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Ballymount, Crookstown, Kilmead & Moone

Parish Bulletin - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 21st September 2025

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Feast of St. Pio

A special Mass to celebrate the feast of St. Pio will take place in St. Mary's Church, Edenderry, on Tuesday 23rd September at 7:30pm. After Mass, St. Pio's Glove will be available for all who wished to be blessed.

Pathways: Exploring Faith and Ministry: Registration for this twoyear adult faith development course is now open. more details available on https://www.missionministry.ie/ pathways/

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.

Season of Creation -

SEEDS OF PEACE AND HOPE.

A service of prayer, music and reflection. Monday, September 29, 8pm, at the Monastery of St Alphonsus, Drumcondra, D09.

www.rednuns.com/webcam

INTENTIONS SATURDAY & SUNDAY

Recently Deceased:

Bernadette Brennan Darina Kavanagh (née Treacy)

CROOKSTOWN 7PM

Johnny Reid (3rd A) Christopher & Teresa Nolan -Cottage Lane, Ballitore (A) Bridget McCarthy - Portersize (A) Sheila Moore (née Conlan) (10th A) and her twin brother Christy Conlan (1st A) Sheila O'Brien - Ballymount (A) Phyllis Ward - Usk (A) Brigid Buggle - Sallins (A) Caroline and Mona Losty (3rdA) Baby Ruby Coleman O'Toole(4thA) John Dallon (A) and remembering his Son Paddy and His parents also.

BALLYMOUNT 8:30AM

Recently deceased: Bernadette Brennan Phyllis Ward—Usk (A)

KILMEAD 10:30AM

Recently Deceased: Darina Kavanagh (née Treacy)

MOONE 12:00NOON

Cassie Nolan (A) Betty Leigh - Belan (A) Margaret Byrne - Coolrake, Moone. (A)

Why Sunday Matters - Sunday Mass makes us Missionaries

As we journey through this Jubilee Year of Hope, all Catholics are warmly invited to reflect on the immense significance of Sunday Mass and, for those who have not yet done so, to return with renewed joy to the celebration of the Eucharist. Sunday has always been the day of the Lord: the day of resurrection, the day of rest, the day of Eucharist. From the very beginning of our Christian faith, Sunday has been central to the life of the Church and remains the heart of Christian practice. It is on this day that we gather as a community, united in our love for Christ, to encounter the risen Lord and be nourished in body and soul.

The Mass is not just a ritual, it is the source and summit of our faith. It is where we encounter Christ in His living presence, and it is through the Eucharist that we are strengthened to live as true disciples. Attending Mass on Sundays, or its vigil on Saturday evening, is not just an obligation; it is a profound privilege and a chance to experience God's love in a deeply personal way. As we come to this sacred celebration let us do so with hearts full of gratitude for the precious gift of Christ's presence among us. Our invitation to reflect on Sunday Mass is presented through the lens of Synodality – Communion, Participation, and Mission – reminding us that the Eucharist is not just a personal encounter with Christ but also a communal experience that unites us all as the People of God. For deeper reflection, we have also provided thoughtful questions at the end of this message to guide your prayers and meditations.

The Sunday Mass is not only a time for worship but also for mission. Having listened to God's word and received the gift of Christ's Body and Blood, we are sent to live out our faith in the world as missionaries; sent to share the love of Christ with others. As we participate in the Sunday Mass, we receive not only spiritual nourishment but also the strength to live out our Christian mission in daily life.

As the late Pope Francis reminded us, 'We do not go to Mass in order to give something to God, but to receive what we truly need from Him. In this spirit, we are called to approach the Eucharist not out of obligation, but with a deep desire for spiritual transformation.' This is why attending Mass on Sundays is so vital – it nurtures and nourishes our faith and prepares us for the mission to which we are called. We invite you to reflect on how your participation in Sunday Mass helps you to live as a missionary disciple, bringing the hope and joy of the Gospel to those around you, and to the world at large. The journey of faith often comes with its own set of challenges. Many, particularly the younger generation, feel disconnected from the Church due to past abuses and how these were addressed. Alongside this, the pressures of modern life, the increasing levels of anxiety and mental health difficulties – especially among young people – together with the lingering effects of the pandemic, have contributed to a sense of distance from the Church. However, Sunday Eucharist continues to be a source of hope, life, and profound meaning. It invites us to participate in the celebration of Christ's death and resurrection, the Paschal Mystery. In this sacred celebration, we have the opportunity to be transformed, to receive God's grace, and to become the best versions of ourselves. As we navigate life, with all its joys and struggles, the Eucharist offers us the community and support we need to flourish and grow in faith. (*Irish Catholic Bishops Conference*)

Abide in his Love - Women's Conference Abide in His Love Women's Conference Nov 21-23. The Great Northern Hotel, Bundoran Donegal. An Amazing event for women exploring the beauty & gift of their feminine identity in Christ. Guest Speakers include Sr. Mary Madeline Todd OP (USA), Megan Madden from 'A Mother's Lace' (USA/UK), Fr. Barry Braum, Fr. Mark Wharton (UK), Fr. Francesco Mary Gavazzi, CFR, the Nashville Dominican sisters, & Mass with Archbishop Eamon Martin. Check out Eventbrite for tickets & more information. Not to be missed!

Breast Cancer Awareness Month takes place October 1st-31st. For further information, please log onto www.breastcancerireland.com

Mass Intentions

If you wish to have your deceased loved ones name in the Mass intentions on the weekly newsletter. Please have your intentions into the parish office by the Wednesday evening beforehand. Your Mass intention will still be prayed for at Masses but will not be on the newsletter as our newsletter is printed on Thursdays. Thank you.

Safeguarding Sunday:

The annual Diocesan Safeguarding Sunday will take place on Sunday, September 28. It's a time when we reflect on the importance of safeguarding children and vulnerable adults in our parishes and communities. It is also an opportunity to inform the wider faith community of the important work that your parish does to ensure a safe place for all. Our Child Safeguarding Representatives will be speaking at all masses.