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Lenten Prayer Evenings

The Parishes of Narraghmore, Moone, Athy and Castledermot will be holding their last Lenten Prayer evening for Lent this year on Wednesday 20th March at 7pm in St. Michael's Church Athy. We look forward to seeing you on the night.





Congratulations to the boys and girls from St. Laurence's School . Crookstown; Colm. Keelan. Conor, Kiernan, Erin, Hannah, Charley, Lexi, Alicia, Aishling, Heidi, Sumer, Milo, Dylan.F, Dylan.R, John, Brian, Seán, Christopher, Conor, Cillian, Faolan, Jack, Jamie, Jonah, Philip, Shane, Thomas, Aobh, Aoife, Fiona, Grace, Jade, Lily Rose, Lucy, Margaux, Saoirse, Tavlor received the who Sacrament of **Confirmation in** St. Ss. Mary & Laurence Church, Crookstown, on Friday 15th of They March. 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.

INTENTIONS SATURDAY & SUNDAY Recently Deceased: Mai Dowling

CROOKSTOWN 7PM -

Peter Lynam (30th A) Austin Fleming (7th A) Patrick Fleming (A) Paschal Timmons (A) Oliver Cullen and his sons John and Peter William Byrne -Merville (A) and his wife Bridget Kevin Donohoe - Birthday Remembrance Simon Byrne (A) Kathleen Farrell - Boleybeg (A) Eddie Nolan - Blackrath (A) Ann Maher(A) Charlie Lavin - Blackhall (12th A)

BALLYMOUNT 8.30AM -

Eddie Nolan - Blackrath (A)

Kilmead 10:30am

William Bell (A) Noelle O Connor (18th A) Frances Doyle (A) Tom and Essie Doyle (A)

MOONE 12:00NOON

Michael Brady (A) Maureen Dunne (A) Matthew Murphy (1st A) Austin Fleming (7th A) Patrick Fleming (A) Paschal Timmons (A) Stephan Weldon (3rd A) Valerie Anthony (M.M)

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

CATECHETICAL CORNER – THANKSGIVING.

"I didn't deserve at all that the LORD would grant such great grace, It was something...I never hoped for or even thought of." St Patrick.

St Patrick has been buried under a mountain of plastic Shamrock and drowned in an ocean of alcohol. But when we strip back of all the celebrations that mark our national saint's feast day, we find a man so in love with God and so driven to make God known and loved. Despite the conditions in which Patrick lived, despite the hardships that he was forced to endure, he was able to say: *"He [God] looked down on my lowliness and had mercy on my youthful ignorance. He guarded me before I knew him, and before I came to wisdom and could distinguish between good and evil. He protected me and consoled me as a father does for his son."* Why? Because *"I turned with all my heart to the LORD"*. There is the first challenge from St Patrick, to turn with all our hearts to the LORD.

St Patrick puts before us a second great challenge "That is why I cannot be silent – nor would it be good to do so – about such great blessings and such a gift that the LORD so kindly bestowed in the land of my captivity. This is how we can repay such blessings, when our lives change and we come to know God, to praise and bear witness to His great wonders before every nation under heaven." The challenge St Patrick puts before us is to not be silent about the great and many blessings we have received. This is how we honour our National Saint, this is how we truly celebrate St Patrick, it is also how we honour GOD. In these final days of Lent, having fasted, done penance in preparation for Easter, take some time over the coming days, to honestly count your blessings, and see can you, or would it be good to keep silent about them? Then bring them to Mass with you and as the priest offers the Bread and Wine add your blessings in there too, for this is Eucharist, and the Word Eucharist just means...Thanksgiving!

PUBLIC VIGIL Will be held on Good Friday 29th March 12 noon - 1 pm Blessed Holy Face will be displayed. Vigil prayers commence at 12 noon Blessed Holy medals and Prayers will be handed out in Athy Square. All are welcome. Holy Face - Carlow

Come and Join us. Veneration of the Holy Face of Jesus will take place on Good Friday 29th March at 12:00noon-1pm at Potato Market Carlow. All are welcome.



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 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 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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