

# Parishes of Narraghmore & Moone

## The Faith Communities of:



## Ballymount, Crookstown, Kilmead & Moone

## Parish Bulletin - Sunday 25th February 2024 - 2nd Sunday of Lent

### THE PARISH TEAM:

**FR LIAM RIGNEY PP** - 087-2607377;  
Email: [liam.rigney@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:liam.rigney@dublindiocese.ie)

**FR TIM HANNON CC** - 059-863 070

**FR FRANCIS MCCARTHY CC** -  
087-6978143

**CONOR MCCANN - Parish Pastoral Worker**  
Athy, Narraghmore, Moone & Castledermot  
Phone: 086-7905654.  
Email: [conor.mccann@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:conor.mccann@dublindiocese.ie)

**NATASHA GEOGHEGAN - Parish Pastoral Worker**  
Athy, Narraghmore Moone & Castledermot.  
Phone: 087-6730300.  
Email: [natasha.curran@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:natasha.curran@dublindiocese.ie)

### PARISH SECRETARIES

**BER MURPHY & TRISH HOLLIGAN** -  
Mon, Tue, Wed & Fri 10am - 4pm.  
Ss. Mary & Laurence Church, Crookstown,  
TEL: 059 8623154.

### Email:

[stlaurenceschurch@gmail.com](mailto:stlaurenceschurch@gmail.com)

### Lenten Prayer Evenings

The Parishes of Narraghmore, Moone, Athy and Castledermot will be holding Lenten Prayer evenings for the following Wednesdays during Lent.

- **Wednesday 28th February @7pm** in the Church of the Assumption, Castledermot.
- **Wednesday 6th March @7pm** in Ss. Mary & Laurence Church, Crookstown.
- **Wednesday 13th March @7pm** in St. Ita's Church, Kilmead
- **Wednesday 20th March @7pm** in St. Michael's Church, Athy.

Our Lenten Prayer evenings, will reflect on the following themes: Healing, Forgiveness, Faith, Hope & Love. All are welcome as we pray together on our Lenten Journey.



### Lectio Divina During Lent

Journey through Lent with Scripture. Starting on Wednesday 21st February there will be weekly Lectio Divina on the Sunday Readings. It will take place in Crookstown Church after the Rosary. Looking forward to seeing you there. Any queries contact Natasha Geoghegan on 0876730300.

### INTENTIONS SATURDAY & SUNDAY

**Recently Deceased:** Valerie Anthony

### CROOKSTOWN 7PM -

Laurence (Larry) Whelan (2<sup>nd</sup> A)  
Pat Walsh (6<sup>th</sup> A)  
Thomas Keatley (A) and Birthday Remembrance  
Mary (Molly) Dunne (A)  
Eddie Wright (A) and his son James who passed away in England  
Eddie O'Shea (A)

### BALLYMOUNT 8.30AM -

Willie and Mary Doyle - Blackrath (A)  
Paul Keatley (A) and deceased members of the Keatley family

### Kilmead 10:30am

Rose Ita O'Brien (A)  
Margaret Keegan (A)

### MOONE 12:00NOON

Michael Kenny - Ballinacarrig (10<sup>th</sup> A) and his wife Breda  
Patrick and Lucy Kenny - Ballinacarrig (A)  
Laurence Kavanagh - Hughestown (A) and deceased members of the Kavanagh 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

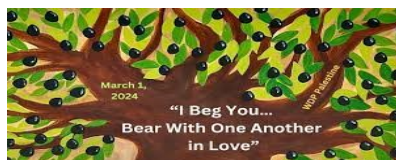
Mass is celebrated most weekdays at 10am but is subject to change.

**MOONE TUESDAY 10AM** - Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

**MOST BLESSED TRINITY MOONE:** Sunday 12noon. Holy Day: 11am

### World Day of Prayer

World Day of Prayer Service will be celebrated in Ss. Mary & Laurence Church, Crookstown, on Friday 1st March at 7:30pm. This year the service was prepared by an ecumenical group in Palestine, and it's theme is "I beg you...Bear with one another in Love". Our Prayer service will be lead by parishioners of Narraghmore and Moone. All are welcome.



### Catechetical Corner - A.C.T.S. of Prayer.

The three pillars or key words associated with Lent are: Pray, Fast & Give. Prayer can be very personal and private, we all have our own way, our own pattern and habit of prayer Which is how it should be. Maybe we talk to GOD in our own words, which is great, because it fosters a personal relationship with GOD. For others, the Rosary or other devotions are our go to way of praying, often we will offer these devotions for particular intentions, again, fantastic. For others still it may be a walk in the countryside - finding GOD through HIS creation; it may be reading the bible or any one of the very many other ways to pray, all of which have merit.

You see prayer is an expression of our spirituality, spirituality is how we relate to GOD. And just like no two human relationships are the same, so too, no two 'spiritual' relationships are the same. How you relate to GOD is, and should be, different to how I relate to GOD. There is no right or wrong way. So, during Lent it is not just about the quantity of our prayer, it is not just about praying more but maybe praying smarter. Whatever way we pray, our prayer should be comprised of A.C.T.S., that is: Adoration, Contrition, Thanks and Supplication.

**Adoration:** Try to spend a few moments every day adoring or praising GOD. You don't have to visit the Church to do this, but before the Blessed Sacrament or at Mass is the most perfect way. In your prayer you can say something like: 'I/we adore you O Christ and I/we bless you, because by Your holy cross You have redeemed the world.' That is only one suggestion, you could also adore GOD for the beauty of a sunset or a rainbow, or artistry and wonder of your body. Again, find your own way.

**Contrition:** The official Night Prayer of the Church, begins with an examination of conscience. Where those who are praying this prayer, are called to spend a few moments looking back over their day to see what they might need forgiveness for. This section of the prayer concludes with an act of sorrow and a prayer for forgiveness, something like the penitential rite at mass. If you have a couple of minutes before bed, perhaps try this during Lent, and maybe bring what you find to the Sacrament of Confession, the Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession) being the most perfect way to express our contrition.

**Thanks:** Take a few moments each day during your prayer and just say thank you to GOD. We have much to be thankful for. First and foremost for the gift of HIS Son to us. For the life, death & resurrection of Jesus which gives us the promise of eternal life. But also, our family, our health, our body, our home, the food we have and so much more. Everyday during Lent, try and find three things to say thank You to GOD for.

**Supplication:** A fancy word for bringing our intentions to GOD. Bring all your intentions to GOD, if you are praying for someone, try to mention their name, if there are too many to mention, or, like me, you can't remember them all, just commend them all to GOD, knowing that HE has 'called them by name'. Prayer is a relationship, if all we do is ask for things, we are missing out on the best part of just getting to know GOD and letting ourselves be loved by HIM. During Lent, pray smarter not harder and let yourself be loved.

#### **Saint of the Week— St. David**

St David, was a leading figure and monk in the early Welsh Church who lived in this area in the sixth century. He founded a monastic community here living a simple, austere life in the Celtic monastic tradition which connected the people of Wales with Ireland, Cornwall, France and the Scottish Isles.

#### **Prayer**

O God, who graciously bestowed on your Bishop Saint David the virtue of wisdom and the gift of eloquence, and made him an example of prayer and pastoral zeal; grant that, through his intercession, your Church may ever prosper and render you joyful praise. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

#### **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 Dub-  
lin.

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.

**SCAN THIS QR  
CODE TO DONATE  
TO CROOKSTOWN  
CHURCH**



**SCAN THIS QR  
CODE TO DO-  
NATE TO BAL-  
LYMOUNT**



**SCAN THIS QR  
CODE TO DONATE  
TO MOONE  
CHURCH**

