

Parishes of Narraghmore & Moone

The Faith Communities of:



Ballymount, Crookstown, Kilmead & Moone

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Christmas Eve—Christmas Liturgy

Our Christmas Eve Liturgy will take place at 5pm in Ss. Mary & Laurence's Church, Crookstown. We invite you and your family to this Liturgy. If you would like to be read or be involved in this liturgy please contact Natasha Geoghegan on 087 6730300. we look forward to seeing you there.

Christmas Eve Mass 9pm Crookstown - The Choir will be singing carols before Mass, so do come early to listen and join in with the carol singing.

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

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 -
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INTENTIONS SATURDAY & SUNDAY

CROOKSTOWN 7PM

John, Peter, & Oliver Cullen
 Joseph Foley (A)
 Joseph Dowling Jnr & Bridget Dowling - Ballybarney
 Timothy (Timmy) Fennin (A)
 John Dowling (Birthday Remembrance)

BALLYMOUNT 8:30AM

Michael Kelly - Ballymount (A)

KILMEAD 10:30AM

Louise Flood (A)
 Cecil O' Donoghue (A)
 John Donovan (1stA)
 Daisy Connell (1st A) her brother Fay McDonald and her sister Nancy (Annie) Corrigan
 Ester (Girly) Hickey (1st A)

MOONE 12:00NOON

Fr. Peter Garvey O'Cist - Bolton Abbey (A)
 Nellie Whelan - Bolton Hill

MOONE: MONDAY 8TH

Ann Whelan - Simonstown (A)

ADVENT EVENING PRAYER.

The Parish Partnership of Athy, Narraghmore, Moone and Castledermot are holding an Advent Prayer Evening on Tuesday 9th December @ 7pm in the Church of the Assumption Castledermot.
 All are welcome.

CATECHETICAL CORNER - THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY

On December 8th we celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary. The Immaculate Conception is a Catholic dogma that states that Mary, whose conception was brought about in the normal way, was conceived without original sin or its stain. In Irish this feast day is called, *Féile Mhuire gan Smál* – Feast of Mary without stain

It's important to understand what the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception is and what it is not. Some people think the term refers to Christ's conception in Mary's womb without the intervention of a human father; but that is the Virgin Birth. Others think the Immaculate Conception means Mary was conceived "by the power of the Holy Spirit," in the way Jesus was, but that, too, is incorrect.

When discussing the Immaculate Conception, an implicit reference may be found in the angel's greeting to Mary. The angel Gabriel said, "*Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you*" (Lk. 1:28). The phrase "*full of grace*" is a translation of the Greek word '*KECHARITOMENE*' which literally means: "*to have been created in the fullness of grace*". That Greek word appears nowhere else in the Bible and is used only in reference to Mary.

We read in the Catechism of the Catholic Church: "*Through the centuries the Church has become ever more aware that Mary, "full of grace" through God, was redeemed from the moment of her conception. That is what the dogma of the Immaculate Conception confesses, as Pope Pius IX proclaimed in 1854: The most Blessed Virgin Mary was, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Saviour of the human race, preserved immune from all stain of original sin*". (CCC # 491). And in the next paragraph we read: *The Father blessed Mary more than any other created person "in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places" and chose her "in Christ before the foundation of the world, to be holy and blameless before him in love"*

It is also worth noting, that although Mary was preserved from original sin and indeed remained sinless throughout her life, she was still in need of salvation..." *My spirit rejoices in GOD my saviour...*" (Lk. 1:47). But Mary was saved before her sin, not like us. We are saved after our sin by the merits of the Cross of Christ. In other words, there are two ways to save someone who falls into the sea; one is to pull them out the other is to stop them from falling in in the first place. The Immaculate Conception is the latter. Mary was saved from falling into sin in the first place.

Mary revealed to a visionary that her favourite title to addressed by is the Immaculate Conception, just as she told St Bernadette in Lourdes. During this week, and especially on Monday, pray this simple prayer often throughout the day: "*Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee,*"

Moone Parish Christmas Draw Congratulations to all the winners

1st - Ester Cowley	2nd - Chloe Leigh
3rd - Ann Mahon	4th - Marie Bell
5th - Bridget Mackey	6th - Ms. Robinson
7th - Marie Bell	8th - John & Ann Callaghan
9th - Tom O'Connor	10th - Senan Barrett

Cake Sale Raffle - Tommy Nolan, Collette Hickey, Nuala Tomlinson.

A huge thank you to everyone that supported the Draw and Cake Sale

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.

Kilmead Holy Hour will take place on the First Friday of every month from 7pm-8pm. Our next holy hour will be on Friday 5th December . All are welcome .

Holy Hour Crookstown

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

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.