

Parishes of Narraghmore & Moone

The Faith Communities of:



Ballymount, Crookstown, Kilmead & Moone

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Lenten Prayer Evenings

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

- 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.

INTENTIONS SATURDAY & SUNDAY

CROOKSTOWN 7PM -

Eileen Ghent
Sr. Mary Ghent (OSM)
Agnes Chambers (Ghent))
Paddy Doran - Late of Inchaquire (3rd A) and his dad Jim (21st A)
John Leigh (A)
Mamie O'Connor - Blackhall (A)
John Dempsey - Inchaquire (A) and dec mem of Dempsey family
Patrick Doyle (A)
Jane (Daisy) Rooney (5th A)

BALLYMOUNT 8.30AM -

James Ryan - Ballymount (41stA)
Martin Dowling (A) & birthday Rem and his parents
Jack & Maisie Dowling (Birthday Rem)

Kilmead 10:30am

Billy and Bridie Mullins (A)
Denis (Dinny) Keeley (A)
Maureen Guidera (Birthday Remembrance)

MOONE 12:00NOON

James Martin - Back Moone (A) Deceased members of the O'Toole family
Joe Murphy (A)
Stephen, Elizabeth & Noel Timmons - Griesevew, Timolin (A)
Elizabeth Kane - Grangenolvin
John Joe Mahon - Aylmerstown
John, Jennie & Ann Piggott (A)
Martin (Bill) Byrne (M.M.) and his wife Bernadette (Ber)

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

Communion of Reparation Vigil -

Friday 1st March

Church of the Assumption, Castledermot will hold Communion of Reparation Vigil the First Friday of each month. Starting Friday 1st March. In devotion in Honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Mass at 7pm followed by Consecration prayers, Sacred Heart Offices, Scriptural Rosary and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Confession available. Concludes at 10pm.

All are welcome.



Congratulations to the boys and girls from St. Colmcille's National School, Moone: Emma, Grace, Ashton, William, Max, Aaron, Bébhinn, Róisín, Vivienne, Clodagh, Katie, Lauren, Layla, Nathan, Ewan, Caoimhe, Moya, Daniel, Darragh, Odhrán, Martin, Jackie, Leah, Logan, Cormac, Danny who received the Sacrament of Confirmation in The Church of the Most Blessed Trinity Moone on Friday 1st of March. They have received the gifts of Holy Spirit, those gifts help them to be witnesses to their faith. We pray for them as they live out their faith in their lives.

Catechetical Corner - Springsteen and Jagger.

Last week we took a look at the first of the three key words associated with Lent, namely prayer and how we might pray smarter not necessarily harder. This week we will take a look at what it means to fast, with reference to The Boss and Mick Jagger. Intrigued? Me too, let's see where this goes.

The Boss, Bruce Springsteen, sang: "Everybody's got a hungry heart, everybody needs a place to rest, everybody's got to have a home..." Mick Jagger famously sang: "I can't get no satisfaction, though I try and I try and I try..." You know, neither of them are wrong, in fact they are both correct. But a long time before either of them, about 1500 years or so, in fact, St Augustine of Hippo put it like this: "Our hearts are made for You O, God and our hearts are restless until they rest in You." The western culture in which we live is categorized by acquisition, we are always striving to acquire more 'stuff', be it technology, clothes, cars, food etc... All the while we are trying to satisfy our hungry hearts, trying to get some satisfaction. But until we recognise that our hearts are made for GOD, and will continue to be restless, hungry and unsatisfied, until we rest in GOD.

The purpose of our Lenten fast isn't just to make us suffer or to struggle, it isn't about self denial for the sake of punishment. No, our Lenten fast is designed to help us to turn our hearts to GOD. It is about freeing us from the attachment to the passing pleasures of this world, however wonderful and beautiful they may be, so that we can shift our focus to the lasting things of heaven. Preface II to the Eucharistic prayer during Lent, addressing GOD the Father, puts it like this: "For you have given your children a sacred time for the renewing and purifying of their hearts, that, freed from disordered affections, they may so deal with the things of this passing world as to hold rather to the things that eternally endure." While Preface IV says this: "For through bodily fasting you restrain our faults, raise up our minds, and bestow both virtue and its rewards, through Christ our lord."

The vow of poverty taken by all religious, nuns and priests, is not about not having possessions, indeed, the religious have many possessions, but rather, it is about not being attached to them, not seeking to have them for the sake of having them. This is at the heart of our Lenten self denial. Our Lenten fast should be difficult, it should take effort on our part, it should take a conscious act of the will. Why? If we do not train our will, if we do not master our desires for 'stuff'; chocolate, coffee, social media, technology...then our desires will master us and our free-will, which is GOD's greatest gift to us, will be lost, buried, under our 'stuff'. Pope Benedict XVI says this: "The ultimate goal of fasting is to help each one of us to make a complete gift of self to God." This is where we go back to the first key word - prayer. Prayer, especially the Eucharist, is essential if we are to master our desires. The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) says this: "Through the Eucharist those who live from the life of Christ are fed and strengthened." (CCC #1436). Our Lenten fast, without prayer, is lacking. Even Jesus spoke about the need for prayer and fasting: "Some demons can only be cast out by prayer and fasting." (Mk.9:29). "The ultimate goal of fasting is to help each one of us to make a complete gift of self to God." - . If we are to satisfy our hungry hearts, if we are to find the satisfaction that we seek, if our hearts are to find rest, we must fast...and pray. Happy Lent

Saint of the Week— St. Kieran

St. Kieran was born in Co. Cork. He is numbered among the pre - Patrician saints of Ireland. He went to the continent where he was baptised and later ordained priest and bishop. He returned to his father's territory, Ossory, where he live as a hermit. Disciples soon joined him and Saigir became a well-known monastery

St Kieran's Prayer

**That I may, reach as high as is possible,
Believe with all my being, learn with all my power,
Give with all my heart, and pray with all my soul.**

**That I may teach in ways that are gentle,
And carry victory and loss in perspective.**

That I may grow each day, here - in some new way.

**That I may look back in thanks and always look forward in hope,
And that I may ever know the steadfast support of you Kieran our Saint;
Who came from cape clear to Saigher with faith trust and hope.
A future yet untold. Amen.**

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