an experience of a sudden  
and striking realisation. It applies in any  
situation in which a moment of awareness  
allows a problem or situation to be  
understood more fully. In the realm of our  
Christian faith, the feast of the Epiphany  
refers to the ways Christ made himself  
known to the world. While we celebrate the  
Epiphany on January 6th, this retreat will  
focus on Jesus revealing himself to the  
Magi, and how Jesus might reveal himself to  
us in our life journey.

"And having been warned by God in a  
dream not to return to Herod, the magi left  
for their own country by another  
way." [Matthew 2:12]

**When:** 7th January, 2024  
**Where:** St. Francis Xavier's  
Church, Gardiner Street  
**Time:** 10 am-4 pm  
**Cost:** €50 (Lunch included)  
**Facilitators:** Christine Halloran &  
Brendan McManus SJ



**Numbers limited**

To register email [sfx@jesuit.ie](mailto:sfx@jesuit.ie) or phone 01 8363411 before 23rd December

### PRAYER BEFORE THE CRIB AT HOME

The history of crib dates back over 800 years, St Francis of Assisi was the first to introduce the crib as a devotional. If you don't have a crib, perhaps you could buy one. If you are creative you could try making one.

On Christmas morning, those who are in the house, gather before the Crib to welcome the Baby Jesus into to your home.

Begin by making the sign of the cross

Place the Baby Jesus



Pray the Prayer Before the Crib

**PRAYER BEFORE THE CRIB** - God, our Father, we praise and thank You for sending us Your Son Jesus, as a small baby; so that we might understand how much You love us. Help us to live our daily lives knowing that we share in Jesus' light and life. Forgive us for our shortcomings and draw us closer to You daily. Holy Mary, who said 'Yes' that we might have life, pray for us all. Amen.

Light a candle, preferably a Red one as red is the colour of Christmas. It is an Irish tradition of lighting a candle as a sign of welcome.

We welcome the Baby Jesus into our home.

Pray the Hail Mary and other intentions

Finish by making the sign of the Cross.



### Family Blessing

Loving God, During this Holy Season of Christmas, We ask for you blessing on all families, especially family members that we cannot be with this year. Let Mary's openness to your wondrous ways be an inspiration to place all trust in you. Let's Joseph's courage provide hope during times of anxiety and uncertainty Let Jesus' Life ignite all families with a spirit of light and love. May the grace that encircled the Holy Family widen to embrace all families. Amen.

### A Christmas Letter from Jesus

When you look for me at Christmas, you won't need a special star  
I'm no longer just in Bethlehem, I'm right here where you are.

You may not be aware of me, amid the celebrations

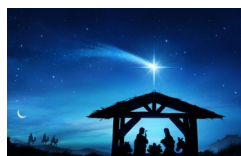
You'll have to look beyond the stress, and all the decorations.

But if you take a moment, from the list of things you have to do.

To close your eyes and say a prayer, I'm waiting here for you.

You're the one I want to be with, You're the reason that I came.

You'll find me in the stillness, where whispering your name.



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