

Parishes of Narraghmore & Moone

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Ballymount, Crookstown, Kilmead & Moone

Parish Bulletin - 5th Sunday of Lent - 6th April 2025

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MASS TIMES

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

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MOST BLESSED TRINITY MOONE:
Sunday 12noon. Holy Day: 11am

Lectio Divina for Lent

Lectio Divina continues each Wednesday
morning in Crookstown Church
throughout Lent after 9:30am Mass and
rosary, All are welcome

Lenten Prayer nights

The Conclusion of our Lenten Prayer
nights will take place in the Church of
the Assumption, Castledermot on
Wednesday 9th April at 7pm all are
welcome.

Easter Sunday Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy will take place on
Easter Sunday 20th April at 10:00am. If
there are children/ families who wish
to be involved in the liturgy please
contact Natasha Geoghegan on
087 67 30 300. All are welcome.

Dublin Diocese, Pilgrimage to Knock

Dublin Diocese Pilgrimage to Knock
takes place on 26th April. 11am Tea and
coffee as pilgrims arrive. 12noon
workshops on the jubilee of Hope 2025
and the Canonisation of Blessed Carlo
Acutis; Outdoor Stations of the Cross;
Tour of the Knock Museum; and
prayerful preparation for the Sacrament
of Reconciliation. 3pm Pilgrimage Mass
celebrated by Archbishop Farrell with
the Sacrament of the Sick. For more
information, email:
knockpilgrimage@dublindiocese.ie

INTENTIONS SATURDAY & SUNDAY

CROOKSTOWN 7PM

Patrick Keatley - Boakefield (A)
Martina McDonnell (née Lavin)
(A)

Anthony Lawler (A) and
deceased members of the
Lawler family

John, Joe and Jim Cullen (A)

Ballymount 8:30am

Patrick Keatley - Boakefield (A)

Kilmead 10:30am


Dinny Redmond (5th A) and
deceased members of
the Redmond family
Anne O'Toole (40th A)

MOONE 12:00NOON

John Carroll - Monasterevin
(13th A)

Holy Hour Crookstown

Holy Hour takes place every Tuesday
evening from 7pm-8pm all are welcome .

 **Family Carers Ireland**
No one should have to care alone

Are you caring for a loved one at home with additional care needs?

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Family Carer Support Groups are also organised locally across all our centres nationwide.

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Catechetical Corner – “It’s harvest time.”

If you were to ask somebody to ‘tell me about yourself’, you will probably hear about their marital status, their children – if they have any, where they live, what they work at etc... . But if you say; ‘No, tell me about you, who you are as a person.’ The conversation might dry up very quickly. Very few of us like talking about ourselves. In fact, we might not know ourselves well enough to have that conversation or just feel too uncomfortable talking about ourselves. It becomes even more difficult when we ask a person about their faults or character flaws. It is not easy to look at ourselves in a ‘negative’ way. Yet, since ancient times it has been known that genuine and honest self-knowledge is good and healthy. The adage: ‘Know thyself’ was inscribed over to the entrance to the Adelphi Oracle, the place where the ancient Greeks met their ‘gods’. And the Greek philosopher, Socrates said that ‘the unexamined life is not worth living.’

The purpose of Lent is not about making life difficult by denying ourselves. It is about taking time to refocus our attention where it should be. As St Francis de Sales says: “Lent is the autumn of the spiritual life during which we gather fruit to keep us going for the rest of the year.” One way to do this is to examine our life in a prayerful and loving manner. Are there aspects of my life that need improving? Am I easily distracted from the things of heaven by the things of this world: my phone, TV, sport or whatever? None of these things are bad in and of themselves, in fact they are good. But if they become our focus, or if they are leading us away from GOD, then we may need to revisit things.

When Jesus was asked, “what good deed must I do to inherit eternal life?” HE replied by referring to the Commandments. First of all, by recognising that GOD alone is good and then by keeping the Commandments (See Mt.19: 16-19)

Lent is the time to do that. To examine our lives and look at behaviour, our thoughts, our words. Are they leading me to GOD or away from GOD? We can do this with reference to the Commandments: Do I give GOD first place in my life? Do I use GOD’s name a swear? Do I give Sunday over to GOD and family? Do I honour my parents, even if they have died? Do I ‘kill’ other people by destroying their character through gossip or slander? Do I take, or long for things that are not mine? Do I look lustfully at a person other than my spouse? Taking a good honest look at ourselves in the way that Jesus does, lovingly and compassionately, is at the heart of Lent. After this self-examination it is time to bring what we find to GOD for healing and forgiveness in the Sacrament of Confession.

Parish Prayer for Lent.

Loving Father, at baptism, you called us into a relationship of love. To help us, you give us the light of Faith. To comfort us, you fill our hearts with Hope.

As we journey together through Lent, We call on Your Holy Spirit to accompany us, To rekindle the light of Faith, to renew in us the joy of Hope, That we may arrive to the celebration of Your Son’s passion, death and resurrection, With Mary our Mother and the Angels and Saints, in the company of our sisters and brothers, with Faith rekindled and Hope renewed. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Jubilee of Hope Prayer

Father in heaven, may the *faith* you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of *charity* enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed *hope* for the coming of your kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen

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