

# Parishes of Narraghmore & Moone

*The Faith Communities of:*



*Ballymount. Crookstown. Kilmead & Moone*

Parish Bulletin - 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 1st February 2026

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#### PARISH SECRETARIES

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#### Mass Times for February 2nd & 3rd

**Presentation of the Lord &**

**Candlemas - 2nd February**

**9:30am Mass St. Michael's Church, Athy**

**St. Baise's Day 3rd February**

**\*Athy: 9:30 am mass followed by blessing of throats**

**\*Crookstown: 9:30 am mass with blessing of candles & throats**

**\*Moone: 7:00 pm mass with blessing of candles & throats**

#### 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

**Cloak on the Moat 2026:** Cloak on the Moat Committee 2026 present 'Cloak on the Moat' Bank Holiday Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup>

February at 12 noon, Moat of Ardscull Athy. Free-Family-Friendly community event celebrating St. Brigid and Kildare in its 4<sup>th</sup> year running. Acts on the day include Athy Comhaltas, Paul Linehan, Joseph Gorman, Village Voices, Molly Doyle, Aaron O'Rourke, Kilmead set dancers and figure dancers. There will be a child and adult prize for best dressed Brigid and Chieftain – homemade costumes encouraged. Face painting, coffee van and much more to be expected. Please bring foldable chairs for older members, wrap up warm. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

#### INTENTIONS SATURDAY & SUNDAY RECENTLY DECEASED:

Anne Walsh

Michael Walsh, late of Colorado USA

#### CROOKSTOWN 7PM

Elizabeth J. Conway & Michael Conway - Ballitore Hill (A)

Michael Lawler-Portersize (6thA)  
Patrick and Briget Dunne -

Irishtown (A)

Eddie Wright - Narraghmore (A)

Bill Martin (A)

Denis O'Rourke (A)

Dominic Corcoran (21stA)

Larry O'Brien Snr (A)

Annie Josie McNamee, Calverstown (A)

#### BALLYMOUNT 8:30AM

Annie Josie McNamee, Calverstown (A)

#### MOONE 12:00NOON

Christy Leigh (2nd A)

Anthony Hegarty, his mother

Christina and deceased

members of the Hegarty family.

Michael Tony Byrne (1st A)

## Catechetical Corner – ‘A handy spot to put the book?’

Imagine being invited out to dinner and being fed twice, now wouldn't that be great? That is what happens every time we come to holy Mass, we get fed twice. Once in Holy Communion from the altar, or the Table of the Eucharist, by which we 'grow in holiness' (Lectionary of the Mass, LM, #10). And once from the Table of the Word, the Ambo, by which we 'grow in wisdom' (LM 10)

The Ambo, or as it is sometimes, incorrectly, called the Pulpit, is not merely a convenient place to put down the Lectionary – the Lectionary is the name given to book that contains the readings for the Liturgy, it is not a Bible but contains readings from the Bible. The Ambo, is much more than a mere lectern or book stand. It is much more substantial than that. It may have carvings or engravings on it. These carvings may, for example, represent the Four Evangelists. The substantial nature of the Ambo, the carvings, its positioning in the sanctuary should serve to tell us that this is a significant piece of sanctuary furniture, it is important and it has meaning.

So why not just a simpler bookstand or lectern? Well, the Second Vatican Council says this: “He [Christ] is present in His word, since it is He Himself who speaks when the holy scriptures are read in the Church” (Decree on Sacred Liturgy, SC, #7). In paragraph 24, the same document says: “Sacred scripture is of the greatest importance in the celebration of the liturgy. For it is from scripture that lessons are read and explained in the homily and psalms are sung; the prayers, collects, and liturgical songs are scriptural in their inspiration and their force, and it is from the scriptures that actions and signs derive their meaning.” So just as Christ is present in the Eucharist and we give Him great reverence, we don't use the Altar as a table, so too His presence in the proclaimed word requires an equal degree of reverence. The General Instruction on the Roman Missal (GIRM) says this: “From the ambo only the readings, the responsorial Psalm, and the Easter Proclamation (Exsultet) are to be proclaimed; it may be used also for giving the homily and for announcing the intentions of the Prayer of the Faithful” (GIRM #309) Just as the Altar table is reserved for the Offering of and receiving the Eucharist, the Ambo is to be reserved for these sacred functions, because “The celebration of Mass in which the word is heard and the Eucharist is offered and received forms but one single act of divine worship” (LM, 10). And the document on Divine Revelation of Vatican II says this: “The Church has always venerated the divine scriptures as she venerated the Body of the Lord, in so far as she [the Church] never ceases, particularly in the sacred liturgy, to partake of the bread of life and to offer it to the faithful from the one table of the Word of God and the Body of Christ.” (DV #21) The Ambo is not just a convenient place to put the book down, it is much more than that and deserving of great respect.

(Taken from an original article by Denis R. McNamara on Adoremus.org)

### Holy Hour Crookstown

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

### 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. There is a Saving Club available. Further details contact -Christopher Rowan 087 2707 182

Kilmead Holy Hour will take place on the First Friday of every month from 7pm-8pm. Our next holy hour will be on Friday February 6th. All are welcome.



Live Lent 2026 is the Lenten Programme of the Parishes of Athy, Narraghmore & Moone. You are invited to join your parish community online where, each day during Lent you will receive a message by either WhatsApp or email with words of inspiration and encouragement as we journey through Lent together. To join, all you have to do is scan the QR code on the posters or in the Newsletter or send an email [livelent2026@gmail.com](mailto:livelent2026@gmail.com). Posters with QR code at back of Church.

### Prayer to Saint Brigid

Saint Brigid. You were a woman of peace. You brought harmony where there was conflict. You brought light to the darkness. You brought hope to the downcast. May the mantle of your peace cover those who are troubled and anxious, and may peace be firmly rooted in our hearts and in our world.

Inspire us to act justly and to reverence all God has made. Brigid you were a voice for the wounded and the weary. Strengthen what is weak within us. Calm us into a quietness that heals and listens. May we grow each day into greater wholeness in mind, body and spirit.  
Amen.

