

# Parishes of Narraghmore & Moone

*The Faith Communities of:*



*Ballymount, Crookstown, Kilmead & Moone*

**Parish Bulletin - 3rd Sunday of Advent - 14 December 2025**

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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

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

**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 -**  
**Christopher Rowan**  
**087 2707 182**

## INTENTIONS SATURDAY & SUNDAY

### RECENTLY DECEASED:

Madonna Ryan (Abbott Michael Ryan's Mother )

### CROOKSTOWN 7PM

Patrick Carroll (A)

Bridget Jones (A)

Elizabeth & Peter Green—Bristol (Rem)

### BALLYMOUNT 8:30AM

Sean Fitzgerald (A)

**Recently Deceased:** Madonna Ryan (Abbott Michael Ryan's Mother )

### KILMEAD 10:30AM

Fonso Doyle

Kathleen Doyle

Liam Doyle

Joe Doyle

Hannah Doyle

Willam Murray

Kathleen Murray

Sean Murray

Leeia Scully (5thA)

Joanne Delahunt (2ndA) and her Partner Emmet Corcoran (A)

John and Vincent Robinson

Mary & Mick Scally and deceased members of the Robinson and Delahunt families

Patrick Finn & Christina Finn

McGuirk

### MOONE 12:00NOON

Mary Whitty - Hughestown (A) and deceased members of the Whitty Family

## CATECHETICAL CORNER – SMALL BUT MIGHTY

There is one word that we say often at Mass and in our own prayer. It comes from a Hebrew word, the root of which is linked to the word for faith. It is short, soft, and familiar. We may say it without thinking. We may even whisper or mumble it, we may not even say it at all. But the word has great power and is deeply significant. In Scripture, it means: So be it or This is true.

That word is Amen. Amen is not a polite agreement; it is not a 'liturgical full stop' at the end of our prayer. It does not mean: okay, I understand, sure, that's fine, or even, I agree. When we say Amen, we are not making a comment. We are making a covenant. We are, as it were, signing a spiritual agreement/covenant. Which is why Heaven does not hear it casually.

Every covenant in the Bible has words that seal it. Israel said Amen to the Law (Nehemiah 8:6) God Himself is called "The Amen" (Revelation 3:14). Jesus, especially in the Gospel of John, begins His most solemn teachings with 'Amen, Amen, truly I say to you...' (see: Jn.3:3, 5:23, 6:47/55, 10:1/7). Using Amen like this is not mere decoration or emphasis, but rather a binding declaration that what follows is not merely true, but is binding.

The first word that we say at Mass is Amen. It follows the declaration by the priest that we are gathered in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We also reply with Amen to Collect (Opening Prayer), and to the Absolution (May almighty GOD have mercy on us...) during the penitential rite. However, there are two uses of Amen during Mass that are the most profound of all. St Padre Pio said of the first of these two, that it should shake the roof of the building, as opposed to being mumbled, if said at all. The first of them comes at the end of the Eucharistic Prayer, after the doxology (Through Him, and with Him and in Him...), which is to be prayed by the priest alone. The Amen that follows, called the Great Amen, is very often sung, and is our declaration, our yes, to everything that has just taken place. What has just taken place is the making present of the new covenant. It is the crucifixion of Jesus, in non-bloody, sacramental manner, on the altar before us. Just as the people of Israel said 'Amen' to the law/ covenant so we too say Amen to the New Covenant in Jesus, sealed with HIS blood.

The second of these is when we present ourselves for Holy Communion. The priest says: 'The Body of Christ' and we reply 'Amen'. A binding declaration on our part that 'Yes, this is the Body of Christ. I believe that Jesus is really, truly, fully and substantially present in this small white host presented to me'. It should not be said casually as it is not heard casually. This small but mighty word is very powerful in the ear of GOD., use it wisely, say it thoughtfully and mindfully.

### Christmas Raffle

1<sup>st</sup> Prize

Luxury Christmas Hamper

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize

Fergal Byrne's  
Organic Turkey

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize

Bottle of Whiskey

& Numerous other prizes

Draw will take place after mass  
on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> Dec 2025



Proceeds in aid of St. Joseph's Church, Ballymount.  
Tickets: €2 each or 3 for €5

#### Crookstown Prayer Space

We welcome you to pray in our prayer room which is situated in the room to the left as you come into Ss. Mary & Laurence Church Crookstown. This space gives you an opportunity to sit and pray in front of an image of the Sacred Heart. All are welcome

#### Holy Hour Crookstown

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



#### ADVENT EVENING PRAYER

Parish Partnership of Athy, Narraghmore, Moone & Castledermot, Advent Evening Prayer, which was postponed on Tuesday last due to weather will now be held on Thursday 18th of December, in the Church of the Assumption, Castledermot at 7pm. All

**Jubilee Year of Hope:** To mark the end of the jubilee year of Hope the Parish Partnerships of Athy, Narraghmore, Moone & Castledermot will have a 24hour Adoration in Ss Mary & Laurence's Church Crookstown, commencing with Mass on Monday the 5th of January at 7pm and concluding with Mass on Tuesday the 6th January at 7pm.