

Parishes of Narraghmore & Moone

The Faith Communities of:



Ballymount, Crookstown, Kilmead & Moone

Parish Bulletin - Passion (Palm) Sunday - 24th March 2024

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Children's Stations of the Cross

There will be outdoor Children's Stations of the Cross at the Moate of Ardscoil on Good Friday at 12:00noon. If the weather is bad it will take place in St. Ita's Church, Kilmead. All are Welcome



INTENTIONS SATURDAY & SUNDAY

RECENTLY DECEASED:

John (Jack) Donovan

CROOKSTOWN 7PM -

Tommy O'Connor -Blackhall (A)
Sarah O'Brien (A) and her son Ciarán
May Finnegan -Ballybarney (A)
Kathleen Fennin - Ballybarney(A)
Patsy Keogh - Lipstown (A)
Frank Keogh - Grangecon (A)
Bob O'Connor (A)
Steve Kavanagh (10th A)

BALLYMOUNT 8.30AM -

Recently deceased: John (Jack) Donovan

MOONE 12:00NOON

Kathleen Hennessy(A)
John and Katie O'Toole and their sons Paddy and Tom Anniversaries around this time.

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

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MOST BLESSED TRINITY MOONE:

Sunday 12noon. Holy Day: 11am

**HOLY WEEK & EASTER
CEREMONIES SCHEDULE NOW
AVAILABLE IN ALL
NARRAGHMORE & MOONE
CHURCHES**

Archdiocese of Dublin



Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock

Saturday, April 27, 2024



11AM
Tea and coffee as pilgrims arrive

12 NOON
Workshops on 'Nurturing Parish Volunteers - Serving in a Fragile World' and 'Laudato Si' with prayerful preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation

3PM
Pilgrimage Mass celebrated by Archbishop Farrell



For more information, email knockpilgrimage@dublindiocese.ie

Charity Auction



Items to donate?

all clean saleable items accepted!

except;

Beds/white goods
buggies/ car
seats/clothes/food.

**APRIL 21ST 2024
ATHY GAA
2.15PM**

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO DONATE CONTACT:
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Catechetical Corner -

"Is it any wonder You have so few friends?" That would be a pretty hurtful thing to say to someone, don't you think? "Is it any wonder you have so few friends?" If you wanted to lash out at someone who had hurt you, you might say something like that. Imagine saying it to GOD? But we'll come back to that later. As Lent draws to a close and we begin Holy Week, the focus shifts to Jesus and all that He endured for us, and rightly so. During this week we will encounter Jesus as the suffering servant in Isaiah 53. We will see Jesus portrayed as the innocent Lamb for slaughter of the Jewish Passover in the book of Exodus. And we will encounter, in often gory detail, all that Jesus had to endure during His passion. To die by crucifixion still remains one of the most horrible ways to die, not to mention the torture that He had to endure beforehand. We will hear those haunting words: "My GOD, My GOD, why have YOU forsaken Me?" Then we think back to the story of the Transfiguration from the second Sunday of Lent when we hear GOD saying: "This is MY Son, the Beloved One..." It seems hard to equate these various images; Jesus, the Beloved Son, Jesus, the suffering servant, Jesus, the sacrificial lamb and Jesus, the crucified and abandoned One. How can GOD, allow HIS 'Beloved Son' to suffer like this? How can GOD allow us, whom HE also claims to love, to suffer so much, while HE seemingly remains far removed, detached and un-involved? This is the heart of one of the greatest questions of all time. Why do good people suffer? Why does GOD not stop suffering, especially of little children? I think at some point we have all asked questions like this. At the heart of such questioning is our image of GOD. What do we imagine GOD to be? How do we picture GOD? The scriptures tell us GOD is Father, the word most often used is 'Abba', which is best translated as 'Daddy'. Only last Sunday, we heard the story of the death of Lazarus, and we encountered Jesus weeping at the death of His friend. On Easter Sunday we will hear the account of how Mary went to the tomb and was in great distress when she thought that the body of Jesus had been taken, but Jesus was there, with her in her distress. On Sunday week we will hear the story of the journey to Emmaus, when Cleopas and his companion, were similarly distraught. As they understood it, all their hopes and dreams for what might have been, were dashed by the death of Jesus. And yet, Jesus was with them. They just didn't recognise Him. What is the common feature in all of these stories? Jesus is right there, walking with the suffering people. Just like a human parent cannot prevent their child's suffering, they cannot protect them from a world that can do so much harm. The same is true of GOD. GOD does not promise to keep us free from suffering. Even HIS 'Beloved Son' had to endure suffering. But what GOD does do, is journey with us. In Isaiah 41:10 we read: "do not be afraid, for I am with you; do not be alarmed, for I am your God. I give you strength, truly I help you, truly I hold you firm with my saving right hand"; in just the same way that a human parent might sit by the bed of a sick child, holding their hand giving them their own strength. And the very last words of St Matthew's Gospel are: "I am with you always, yes, to the end of time." Not to suffer, not to endure pain and hardship and even death would make us not human. It would mean that we live forever, and therefore, would not be with GOD. Death is inevitable. But if we see death as final then it is and should be, a cause for great distress. But this coming week shows us something different. Death isn't final, death doesn't have the final say and our unavoidable suffering has meaning. Until we understand the nature of suffering then we may well join St Teresa of Avila, who called out to GOD, "If this is how You treat Your friends, is it any wonder that You have so few of them?"

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 .

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.

32 County Holy Face Public Vigil, 12.00 noon – 1.00 P.M. on Good Friday, 29th. March 2024. Our Lord asked St. Peter: (Could you not watch one hour with Me !) **A Vigil for County Wicklow will be held at St. Joseph's Church Grounds Baltinglass, Co Wicklow.** Local Contact: Kate Deans/087 4112136



A prayer for Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord.



**On this day of great rejoicing, Lord Jesus Christ,
When we welcome you as our King and Saviour,
We also walk in the shadow of Your cross.**

**Hosanna! We cry.
Blessed are You who come in God's name to save us.
Hosanna!**

**Strengthen our faith on this Palm Sunday
So that when the time comes to carry the cross
We might still call out to You with heartfelt praise.**

**Give us the grace and courage to follow You this Holy Week,
from death to resurrection, from darkness to the fullness of light.
We need You, O Christ, Our Saviour. Hosanna! Amen**

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