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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

INTENTIONS SATURDAY & SUNDAY

Recently Deceased:
Ann Kinsella

CROOKSTOWN 7PM
Denis and Mary Maher - Old Connell (A)
Julia Foley - Back Moone (A)

KILMEAD 10:30AM
Thomas Behan (A)
Margaret Hempenstall (1st A)
Maurice and Margaret Byrne, their son Paddy and their daughter Collette - Whitehouse (A)
Mick O'Toole (Months Mind)

MOONE 12:00NOON
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November Altar List of the Dead

November is the time of year when we as Christians remember and pray for the dead. You are very welcome to place the names of your beloved departed on the November altar list of the dead, all these people will be prayed for at every mass in the parish for the month of November and at the 9:30am Mass every first Friday of the month for the next 12months. Leaflets and envelopes are now available in the Church and in the parish office. Please take a leaflet and fill out the names of your loved ones whom you wish to be remembered and return to the parish office.

Annual November Remembrance Masses in Narraghmore, 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 .



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 – What’s in a bow?

‘He’s a holy man, a walking saint’. ‘I can’t stand your man, have you seen him around town? As for the other fella, don’t get me started.’ ‘I love him, I think he’s great.’ We all have our own opinions and views of priests, even the priests of our parish. Often, those opinions can be formed from very good, very bad, sad and even deeply painful experience. And yet, when we come to Mass we are expected to call him Father, to bow before him and to treat him with respect, reverence and honour.

So why do we bow to the priest at Mass? Is he on some kind of ego-trip and we are expected to play along? The answer to that is no, and it couldn’t be further from the reality. From the beginning, GOD selected men through whom HE chose to work; Moses, Abraham, Isaiah, Elijah and so on. Could GOD not just have spoken to us directly? Of course HE could! GOD has no need of us for anything, but He chose imperfect, flawed, sinful men to speak for HIM: ‘Leave me, Lord, for I am a sinful man...’ said St Peter to Jesus (Lk. 5:8).

In Baptism we are all incorporated into what is called the ‘common priesthood’ of Christ. We all offer sacrifice according to our state or vocation in life. The Catechism of the Catholic Church says this: ‘The whole community of believers is, as such, priestly. the faithful exercise their baptismal priesthood through their participation, each according to his own vocation, in Christ's mission as priest, prophet, and king. Through the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation the faithful are "consecrated to be . . . a holy priesthood."' (CCC #1546)

This common priesthood differs to that of the ordained/ministerial priesthood. In ordination a priest is given a share in the priesthood of Christ in a different way than that of the ‘common priesthood’ of all the baptised. ‘While the common priesthood of the faithful is exercised by the unfolding of baptismal grace...the ministerial priesthood is at the service of the common priesthood. It is directed at the unfolding of the baptismal grace of all Christians. The ministerial priesthood is a means by which Christ unceasingly builds up and leads his Church.’ (CCC #1547)

There is only one priest and that is Christ. The ministerial priest shares in the priesthood of Christ and offers the same sacrifice that Christ offers. When a priest is ordained, he is not only configured to Christ the Priest, but also to Christ the Prophet and King. He shares in the threefold office of Christ, which means he sanctifies with Christ’s grace (Priest), he teaches with Christ’s authority (Prophet), and governs with Christ’s care (King). At the liturgy, especially the Mass, the priest stands before us as a king in service, not a ruler of pride, but one who reigns through sacrifice. He presides not from a throne, but from an altar; not with a crown of gold, but with a heart conformed to the Cross.

(To be continued)

Two Great Days.

The month of November begins with two great days. On November 1st, All Saints Day, when the Church on earth – the Church Militant - celebrates the Church in heaven, the Church Triumphant - those whom we call the Saints. November 2nd is the Commemoration of all the faithful departed – All Souls Day, when the Church Militant prays for the Church Penitent/Suffering – those whom we call the Holy Souls in purgatory. Two great days, one Church; on earth, in Heaven and on the way to Heaven, united in glorifying and praising GOD.

If you have lost a loved one over the past year and you would like them to be remembered and prayed for in our November Masses, please contact the parish office.

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

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 .

KILMEAD BY CANDLELIGHT. 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. Main Contact Paddy Whelan on 086-8061898.

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