

Parishes of Narraghmore & Moone

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Ballymount. Crookstown. Kilmead & Moone

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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

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

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

Holy Hour Crookstown

Holy Hour takes place every Tuesday evening in Ss. Mary and Laurence Church Crookstown from 7pm-8pm. All are welcome.

Hope - For Our Pilgrim journey

The Priory Institute are holding a two week online Summer School is reflective, informative and interactive and will run from the 11th August. The course includes eight recorded presentations and two online Zoom discussion and is very flexible as it is delivered entirely online. Find out more at www.prioryinstitute.com.

Archdiocese of Dublin

Summer Dues

Thank you for supporting your priests

SUMMER DUES APPEAL 2025

The Summer Dues appeal has become an important initiative in recent years, helping to return the Common Fund to a healthy position, supporting priests in parishes, and sick and retired priests throughout the Archdiocese. We express our gratitude for your continued support and contributions that sustain us daily. If you wish to contribute you can drop an envelope with your donation to the parish office. Thank you.

INTENTIONS SATURDAY & SUNDAY

CROOKSTOWN 7PM

Gráinne Murphy (2ndA)
Annie (Nan) Ward (2ndA)
Bridie Nolan (A)
Mary Mc Namee-Months Mind
Tony Mc Namee (1stA)
William and Mary O'Connor
Angela Handy
The O'Connor and Maloney Families
Fred and Molly Maher
Rita Maher Bourke and the Maher and Farrelly Families
Mairead Corrigan-Birthday Remembrance
Winnie Corrigan (A)
Seamie Corcoran (A)

BALLYMOUNT 8:30AM

Annie (Nan) Ward (2ndA)
Bob Murphy-Calverstown (A)
Mary Mc Namee-Months Mind
Tony Mc Namee (1stA)
Jack Dowling-Kilgowan (A)

KILMEAD 10:30AM

Mary Mc Donnell (A)
Andrew (Andy) Doyle (40thA)
Michael O'Toole (A)
Helen Smith (3rd A)

MOONE 12:00NOON

Timothy Riordan (1stA)
Jim O'Brien-Lower Belan (A)
Bridie Nolan-Portersize (A)
Nora Carroll-Monasterevin (8thA)

CATECHETICAL CORNER – BIG WORDS

Some times it takes a big word to capture the true meaning of something. An idea or a concept can be so big that it would take a long time to explain, so we use one word. For example, did you know that the milk we drink is homogenized? What does that mean? *“A process in which the fat droplets are emulsified and the cream does not separate.”* Imagine putting that on the outside of a carton of milk?

Another big word is Transubstantiation, which the Catechism explains it like this:

By the consecration [at Holy Mass by a validly ordained priest CCC#1411] the transubstantiation of the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ is brought about. Under the consecrated species of bread and wine Christ himself, living and glorious, is present in a true, real, and substantial manner: his Body and his Blood, with his soul and his divinity (CCC #1413)

In other words, the substance of the bread is changed and becomes the ‘*Body and Blood of Christ*’. But what does it mean? Well, the word literally means to change the substance of a thing, that which makes a thing what it is. Human beings are defined not by their bodies but by their ‘human nature’. Our bodies may fail but we have our human nature, hence why all human life is sacred to the moment of natural death. This human nature is our substance. Our body is what we call the accidents or our outward appearance.

If you are a Sci-Fi fan an android may have the outward appearance (*accidents*) of a human but the nature or make up (*substance*) of a machine/robot. So, before the consecration at Holy Mass the substance and accidents of the host is bread and wine but after the consecration the accidents appear the same but the substance has changed – Transubstantiation/Changed Substance.

For many people, some Catholics included, this is hard to take. But ask yourself this question: ‘If God wanted to change the substance of bread and wine into the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Christ, could HE?’ ‘And if HE could, why wouldn’t HE if it is for our good?’

For Catholics, the Eucharist is not a mere symbol. In fact the American Catholic writer, Flannery O’Connor said; ‘*If it be a symbol, to hell with it.*’ It is no mere symbol. Rather it is the totality of Jesus fully present in the appearance (*accidents*) of Bread and Wine. This isn’t something that we made up, it isn’t something that is optional. It is fundamental to our faith, just like the Holy Trinity. We read in John’s Gospel: *Jesus said: “I am the living bread that came down from heaven; if any one eats of this bread, he will live for ever; . . . he who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life and . . . abides in me, and I in him” (Jn 6:51, 54, 56).*

When some people found this teaching difficult and walked away, Jesus didn’t try to stop them, in fact HE said to his disciples: ‘What about you, do you want to go away too?’ (Jn. 6:67)

If Jesus is fully present in the Eucharistic host, (*Host from the Latin term “Hostia” meaning a sacrificial victim*) – then what?

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National Grandparents Pilgrimage :

Celebrating the World Day for
Grandparents and the Elderly.

Theme: Blessed are those who have
not lost hope. Sunday 27th July 2025.

Celebrant Archbishop Francis Duffy,
special guest, Dana Rosemary Scallon.

Anointing of the Sick in the Basilica
2:30pm, Holy Sacrament of Mass

3pm. Rosary procession (weather
permitting), Children’s prayer appeal,
inviting all children to write a prayer
for their grandparents and bring to
the knock shrine.

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