

Parishes of Narraghtmore & Moone *The Faith Communities of:*



Ballymount. Crookstown. Kilmead & Moone

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Annual November Remembrance Masses in Narraghtmore, Moone & Athy

Ss. Mary & Laurence Church Crookstown
Wednesday 19th November

Church of the Blessed Trinity Moone
Thursday 20th November

St. Ita's Church Kilmead
Monday 24th November

St. Michael's Church, Athy
Monday 17th November

All Remembrance Masses commence at
7:30pm .

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:
 Sunday 12noon. Holy Day: 11am

WHY SUNDAY MATTERS

"As we journey together through this Jubilee Year of Hope, we, the Irish Bishops, warmly invite all Catholics to reflect on the profound gift of Sunday Mass. This special year offers a unique opportunity to rediscover the heart of our faith and, for those who have been away, to return with renewed joy to the celebration of the Eucharist."

Please find at the back to the church the Irish Bishops' new pastoral message, **Why Sunday Matters** – An Invitation to Reflect on Sunday Mass An introductory video and a four-part video series titled **Sunday Mass – Digging Deeper** can be found at catholicbishops.ie.

INTENTIONS SATURDAY & SUNDAY

Recently Deceased:

Elizabeth (Lil) Kenny -
 Castledermot

CROOKSTOWN 7PM

Mary Jane Leigh- Ballymount (A)
 Michael Waters-Blackrath (A)
 also Iris Waters and Ken Waters whose anniversaries occur at this time

KILMEAD 10:30AM

May Berry (A)
 Imelda and May Mahon (A)
 Annie Breen - Calverstown (A)
 Patricia Rusk (A)

MOONE 12:00NOON

Anthony Kenny (A)
 Frank and Gretta Kenny (A)

Holy Hour Crookstown

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



CATECHETICAL CORNER – COMMINGLING.

If you've ever watched the priest at Mass just before Communion, you may have noticed something small, an almost insignificant but very important action. He breaks off a tiny piece of (the Body of Christ) the consecrated Host – from the Latin word *Hostia* meaning victim - and drops it into the chalice that holds the Precious Blood. As he does so, he prays, often softly: "May this mingling of the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ bring eternal life to us who receive it." This ancient and sacred gesture is called the *commingling*, and in the early Church, it was known as the *fermentum*. It was this action that gave the Mass one of its earliest names – 'The Breaking of the Bread'.

But why does he do it and why is it so important? At the consecration, the Body and the Blood of Jesus are blessed separately. Showing that His death really happened, that His Body and Blood were separated on the Cross. But when the priest puts that little piece of the Host into the chalice, he is silently saying, by this action: Jesus rose from the dead! His Body and Blood are now reunited, He is alive again. That's what we receive at Communion: not a dead Christ, but the living, risen Jesus! Resurrected but unrecognisable. Think of Clopas and his companion on the road to Emmaus (Lk.24:13-35) or Mary of Magdala on the morning of the resurrection (Jn. 20:11-18). They did not recognise Jesus in His resurrected body.

In the early Church, the *fermentum* was a real piece of the Eucharist that bishops, and especially the Pope, would send from their Mass to nearby parishes and the priest, or titular bishop in the case of the Pope, would put it into the Chalice at the *commingling*. It was a sign that, although physically apart, they were united, one faith, one Church, one Eucharist. Today, that unity is preserved symbolically in the *commingling*. As Christ's Body & Blood are restored to unity, so too the Church is united in receiving this re-united Body of Christ. To receive the smallest amount of one, either Host or Precious Blood, is to receive the fullness of Christ. It is this expression of unity with the Pope, with our Bishop, with the universal Church that is central to the *commingling*. It is also why non-Catholics are not permitted to receive the sacred host, as they do not share this bond of unity.

The fraction, or the breaking of the bread, takes place as the congregation prays the Lamb of God (*Agnus Dei*), which concludes with the words, 'grant us peace'. So the *commingling* is also a prayer for peace. This simple gesture of breaking the Host and placing a piece in the chalice is a declaration of faith in the Resurrection, statement of the unity that exists between the Pope, Bishops and the entire church and a prayer for peace. May it bring us to eternal life.

(Adapted from an article by an unknown source.)



St. Ita's Church Kilmead presents Kilmead by Candlelight. A evening of Music, Song and Entertainment on Thursday 27th November 2025 in St. Ita's Church, Kilmead R14 FE80, at 7:30pm - 9:30pm. Doors open at 7pm. Tickets RE €20 and are available from St. Laurence's GAA Bar, Padraig Whelan, Deirdre Flanagan, Niamh Lawler, Jonathan Tallon, Bridie Corrigan, Kathleen Grufferty, Emma Grufferty, Brian Darcy, Nora O'Mahony & Vincent Gorman. Main Contact Paddy Whelan on 086-8061898.

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.

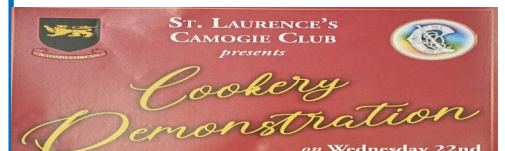
Kilmead Holy Hour will take place on the First Friday of every month from 7pm-8pm beginning on Friday the 7th of November . All are welcome



Breast Cancer Awareness Month takes place October 1st-31st.

For further information, please log onto

www.breastcancerireland.com



St. Laurence Camogie Club presents Cookery Demonstration on Wednesday 22nd October in Mel's Narraghmore with Chef Joseph Doyle, formerly of Sheen Falls, Monart, and Gleneagles accompanied by Ruth Sorohan on Deserts. Drinks Reception at 7:30pm. Cookery Demo at 8pm. Tickets €20