

# Parishes of Narraghmore & Moone

## The Faith Communities of:



## Ballymount, Crookstown, Kilmead & Moone

## Parish Bulletin - 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - 16th November 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

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

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

### INTENTIONS SATURDAY & SUNDAY Recently Deceased:

Paddy Fleming late of Grangecon and Baltinglass

### CROOKSTOWN 7PM

Eugene Farrell (A)

Ned Cullen (A)

Tom Byrne - Blackhall (A)

Mary Mackey (11th A)

Anne Doran - Inchquire (A)

Josie Connelly (A)

Jack O Connor - Blackhall (A)

Jimmy Gorman (A)

Declan Wall (A)

Ken Waters (A)

Margaret Callaghan - Mullaghmast (A)

### BALLYMOUNT 8:30AM

Recently deceased: Paddy Fleming  
Late of Grangecon and Baltinglass

### KILMEAD 10:30AM

Rosanne Donovan (A)

Henry Bucke (3rd A)

Johana Bucke (9th A)

Timothy Bucke (26th A)

### MOONE 12:00NOON

Ester Kelly (A)

Chris Farrell - Parkvale (A)

Pat & Sadie O'Brien-Ballinamona (A)

And deceased members of the O' Brien Family.

Joe Leigh (A)

Jim Kelly - Sheriff Hill (A)

Sean Scally - Sheriff Hill (A)

Seamus Clynch (2nd A) and his parents Peter and Janie

Mary Nolan - Bolton Hill (A)

William (Billy) Kavanagh -

Grangenolvin and his wife Brigid and daughter Kathleen

## PARISHES OF ATHY, MOONE & NARRAGHMORE

### PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2026

**7 nights 4 Star Hotel Padoue**  
**22nd June – 29th June 2026**

**Cost €995 pps**

**Spiritual Director Fr. Francis McCarthy**

**Saving Club available.**

**Further details contact -  
Christopher Rowan  
087 2707 182**

### 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 .**

### Catechetical Corner - "The End is Nigh"

Next Sunday November 23rd we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King, commonly called the Feast of Christ the King. It is the last Sunday in the Church's liturgical year, the following Sunday being the first Sunday of Advent, is the beginning of a new liturgical year. At this time of year the readings at Holy Mass can all seem quite scary and a little bit daunting. They are all about the end times and the terrible suffering that is supposed to take place. The prophet Malachi tells that there is a terrible day coming, 'burning like a furnace'. The Gospel tells us that there will be wars, revolutions, disasters, earthquakes and how we, the followers of Jesus, are to be "seized and persecuted" and are to be "betrayed even by parents and brothers, relations and friends..." That all seems quite scary. And indeed if that is our focus, then it is scary and we should be very worried. But, if we keep our focus on GOD "Like the eyes of a slave on the hand of her master" (Ps. 123:2) we have nothing to worry about. Again Malachi tells us that on those who fear the name of GOD the son of righteousness will shine. The Gospel reaffirms that "not a hair on your head will be lost." We are being called to have faith. To trust GOD that HE will be faithful to HIS promise to us. Faith is hard, especially in the face of adversity, when there is war and so much suffering. Some will say that "faith is a gift and I just don't have it." And that is true, faith is a gift given by GOD, which we were all given at our baptism. And while faith is a gift it is also a virtue, one of the three great gifts Faith, Hope and Charity/love (see 1 Cor. 13), and as such, it requires nurturing. If we don't nurture something it dies. Virtues are no different, the law of atrophy applies. What does that mean? Well put quite simply: "Use it or lose it." If we don't foster, practice and use the virtues we will lose them, they will become swallowed up by whatever it is that we do practice; doubt, fear, selfishness. Think about it for a moment. If you are a person of Faith, then say things like: "I trust GOD, everything will be ok." If you are a person of Charity/Love, then practice that love towards others. St James says: "that faith without good works is quite dead." Practice Faith, practice Hope, practice Charity. If we do not practice them, then, just like our physical muscles, by the scientific law of atrophy, we will lose them.

**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 €20 and are available from St. Laurence's GAA Bar and Paddy Whelan on 086-8061898.

### MOONE PARISH CHRISTMAS DRAW

Moone Parish Christmas Draw will take place on Sunday 30th November after 12 Noon Mass. Tickets are €2 each or 6 for €10. All proceeds are to daily cost of the Church and the upgrading of the Central Heating. Prizes are 1st - €300; 2nd Turkey & Ham voucher €75; 3rd Christmas Cake; 4th Turkey (homegrown); 5th Food Hamper; 6th O'Gorman Meats voucher; 7th Pier's Café Lunch Voucher for 2; 8th Turkey (homegrown); 9th Christmas Cake; 10th O' Gorman's Meat Voucher. Tickets available in Crookstown Parish office and at 12 noon Mass each Sunday in Moone Church.

**Ballymount Christmas Raffle**—1st prize Luxury Christmas Hamper; 2nd Prize—Fergal Byrne's Organic Turkey; 3rd Prize—Bottle of Whiskey & numerous other prizes. Draw will take after mass on Sunday 21st December 2025. Proceeds in Aid of St. Joseph's Church, Ballymount.

### All Night Vigil in Knock (7th/8th December)

The parishes of Athy, Narraghmore & Moone are running a bus to the all Night Vigil in Knock on Sunday 7th December for the Solemnity of The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The night begins with Confessions from 10pm. Ceremony begins at 12midnight on the 7th of Dec and continues into the early morning and concludes with Mass at 4am. The vigil includes Rosary, stations of the Cross, Holy Hour, guest speaker, quiet time for prayer and offering sacred space to reflect on Mary's Role in the life of the Church and to seek her intercession. Cost of the Bus is €40.

Bus will depart from the following area's on Sunday 7th December.

Castledermot Church at 4:30pm

St. Michael's Athy, 5:15

Portlaoise 5.45pm

Moone Church 4:45pm

Stradbally 5:30pm

Mountmellick 6pm

Stopping briefly in Athlone and arriving in knock at 10pm approx. Bus will leave knock at 5:30am Monday 8th Dec. Non refundable deposit of €20 for bus is required to secure your seat. For further information contact Peggy Whelan on 086 849 2381.



### Holy Hour Crookstown

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

