

# Pommunities









Ballymount, Crookstown, Kilmead & Moone

# Parish Bulletin - 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Sunday 9th June 2024

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# CEMETERY MASSES 2024

Crookstown 8th June - 7pm

St. Michael's New 12th June - 7.30pm

Moone 16th June - 12noon

Kilberry 19th June - 7.30pm

Churchtown 20th June - 7.30pm

Barrowhouse 16th June - 9am

Kilmead 23rd June - 10.30am

St. Michael's Old 26th June - 7.30pm Fontstown 30th June - 3pm



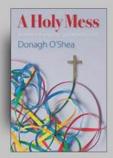
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# A HUNDRED ROADS TO HERE

A HOLY MESS: MAKING THE MOST OF OUR MISFORTUNES

DONAGH O'SHEX OP



June 22-28

A six-day retreat based on the insights in Fr Donagh's new books, A Hundred Roads to Here: Introductions to Meditation, and A Holy Mess: Making the Most of Our Misfortunes. These books are the fruit of the long standstill that was Covid-19. In this retreat he will share our the many layers of significance of that long period of inaction and isolation.

Cost: €550 residential: €350 non-residential.

ENQUIRIES: dominicanretreats@gmail.com

# INTENTIONS SATURDAY & SUNDAY

#### RECENTLY DECEASED

Mary Whelan (Chicago) John Dooley - Castledermot

# **CROOKSTOWN 7PM**

**Cemetery Mass** 

# BALLYMOUNT 8.30AM -

Nan Ward (Birthday Rem)

#### Kilmead 10:30am

Anne O'Brien (née Breen) -Calverstown (A)

# MOONE 12:00NOON

Jim and Betty O'Brien (A) Eileen Mahon (A) Michael Byrne - Coolrake (A) William O'Brien Eileen O'Rourke Ann Lawler

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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:

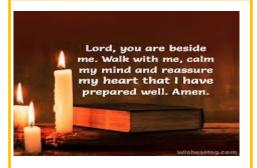
Sunday 12noon. Holy Day: 11am

#### Catechetical Corner - Family & A New way of Home

Have you ever felt rejected by the people you love? You're in good company. The Scriptures this Sunday show what Jesus went through in his hometown — and they offer us a valuable perspective. In Mark's Gospel, Jesus hears some criticism and name-calling that is downright blasphemous, with relatives claiming that the Son of God is "out of his mind." But one phrase really struck me. You could almost miss it, but look closely. It comes at the very beginning of the excerpt from Mark's gospel: "Jesus came home." Those simple words are freighted with meaning — and by the end of this passage Christ has redefined what it means to be "home" and challenged his listeners to reconsider what it means to be "family." His neighbours -90and relatives call him, in effect, a madman. Yet Jesus doesn't respond with shock or outrage. He's not even offended. He chooses another way, explaining who he is with clarity, reason, authority and wisdom. You might even say he speaks out of love. Then, when his family comes looking for him, he doesn't turn his attention to them. He looks instead to those who are surrounding him, "those seated in the circle" and listening to his words. What he says may have left them startled — and even scandalized. "Here are my mother and my brothers," he says, "For whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother." Unexpectedly, with just a few words, Jesus offers a new sense of belonging, of describing what makes up the Christian community. Here is a new definition of "family" and, by extension, a new way of thinking about "home." "Family," in the teaching of Christ, is more than just a matter of genetics or geography. It is not just a shared history; it encompasses so much more than the people you call your relatives. The Christian family goes beyond blood. Being part of Jesus' family means living, like Jesus, obedient to God's will. It means trusting in the father who loves us and nurtures us, the father who desires nothing more than for us to spend eternity with him and who sent his son to help make that possible. It means embracing that son as our brother — living with hope in a life yet to come, in a place we can only imagine. And that destination is, really, our home. Jesus shows that following his path isn't easy, even in the place you call "home." This message: don't seek acceptance in this world, but plan instead for the next. It's a timely message. We can't forget that in some parts of the globe today, to live as a Christian is to live with a target on your back — being marginalized, mocked, persecuted, imprisoned, even killed. We are called to embrace being part of the Christian family, to remember that we are meant for other things. We belong elsewhere, "doing the will of God." In this Sunday's epistle, St. Paul explains it perfectly. He writes in his letter to the Corinthians that we should "look not to what is seen but to what is unseen." We have a building from God, a dwelling not made with hands, eternal in heaven." We may give someplace else our address. But there is another place that is truly our true home.

# Saint Columba - Prayer of St. Columba

Be O Lord, a guiding star above me, a smooth path below me, a kindly shepherd behind me and a bright flame before me; today, tonight and forever. Amen.



We pray for all students who are sitting their leaving and junior certificate exams. May the Holy Spirit guide them in their studies and exams.

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