



Parishes of Narraghmore & Moone

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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 in the Church or in the Newsletter or send an email livelent2026@gmail.com. Posters with QR code at back of Church.

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:

Mary Keogh - Killeen

Liz Hegarty

Edward (Ned) Whelan

CROOKSTOWN 7PM

Mary Piggot—Ballytore Hill (M.M.)

Joe & Mary O' Halloran and their daughter Eileen (A)

Kathleen Ann Leigh - Baronsland (16th A)

Martin Halloran (2nd A)

Ned Donovan - Burtown (A)

Lily Walshe (4thA)

Pat Leigh (A)

Bridie Keogh - Lipstown (A)

Julie Keogh - Grangecon Hill (A)

Patrick Hickey -Calverstown (2ndA)

Patrick Lee - Calverstown (105thA)

KILMEAD

Brendan McManus - (Months Mind)

Marie Dempsey - Butler's Lane Athy (9thA)

Martha Heffernan (3rdA)

Doyle and McDonald Families

Martin Berry (A)

MOONE 12:00NOON

Dora Kinsella - Hughestown (A)

Michael O'Neill - Coolrake (A)

Shum Shiu Tak (A)

Benjanmin Shum (A)

Mary Browne (A)

Doreen Pierce - Back Moone (6th A)

Matt Nolan - Bolton Hill (A)

Pat Leigh (A)

Paddy Leigh (A)

Rory Dowling (A)

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LIVE LENT 2026

LIVE LENT

READ - PRAY - ACT

Join your parish community online as we
READ, PRAY and take ACTION on our Lenten journey

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to receive daily inspiration and encouragement

CATECHETICAL CORNER – ‘JUST A DROP IS ENOUGH’

Just a drop is enough. Too much and it ceases to be what it is and becomes something else, not enough and nothing changes at all. This is true whether we are having a cup of tea/coffee or a drop of something stronger.

It is especially true in the Mass. Have you ever noticed how the priest, when preparing the gifts of bread and wine, puts a small drop of water into the Chalice with the wine? He may even use a small spoon called a ‘Scruple Spoon’, in order to ensure that only a small amount is added. Well, this drop of water has a great ‘depth’ of meaning.

The practice of putting water into wine to soften the wine began a long time ago. But for the purpose of the Mass, it was only a small amount. If the amount was too much it was determined that it was no longer wine and therefore was not suitable for celebrating the Eucharist.

Over time this reason, softening the wine, was lost to memory and the drop of water took on a much deeper significance. Firstly, it represents the Incarnation. The drop of water represents our humanity being subsumed into the Divinity of Christ, represented by the wine. It denotes the unifying of our humanity with Christ’s divinity and we are united with HIM: *“We see that the people are signified by the water, but Christ’s blood by the wine. Therefore, when water is mixed with the wine in the chalice, the people is made one with Christ.”* (Pope Julius III). This fact is borne out by the prayer that the priest says, often quietly, as he puts the water into the wine: *“By the mystery of this water and wine, may we come to share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled Himself to share in our humanity”*.

Furthermore, this drop of water symbolises the Crucifixion, reflecting the moment that Christ is pierced with the lance as HE hung on the cross and blood and water flowed from the side of Christ (*see Jn. 19:34*).

This commingling of water and wine, this drop added to the cup of wine, causes us to reflect on the fact that Christ became man so that we may have a share in the divine nature: *“you may come to share in the divine nature”* (2 Peter 1:4) Or, as St Athanasius put it: *“The Son of God became man so that man might become God [by grace]”* (Catechism of the Catholic Church [CCC], 460). So, just a drop is enough to allow us to share in the Divine Nature of GOD.

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 March 6th . All are welcome .

RELATIONSHIP CARE

The annual collection for Relationship Care, the Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family, will be made at all masses on the weekend of the 14th & 15th of February 2026. Relationship Care offers, Marriage preparation courses both online & small groups; counselling for couples and individuals experiencing difficulties, both online or by phone. Relationship Care needs your support this year more than ever. Please give what you can on the 14th & 15th February. Thank you.

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Our Lady of Lourdes Prayer for healing

O ever-Immaculate Virgin, Mother of Mercy, health of the sick, refuge of sinners, comforter of the afflicted, you know my wants, my troubles, my sufferings; look with mercy on me.

By appearing in the Grotto of Lourdes, you were pleased to make it a privileged sanctuary, whence you dispense your favours; and already many sufferers have obtained the cure of their infirmities, both spiritual and corporal.

I come, therefore, with complete confidence to implore your maternal intercession. Obtain, O loving Mother, the grant of my requests. (mention your petition) Through gratitude for your favours, I will endeavour to imitate your virtues, that I may one day share your glory, and bless you in eternity. Amen.