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St. Laurence's NS School Marathon Relay

On 24th April, the girls and boys of St Laurence's NS will participate in the Fitter Younger School Marathon Relay fundraising event. Our School will run the distance of a marathon by combining the efforts of every child in the school running/walking a few hundred meters each. Money raised will go to wards new playground equipment. Donations can be made at www.idonate.ie/event/stlaurencesnscrookstownmarathonrelay or to any student at the school.



INTENTIONS SATURDAY & SUNDAY

CROOKSTOWN 7PM -

John Joe Walsh (1st A)
Tommy Hurley (A)
Sr. Stanislaus Doyle (A)
Kathleen Fennin - Birthday Rem
Cora & Paddy O'Dwyer - Newbridge (A)

Kilmead 10:30am

Alo and Josephine Lawlor
Tommy Hurley (A)

MOONE 12:00NOON

Michael, Bridie and D. C Byrne (A)
Mary Kavanagh (A) and dec mem of
Kavanagh family
Luke Kinsella - Hughestown (A), his
brother Terry Kinsella and Sheila
Carton - Birthday Rem

WALKING THE CAMINO INGLES

"Have you ever dreamed of walking the Camino. Join the MSC Missions as we walk the shaded lanes and valleys of the Camino Ingles walking from Ferrol to Santiago in Northern Spain. The temperature in this part of northern Spain in July is perfect for walking, like a balmy summer day in Ireland. For more details of this fundraising pilgrimage ring Mary at 021 454 6691 or email mary.morrish@mscmissions.ie



Items to donate?

all clean saleable
items accepted!
except;
Beds/white goods
buggies/ car
seats/clothes/food.

APRIL 21ST 2024
ATHY GAA
2.15PM

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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

TROCAIRE BOXES—RETURN

FOR THOSE WHO STILL MAY HAVE
TROCAIRE BOXES THEY CAN BE
RETURNED TO THE PARISH OFFICE
OR CHURCH SACRISTY. THANK YOU.



CATECHETICAL CORNER – A GENUFLECTION OF THE HEART

There is an old saying that goes: ‘Familiarity breeds contempt’. Or to put it another way, we can become so familiar with something that we may take it for granted. This can be true of anything, boiling the kettle, brushing our teeth, another person, even receiving Holy Communion.

Changing things up a little can help us to become more aware of what we do. When we come to receive Holy Communion, a simple bodily gesture can remind us that what we are about to do is very special and not to be taken lightly. Some people bow, genuflect or even kneel before receiving Holy Communion. But what is the proper gesture and is there any guidance on this?

Yes! there is guidance and it is to be found in the General Instruction on the Roman Missal (*GIRM*), which is a Church document on how we are to ‘do Mass’. It says this: *“When receiving Holy Communion, the communicant bows his or her head before the Sacrament as a gesture of reverence and receives the Body of the Lord from the minister. The consecrated host may be received either on the tongue or in the hand, at the discretion of each communicant.”* GIRM #160

Some may say that a genuflection is a more reverent gesture than bowing the head, which may be true. But it is not what the Church asks of us. The Bishops of the Church have chosen a gesture that everyone can do, not everyone is able to genuflect. This is based on the Church’s understanding that, in Mass, we should manifest in our bodies the great unity that we share in Christ. The GIRM puts it like this: *“In the celebration of Mass the faithful form a holy people, a people whom God has made his own, a royal priesthood, so that they may give thanks to God and offer the spotless Victim not only through the hands of the priest but also together with him, and so that they may learn to offer themselves. They should, moreover, endeavour to make this clear by their deep religious sense and their charity toward brothers and sisters who participate with them in the same celebration.”* GIRM #95

In other words, we are in this together, we are ‘doing’ this together and we should act as one. The GIRM makes this point quite strongly in the very next paragraph: *“Thus, they [the faithful] are to **shun any appearance of individualism or division**, keeping before their eyes that they have only one Father in heaven and accordingly are all brothers and sisters to each other.”* GIRM #95

While a genuflection may be more reverent, in this instance, the prescribed gesture is a bow of the head. In doing this we show that we are in obedience with the Church. But a bow of the head can be a genuflection of the heart.

Saint of the Week - St. Laserian

“Holy are the woods and rocks, In the shining glen today, where ten hundred monks, with their abbot knelt to pray. There the sacred well is brimming and the pilgrims wend their way.

We salute thee, Saint Laserian, Teacher of God’s word divine, Patron of proud Leighlin’s See, Bless this diocese still thine.

Holy are the woods and rocks In the shining glenn today, Where ten hundred monks With their abbot knelt to pray.”

A poem written by Mercy nun, Sr. Augustine Shine,

Appointment of Bishop Paul Dempsey as Auxiliary Bishop of Dublin

We warmly welcome Pope Francis’s appointment on 10th April of Bishop Paul Dempsey as Titular Bishop of Sita, and Auxiliary Bishop of Dublin. Bishop Paul Dempsey was born in Carlow in 1971 and grew up in Athy. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1997 for the Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin. He was appointed Bishop of Achonry in 2020.

In welcoming Bishop Dempsey to the Diocese of Dublin, Archbishop Farrell wrote, ‘To the mission and ministry of the Church in Dublin, to our work of proclaiming the promise and hope of the gospel, Bishop Paul will bring his many gifts. I have no doubt his fresh ideas, and deep motivation, his personal warmth and evident closeness to people on the ground, and his experience of ministry in the West of Ireland, will be of service in the deepening the unity of the Church in our land, and of empowering all God’s people to discern, and know the [true] joy, peace, and consolation of the Lord who has already “entered our closed places and stands among us,” as was proclaimed in last Sunday’s Gospel’.

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