

Parishes of Narraghtmore & Moone

The Faith Communities of:



Ballymount, Crookstown, Kilmead & Moone

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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. Thank you.

MASS TIMES

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

MASS TIMES IN NARRAGHTMORE & 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

Maureen Flynn

CROOKSTOWN 7PM

Mary Jane Leigh-Ballymount (A)
 Annie Breen - Calverstown (A)

BALLYMOUNT 8:30AM

RECENTLY DECEASED: Maureen Flynn

KILMEAD 10:30AM

Imelda, Joe and Mai Mahon (A)

MOONE 12:00 NOON

Lil Kenny (1st A), her husband Bill and their son Noel
 Anthony Kenny (A) and his parents Frank & Gretta Kenny
 Dr. Peter O'Callaghan (A)

HLI Ireland Mission Night

Be Strong In The Lord! HLI Ireland Mission Night on the Feast of St John Paul II with relics of St John Paul II and St Thérèse of Lisieux.
 Shoreline Hotel, 22nd October,
 Donabate from 7pm-9pm. No booking required, come and see!

Holy Hour Crookstown

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

Catechetical Corner – The Mindful Signer

Mindfulness is everywhere. So too in Mindlessness, doing things without thinking or having any awareness of what we are doing, like making the Sign of the Cross. Many Catholics don't realise that the Sign of the Cross is a prayer itself, not just the beginning and end of prayer, like a spiritual full stop. It should be said with reverence; we shouldn't rush through it on the way to the next prayer. The Sign of the Cross is not merely a pious gesture but is a very powerful prayer. Why do Catholics make the sign of the cross? What do the Scriptures, the Church Fathers, saints, and Catholic teaching teach us about the Sign of the Cross? Here are six thinking points, about, each of which, much more could be said. The Sign of the Cross is a mini-Creed, a profession of faith in God as Trinity and in all that GOD has done. We also open ourselves up to the abiding presence and action of God in our lives. First-century Christians began making the sign of the cross as a reminder and renewal of what happened to them when they were baptized. It still works the same way for us, reminding us that in Baptism we have, sacramentally, died and risen with Christ (see Rom 6:3-4 and Gal 2:20). We are asking the Lord to renew in us those baptismal graces.

At baptism the Lord claimed us as his own by marking us with the Sign of the Cross. Now, when we sign ourselves, we are affirming our loyalty to him, and declaring that we belong to him alone (see Lk 9:23). The sign of the Cross marks us belonging to Christ, as sheep to a shepherd, commissioned to work at advancing the Kingdom of GOD on earth.

Some suffering in life is inevitable (see Lk 9:23). The sign of the Cross reminds us that, we are to embrace whatever pain comes as a consequence of our faith in Christ. Making the sign is our "taking up the cross and following" him while at the same time being a comfort that Jesus joins in our suffering as we join in His. It is through our suffering that we, the body of Christ, contribute to His saving work of perfecting the Church in holiness (see Col 1:24). The sign of the Cross is a defensive weapon against the attacks of Satan. It is also an offensive weapon. It announces our cooperation with Christ in the indomitable advance of the kingdom of God against the kingdom of darkness. The Church Fathers taught that the Sign of the Cross diffused the force of powerful temptations such as anger and lust. So no matter how strongly we are tempted, we can use the Sign of the Cross to activate our freedom in Christ and conquer even our besetting sins. Making the sign of the cross expresses our decision to crucify these desires of the flesh and to live by the Spirit (see Col 3: 5-15)

A PRAYER BEFORE HOLY COMMUNION

O Lord, my God, I am not worthy that You should come into my soul, but I am glad that You have come to me because in Your loving kindness you desire to dwell in me.

You ask me to open the door of my soul, which You alone have created, so that You may enter into it with Your loving kindness and dispel the darkness of my mind.

I believe that You will do this for You did not turn away Mary Magdalene when she approached You in tears. Neither did You withhold forgiveness from the tax collector who repented of his sins or from the good thief who asked to be received into Your kingdom.

Indeed, you numbered as Your friends all who came to You with repentant hearts.
O God, You alone are blessed always, now, and forever. Amen

ST. TERESA OF AVILA

OCTOBER 15TH

LET NOTHING DISTURB YOU

LET NOTHING DISTURB YOU,
LET NOTHING FRIGHTEN YOU,
ALL THINGS ARE PASSING
AWAY;
GOD NEVER CHANGES,
PATIENCE OBTAINS ALL THINGS,
WHOEVER HAS GOD LACKS
NOTHING;
GOD ALONE IS ENOUGH.
AMEN.



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