

Parishes of Narraghtmore & Moone

The Faith Communities of:



Ballymount, Crookstown, Kilmead & Moone

Parish Bulletin - 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time - Sunday 3rd November 2024

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MASS TIMES

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

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MOST BLESSED TRINITY MOONE:

St. Michael's Church Athy,

Celebrating 60 Years

St Michael's Parish Church is
 celebrating 60 years. On
 November 9th the 6pm Mass will
 be celebrated by Bishop Paul
 Dempsey. Refreshments will be
 served afterwards.

Please join us in celebrating 60
 years of our magnificent Church
 building.



**In aid of Scoil Ide Naofa Parents
 Association. On Saturday 9th
 November at 8pm in St.
 Laurence's GAA. €40 table of 4.
 Raffle on the night. It will be a
 great night of Fun, and chance to
 win amazing prizes. All are
 welcome.**

Christian Meditation Ireland:

Fr Donagh O'Shea will lead a
 morning of meditation and
 reflection on Saturday, 9th
 November 2024 from 10:00am to
 1:00 p.m. at Balally Parish Centre
 (Eircode D16E032). Fr. Donagh will
 speak to the theme '*Meditation:
 Falling Awake*'. All are welcome, no
 previous experience necessary. See
www.christianmeditationireland.ie

INTENTIONS SATURDAY & SUNDAY

Recently deceased: Margaret
 Hempenstall

CROOKSTOWN 7PM

Kathleen (Katie) Cranny (1st A) and her
 husband Edward (Ned)
 Eugene Farrell (A)
 Ciarán O'Brien (A) and his mother Sarah
 Andrew O'Gorman (A)
 Robert Supple (8th A)

Ballymount 8:30am

Jim Brennan (A)
 Martin Heydon (A)
 Kathleen (Katie) Cranny (1st A) and her
 husband Edward (Ned)

Kilmead 10:30am

Frances O'Brien
 Recently deceased: Margaret
 Hempenstall

MOONE 12:00NOON

Dan Murphy (3rd A)
 Michael, Catherine & Pat Finn (A)
 Mary Kelly (A)
 Chris Farrell - Parkvale (A)

ANNUAL MASS FOR DECEASED OF OUR PARISHES

Those who died in the Parish since last
 November will be Remembered;

Athy, Monday 18th November @7:30pm

Moone, Wednesday 20th November @7:30pm

Crookstown, Thursday 21st November
 @7:30pm

Kilmead, Friday 22nd of November @7:30pm

Catechetical Corner – “...A great cloud of witnesses”

November is one of my favourite months. The autumn colours are in full bloom, the days are getting cooler and the mornings are crisp and fresh. As the poet said: ‘A season of mists and mellow fruitfulness...’ At the start of November, the church puts before us two wonderful feast days when the whole Church is united. On November first, All Saints day, we remember the Church Triumphant or Glorified, in other words the Church in Heaven. On November second, All Souls day, we remember the Church Suffering, the Holy Souls in Purgatory. So the three parts of the Church; the Church Triumphant, the Church Suffering and the Church Militant - that’s us - are all united together in praising GOD .

The author of the letter to the Hebrews reminds us that “...we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses...” (Heb. 12:1) This great crowd of witness is before GOD interceding on our behalf. In the book of Revelation we read: “The twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and with golden bowls of incense, which are the prayers of the saints” (Rev. 5:8) The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) says this: “Being more closely united to Christ, those who dwell in heaven fix the whole Church more firmly in holiness.... They do not cease to intercede with the Father for us...” (CCC #956) St Therese of Lisieux famously said: “I want to spend my heaven in doing good on earth.” This is what we call the ‘Communion of Saints’ which we pray every time we pray the Creed.

But what about the Holy Souls? The Catechism says this: “All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven. The Church gives the name Purgatory to this final purification of the elect...” (CCC #1030-1031) Why is this the case? Because we read in the book of Revelation “Nothing unclean can enter Heaven...” (Rev.21:27). In the second book of Maccabees we read: “It is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins.” (2 Macc. 12:46). But here is the other thing, they can also pray for us. This is what St Robert Bellarmine said: “that because the Church Suffering is so close to God – much closer than we are and having the great consolation of knowing they are saved – their prayers for us are very effective. So, as you pray for your dead loved ones and all the holy souls in purgatory, ask them to pray for you, too.” So in November, as we pray for our deceased relatives and friends we also ask them to pray for us. We unite our prayers with the Church in Heaven and the suffering Church, such a ‘great cloud of witnesses’ as the universal Church continuously prays for each other and praises GOD.

In November Remember those who have gone to their eternal Rest

Peace at Last

May the Lord support us all the day long, ‘til the shades lengthen and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then, Lord, in his mercy, may He give us a safe lodging, a holy rest, and peace at last. Amen

ST. MARTIN DE PORRES

Most humble St. Martin, whose burning charity embraces all, but especially those who are sick, afflicted, or in need, we turn to thee for help in our present difficulties and we implore thee to obtain for us from God health of soul and body, and in particular the favour we now ask ...

(pause to ask favours).

May we, by imitating thy charity and humility, find quiet and contentment all our days, and cheerful submission to God’s holy will in all the trials and difficulties of life. Amen.

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