

Parishes of Narraghmore & Moone

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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 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

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Maureen McGann;
Mai Dowling

CROOKSTOWN 7PM -

James Leigh - Kingsland (A)
Thomas O'Mara
James O'Mara
Michael Mooney (A)
Margaret (Madge) Delaney (A)
Willie Doyle - Mullaghmast (A)
Nina and Pat Harney (A)
Patrick Brennan (A)
Edward Lawlor (A)
Edward (Ned) Behan - Calverstown (30th A)
Martin Halloran (M.M.)

Kilmead 10:30am

Michael O'Brien (A)

MOONE 12:00NOON

Elizabeth (Babs) Byrne (A)
Margaret (Madge) Delaney (A)
Ned and Noreen Whelan - Burtown (A)
Michael Timmons (1st A)

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

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Congratulations to the boys and girls from Scoil Íde Naofa, Kilmead; Adam, Meadhbh, Róisín, James, Lucas, Rian, Katie, Matthew, Kate, Lara, Josh, Alex, Kate, Mollie, Katie Ellen, Harry, Joachim, Alicia, Matthew and Katelyn who received the Sacrament of Confirmation in St. Ita's Church, Kilmead, on Friday 8th of March. They have been strengthened with 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 – “...YOU DID IT TO ME.”

Over the last few weeks we have taken a look at two of the ‘pillars of Lent’; namely Fasting and Prayer. The third pillar of Lent is Almsgiving. Almsgiving is an old English word for what we might call, ‘giving to charity’, helping those who are less fortunate than we are. We read in the letter of St James that *‘faith without good works is quite dead.’* (Jas.2:17). So, although, as Christians, our primary duty is to offer worship and praise to GOD, this is not where our faith ends. If our faith does end here, after Mass, *‘[it] is quite dead’*. In the Gospel we read that Jesus says quite clearly: *“Whatsoever you did to these, the least of my brothers [and/or sisters] you did it to ME.”* (Mt. 25:40).

So, what should we do for our brothers and sisters? Well, the Church has made it very easy for us. She has given us a list of practical actions, taken from the Gospel of Matthew, chapter 25, that we can do to prove that our faith is no dead thing but rather is alive and has meaning in our life and the lives of others.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) in paragraph 2447 makes it very plain: “The works of mercy are charitable actions by which we come to the aid of our neighbour in his/her spiritual and bodily necessities...The corporal works of mercy consist especially in *feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, clothing the naked, visiting the sick and imprisoned, and burying the dead*. Among all these, *giving alms to the poor* is one of the chief witnesses to fraternal charity: it is also a work of justice pleasing to God” (CCC #2447). These are the practical, tangible ways that we live out the faith we profess and the worship that we give to GOD in our prayer and especially at Mass. In addition to these bodily or corporal works of mercy, whereby we help our sisters and brothers in physical need, there are other spiritual works of mercy which are: *“To instruct the ignorant, to counsel the doubtful, to admonish the sinners, to bear patiently those who wrong us, to forgive offenses, to comfort the afflicted, to pray for the living and the dead.”*

All of this is based on the understanding that we recognise Jesus in the *‘least of [His] brothers...’*, which isn’t easy. Let us try to take some time in these final weeks of Lent to reflect on these ‘Corporal Works of Mercy’ to see if they have found expression in our lives and if they have, could we do more? If they have not, does our time or treasure allow us to start? How could we go about: feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, clothing the naked etc...? Bearing in mind that the it is a command of Jesus, not a request, there is no *“Ah yes, but what about ...”* with Jesus.



Saint of the Week— St. Patrick **Saint Patrick’s Breastplate:**



Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ on my right, Christ on my left, Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down, Christ when I arise, Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me. Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me, Christ in every eye that sees me, Christ in every ear that hears me . Amen.



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