

Parishes of Narraghtmore & Moone

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Ballymount, Crookstown, Kilmead & Moone

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First Holy Communion

Congratulations to Cian, Lucy-Mae, Millie, Ella, Tadhg, Conor, Lucy, Patrick, Saoirse, Erin, Áine, John, Sarah, Erin, Aoibhinn, Harry. from St. Colmcille National School, Moone who received their First Holy Communion on Friday 17th May. We pray for them and their families as they continue their faith journey with Jesus. May God continue to bless these young girls and boys this day and always.



All Ireland Rosary Rally - Knock - Saturday, June 1st

Join thousands of people from around Ireland and beyond for the All Ireland Rosary Rally on June 1st. The day begins at 9.30am with a Conference in St. John's Centre. Speakers include Fr Brendan Kilcoyne, Fr Joseph Mary Deane CFR, and Sr Ana Margarita Lanzas SCTJM. Then there is a chance to meet over 20 apostolates from around Ireland in St John Centre from 1130am. The keynote speaker, Mother Adela Galindo, is coming from Miami, Florida, and she will speak in the Basilica at 1pm. The Stations of the Cross will be outside from 2pm, followed by the Rosary procession. Mass will commence at 3pm in the Basilica and will include the anointing of the sick. Bishop Phonsie Cullinan will be the Main Celebrant. Dana will join the choir to sing. There will also be rosary and scapular making workshops in the ma-quee. See www.allirelandrosaryrally.com for more details.

DIOCESAN CERTIFICATE IN CATECHESIS

The Dublin diocese are running a Diocesan Certificate in Catechesis, which will be begin in September. The Certificate entails one Saturday a month from September to March. Closing date for registration is 31st May. For more information dublindiocese.ie/missionnandministerty, or Natasha Geoghegan details on details above.

INTENTIONS SATURDAY & SUNDAY

CROOKSTOWN 7PM

James Maher (A)
 Stephen (Stevie) Wright (3rdA)
 Peter Keogh - Grangecon (A)
 Patrick & Brendan Ward (A)
 Ann O'Rourke (A)
 Michael Dunne - Crookstown (A)
 Felix (Fay) Lawler - Crookstown (A)
 Michael Dowling - Ballybarney (Birthday Rem)

Kilmead 10:30am

Tom Conlon and deceased members of the Conlon Family

MOONE 12:00NOON

Mary Kelly (A)
 Richard Mahon and his grandparents Richard and Bridget Behan
 M. J Kane (A) and his grandparents Mike and Betty Kane
 Owen Kelly (A) and his wife Mary Cathy Cullen (née Everan) (A)
 Francis Cullen, Wexford (A)
 Eoin Cogan - Hobartstown (A) and Agnes O'Byrne - Hobartstown (A)

MOONE TUESDAY 10AM - Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

MASS TIMES IN NARRAGHTMORE & 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

Catechetical Corner - The right tool for the job.

Have you ever started to do something, no matter how simple it may be, only to find that you haven't got what you need? It could be something as simple as making a cup of tea only to find you have no milk? It could be trying to mend or make something only to realise that you don't have the correct tool? Sometimes it might be the case, that you set out to do something, realise that you don't have the right tool, only then to find the very tool that you needed some time later, in the bottom of your 'box-of-tricks'? Well Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit, is a bit like that. You see, Jesus, gave us a job to do; "...so am I sending you..."; "go out to the whole world and proclaim the Good News...". The job HE gave us is not easy. Jesus knew that to be a follower of HIS, to 'proclaim the Good News', would mean that you have to be counter-cultural. That's why HE gave us a 'box-of-tricks'. We call this box of tricks the gifts of the Holy Spirit: Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel (Right Judgement), Fortitude (Courage), Knowledge, Piety (Reverence), and Fear of God (Wonder and Awe in God's presence). but the thing about the gifts is...we have to use them. Using the gifts is called 'Co-operating with grace'.

We read in the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) "Grace is first and foremost the gift of the Spirit who justifies and sanctifies us. But grace also includes the gifts that the Spirit grants us to associate us with his work, to enable us to collaborate in the salvation of others and in the growth of the Body of Christ, the Church." (CCC #2003) Notice the words used in the CCC: "associate...collaborate..." We are not meant to be passive receptors of the grace of GOD. It is not intended for us to sit back and just receive. Yes, GOD does pour Grace into us, grace is made readily available to us, ordinarily through the sacraments, but not for us to allow it to remain unused. St Paul says this: "...so work out your salvation in fear and trembling. It is God who, for his own generous purpose, gives you the intention and the powers to act." (Phil. 2:12-13). The intention and the powers to act, as St Paul says, are his way of saying grace has been poured into you, now use it to work out your salvation and, as the CCC says; 'the salvation of others.' We are not meant to be solo runners there is an old saying that says: No one goes to heaven alone."

We may be tempted to think of the coming of the Holy Spirit as some sort of magical intervention, "I'm here now, everything will be alright." A more accurate understanding might be: 'Here is a free gift, well actually seven of them, they are on offer to you, but what are you going to do with them?' How do we know if we have received this grace? The short answer is we don't. We return to the CCC: "Since it belongs to the supernatural order, grace escapes our experience and cannot be known except by faith. We cannot therefore rely on our feelings or our works to conclude that we are justified and saved. However, according to the Lord's words "Thus you will know them by their fruits" - reflection on God's blessings in our life and in the lives of the saints offers us a guarantee that grace is at work in us and spurs us on to an ever greater faith and an attitude of trustful poverty." (CCC #2005) In other words we have no idea if we have received these graces, except by the fruits of the Holy Spirit. Veni Sancte Spiritus

St. Rita of Cascia - May 22nd

Saint Rita, you endured much suffering throughout your life, but you embraced that suffering with love and united it to the sufferings of your Saviour. Please pray for me, that I will be strengthened to imitate your profound love, will accept all sufferings with love, and seek to bring about peace in my heart and in the hearts of those around me. Saint Rita of Cascia,

VARIETY CONCERT'

A Variety Concert with a host of local and Ukrainian artists in St. Joseph's Church, Baltinglass on Friday 24th May at 8pm. Proceeds in aid of the Lalor Centre and Church Refurbishment.

Tickets €10 available from Baltinglass Parish Office (059 6481254), the Lalor Centre, O'Reilly's Shop, Patterson's Butchers, Veronica's Gifts and Cards, Fishers Centra, Parkmore Stores and The Green Lemon, Rathvilly. Also 087 6913257 (Mary) or 086 3783168 (Patricia). Your support would be much appreciated.

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