

Parishes of Narraghmore & Moone

The Faith Communities of:



Ballymount. Crookstown. Kilmead & Moone

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Notices for newsletter

To community organisations in the parishes of Narraghmore & Moone who wish to publicise upcoming events in our newsletter. Please contact Natasha Geoghegan, details above.

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.

Ministers of the Word Reflection Day

Ministers of the Word Reflection Day will take place on **Saturday 27th January** in **Moone Hall**, from **10:00am – 2:30pm**. It is an opportunity for ministers to get together to reflect on this ministry with one another. Looking forward to seeing you there. If you any queries please contact **Natasha Geoghegan** or **Conor McCann**.

Child Safeguarding - Volunteer Evening - Zoom Meeting

On **Thursday 25th January** at **7pm** there is a **Child Safeguarding** meeting through **Zoom** for **Volunteers**. This online **Zoom** meeting is specifically for those who couldn't attend the meeting in the **Clanard Hotel** last **October**. The meeting will be held by **Mr Garry Kehoe**, **Safeguarding Officer** in the **Dublin diocese**. If you did not attend meeting in **October**, it is essential that you attend this meeting. Please contact **Natasha Geoghegan** for further details.

INTENTIONS SATURDAY & SUNDAY

CROOKSTOWN 7PM -

Anne Ward(2nd A)
Sean Mc Loughlin(1stA)
Seamus Mahon(10thA) and deceased members of the Mahon family
Thomas Lawlor
Patrick Cassidy (A)
Pat and Sally Flood
Maureen and Eugene Craig Birthday Remembrance
Teresa Mackey (A)
Kit and Miko Doyle (A)
Pat & Anne Gorman
Pat Gorman Jnr.
Dominic Corcoran (A)
Bridie Jones (nee Leigh) Suncroft formally Narraghmore (1st A)
Kathleen Farrell Bolebeg (1st A)
Pat Teahan (A)
Peg Browne (A)

BALLYMOUNT 8.30AM -
Anne Ward (2ndA)

Kilmead 10:30am

The Doyle and Mc Donald families
Burtown
Gillian Dempsey (1stA)
Peig and Tommy Ryan Ballindrum (A)

MOONE 12:00NOON

Mary Nolan(A)
Angela Talbot (1stA)
Anthony Hegarty, his mother Christina and deceased members of the Hegarty family
Eddie and Sally Nolan
Martha Farrell and Mary (Mer) Farrell(A)
Simmonstown
Nellie & Simon Doody (A) Porterzie
John Kavanagh Hughestown
Dec. members of Kavanagh family

CATECHETICAL CORNER – “FOLLOW ME.”

In the Gospel for the third Sunday we hear Mark’s account of the call of Peter, Andrew, James and John. It can be very easy to dismiss the call of Jesus to, *‘follow me’* as not applying to me. To think that they only apply to those who can *‘leave all things’* and follow Him as a priest or nun. But the call of Jesus to follow Him is addressed to each of us. “The Church...”, according to the documents of the Second Vatican Council “...was founded to spread the kingdom of Christ over all the earth for the glory of God the Father.” (*Decree on the Apostolate of the Laity, AA #2*). That is the role of the Church, and the Church is made of all of its members, the Baptised. So anyone who is Baptised is, by virtue of their Baptism, called “to spread the kingdom of Christ...”. The call to be a Christian, which is the call to follow Christ, is to be called into mission: “For the Christian vocation by its very nature is also a vocation to the apostolate [the work of the lay faithful in spreading the kingdom of Christ].” (*AA #2*) The same document continues in the very next paragraph: “...incorporated into Christ’s Mystical Body through Baptism and strengthened by the power of the Holy Spirit through Confirmation, they [the lay faithful] are assigned to the apostolate by the Lord Himself.” (*AA #3*) We do not just have an invitation from Christ but also a divine mandate to “spread the kingdom of Christ”.

So the Church recognises that the lay faithful have “the right and duty” (*AA #3*) to spread the message of Christ. The role of the lay faithful is to Christianise the everyday life of our world; “...the mission of the Church is not only to bring the message and grace of Christ to [people] but also to penetrate and perfect the temporal order with the spirit of the Gospel.” (*AA #5*). How do we go about this? By following Christ and sticking closely to Him. The document put’s it like this: “... the success of the lay apostolate depends upon the laity’s living union with Christ, in keeping with the Lord’s words, *‘He who abides in me, and I in him, bears much fruit, for without me you can do nothing’*...chiefly by active participation in the liturgy...[so that] while meeting their human obligations lay[people] do not separate their union with Christ from their ordinary life” (*AA #4*)

It is our job to bring Catholic values and principles into the circumstances of our everyday lives. The Catholic politician cannot say: ‘I don’t let my Catholicism influence me, I was elected by all my constituents.’ The Catholic shopkeeper cannot knowingly short change people or knowingly sell defective products. The Catholic judge cannot treat people differently based on random criteria. Everything that we do, based on our situation in life, should be about ‘spreading the kingdom of Christ; “...being simultaneously a believer and a citizen, [we] should be continuously led by the same Christian conscience.”’ (*AA #5*), The call to *‘follow Me’* is addressed to all of us each and every day in each and every circumstance of ordinary life. “*Oh that today you would listen to His voice. (Ps.95:7)*

Saint of the Week - St Paul

St. Paul preached the power of God at work in the lives of each one of us. His own conversion shows that power in his life. Out of a persecutor God made a preacher and teacher of the peoples. Paul never ceased to express thanks and wonder for this grace. But still prayed for perseverance.

Prayer

Saint Paul, after you encountered Jesus, you changed your life and became one of the most zealous evangelists in the history of the world. Please pray for me, that I may embrace the same zeal you had and allow Jesus to convert my soul as fully as you allowed Him to convert you. Saint Paul, pray for me.

Jesus, I trust in You.



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