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INTENTIONS SATURDAY & SUNDAY

CROOKSTOWN 7PM

Annie (Nan) Ward (1st A)
Bridie Nolan (A)
William and Mary Keatley -
Boakefield (A)
Winnie Corrigan (A)
Mairead Corrigan (Birthday Rem)
Martina Craddock (M. M.)
James and Kathleen Haslam (A)

BALLYMOUNT 8.30AM -

Jack Dowling - Kilgowan (A)
Margaret Ryan - Ballymount (A)

Kilmead 10:30am

Cemetery Mass

MOONE 12:00NOON

Jim O'Brien - Lower Belan (A)
Lar O'Toole - Timolin Road (A) his
wife Mol and their son Patrick (A)
Jack Nolan (M. M.)
Nora Carroll - Monasterevin (7thA)

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

June is the Month of the Sacred Heart

O Sacred Heart of Jesus, fountain
of eternal life, Your Heart is a
glowing furnace of Love. You are
my refuge and my sanctuary. O my
adorable and loving Saviour,
consume my heart with the
burning fire with which Yours is a
flamed. Pour down on my soul
those graces which flow from Your
love. Let my heart be united with
Yours. Let my will be conformed to
Yours in all things. May Your Will
be the rule of all my desires and
actions. Amen.

CEMETERY MASSES 2024

Kilmead 23rd June - 10.30am

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

Fontstown 30th June - 3pm



"It is therefore a holy and
wholesome thought to pray for the
dead that they may be loosed from
their sins."
2 Maccabees 12:46

CATECHETICAL CORNER – CRUCIFIX OR CROSS?

An empty cross is often associated with non-Roman Catholic Christians. Many non-RC Christians will have a Cross, without the Body of Christ – Corpus – on it. Whereas RC's, generally have a Crucifix – a cross with a Corpus. Why is this and what is the difference? Non-RC Christians rightly believe that Christ is risen and therefore contend that the Cross should be empty to reflect this. The RC viewpoint is that the crucifix reminds us of Christ's sacrificial death - as Paul wrote, "we preach Christ and HIM crucified..." (1 Cor. 1:23). So then, the Crucifix is a stark reminder of the price that was paid for our redemption. We look upon our LORD beaten, humiliated and degraded. We see HIS bloodied and broken body and are reminded of the words of the Gospel of John, referencing the prophet Zechariah "they will look upon the one whom they have pierced..." (Jn.19:37 cf. Zech.12:10).

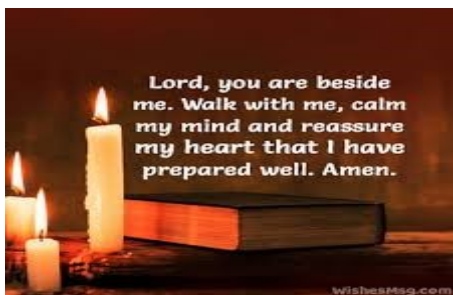
The Crucifix also reminds us of what we do every time we come to Mass. In Mass we are, as it were, transported back in time to Calvary and are present at the Crucifixion of Jesus. In every Mass, the Crucifixion is re-present-ed to us in a non-bloody, non-violent way. Indeed, on the altar there is a Crucifix that faces the priest, it may have a Corpus on both sides, it is there to remind the priest that he too, must sacrifice his life for his people. So, while the crucifix is associated with Catholicism, we have no problem with having an empty cross as well.

However, the empty cross has a deeper meaning for Catholics. In his book entitled 'The Way', St JoseMaria Escriva makes a very beautiful and challenging observation about the empty cross, he says this: "When you see a poor wooden Cross, alone, uncared-for, and of no value... and without its Crucified, don't forget that that Cross is your Cross: the Cross of each day, the hidden Cross, without splendour or consolation..., the Cross which is awaiting the Crucified it lacks: and that Crucified must be you." (The Way #178). The empty cross should remind us of the injunction of Jesus: 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. Anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.' (Mt. 16:24-25). Losing one's life doesn't necessarily mean death, it more likely means to sacrifice oneself and our own happiness for the love of another, and so take up our cross.

We take up our cross in many different ways. Perhaps it is the cross of loneliness, or bereavement, or a sick child. Perhaps we live with constant pain, or live with a loved one who is in constant pain. Our cross may be a difficult spouse, ill health or financial difficulties. Whatever our cross, we are called to embrace it and to unite our suffering to that of Christ. In Colossians 1:24, St. Paul says: "I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church." In the words of Venerable Fulton Sheen: "Pain without Christ is suffering; pain with Christ is sacrifice."

Prayer to St. John the Baptist.

O God, You raised up St. John the Baptist to prepare a perfect person for Christ. We call upon St. John's intercession to properly prepare us with a true sense of repentance to receive Your grace and salvation. Make us faithful to Truth and justice, as You did Your servant, John the Baptist, herald of Your Son's birth and death. Lord, may You increase Your life within us. Amen.



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