

Parish Bulletin - 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 6th July 2025

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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 Logos Scripture Summer School 2025

The Cistercian Abbey Roscrea, Co. Tipperary are holding a course during the month of July taking place from 11th July—15th July titled: Jesus in the Old Testament. Presenter Fr. Terence Crotty O.P. for more information contact scripturesummerschool@gmail.com

Feast Day and Celebration of St. Louis & Zelie Martin—Parents of St. Therese of Lisieux

Saturday 12th July is the Feast Day of St. Louis & St. Zelie Martin - the parents of St Therese of Lisieux. It is also the 10th anniversary of their canonisation. Mass will take place at the Carmelite Friary Church, White Abbey, Kildare Town at 10am & 7pm. Veneration of Relics & Exhibition will take place from 11am-9:30pm, which has historical items from the life of St. Thérèse and The Martin Family including unique pieces such as Vestments designed by Celine Martin

Holy Hour Crookstown

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

INTENTIONS SATURDAY & SUNDAY

Recently Deceased:

Thomas (Tom) Hickey, Christopher (Christy) O'Rourke & Patrick (Paddy) McMahon

CROOKSTOWN 7PM

Eamonn Nolan (2nd A) Jimmy Foley (A) Delia Lavin (A) Christy Travers - Lipstown (A) and his mother Rita Travers - Blackrath (A) Tim Corcoran (A) and deceased members of the Corcoran family late of Colbinstown Deceased members of Flood family - Dunlavin Teresa Ball - Narraghmore (A) Lizzie Dunne - Late of Kileen (A)

BALLYMOUNT 8:30AM Eamonn Nolan (2nd A)

MOONE 12:00NOON

Mary Dunny (M.M.) Kieran (Darby) Cummins (M.M.) Dermot Kenny (5th A) Pat & Dan O'Brien - Pill, Belan (A) Tony Murphy - Church Avenue (2nd A) and his wife Nellie Sally (Pamela) Young (M.M.) Tom Wilson (A) Recently deceased: Brigid Girlie O'Mahony (née Whelan) formerly of Moone

CATECHETICAL CORNER – THE PRIDE THAT BINDS

Perhaps the fundamental difference between adults and children is responsibility. Children are, as they grow, taught responsibility; for their toys, their room, their hygiene, etc... In the Sacrament of Confirmation, we often say, rightly or wrongly, that the confirmed are now adults in the faith, in that they are responsible for their own faith life. In the human sense we know what it is to be responsible. We take care of ourselves, our homes, our families. We pay our bills and engage with society. But what does it mean to be responsible in the spiritual life?

Jesus said: 'I have come that you may have life, and have it to the full.' (Jn. 10:10) But what does that mean? Well, it means that we can be the person we are created to be, 'made in the image and likeness of GOD.' (Gen. 1:26-27). It means that we are created to love. Firstly, to love GOD and then each other – (see Mt. 22:37-40; Deut. 6:5; Lev. 19:18; Ex. 20:1-17). When we fall short of this, when we are not being our best self, we are not living in the image and likeness of GOD.

In John's Gospel we read: 'If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.' (In. 8:31-32) The Catechism of the Catholic Church speaks of human freedom as 'a force for growth and maturity in truth and goodness; it attains its perfection when directed toward God...' (CCC #1731) As a result of original sin, which was the sin of pride, -wanting to be like GOD (Gen. 3:5) – in our pride, we lie. Not wanting to be caught out, we don't take responsibility for our actions. We try to blame others, we make excuses, we deny. The Catechism says this: 'The more one does what is good, the freer one becomes.' (CCC #1733). So, the opposite then is also true, 'the choice to disobey and do evil is an abuse of freedom and leads to "the slavery of sin.' (CCC #1733). Failing to take responsibility, failing to admit that we have fallen short of the image in which we are made, is to allow ourselves to be held in the slavery of sin. It is to bind ourselves to the father of lies. It is a rejection of the offer of 'life to the full'. St Teresa of Avila said; 'Humility is walking in the truth.' This means that true humility involves a deep understanding and acceptance of oneself, acknowledging both strengths and weaknesses. It means recognising one's limitations and dependence on God, rather than striving for self-reliance or pride. Humility says, 'I was wrong, I made a mistake, and seeks forgiveness...' Pride blames, denies, accuses and makes excuses.

If we are to be Free, truly free, we must live Humility.

Congratulations to Fr. Colm O'Siochrú celebrating Diamond Jubilee of Ordination to the Priesthood

We warmly congratulate Fr Colm O'Siochrú on his Diamond Jubilee, celebrating 60 years of devoted service of God's people as a priest in the Dublin Diocese. Fr. O'Siochrú served as a curate in Narraghmore Parish. We pray that Fr. Colm's health may continue to allow him to enjoy life in the comfort of Our Lady's Manor Nursing Home where he has taken up residence. May The Lord continue to bless Fr. Colm in his priesthood.

If anyone would like to send a message of congratulations it would be very much appreciated.

The address is: Our Lady's Manor Nursing Home, Bulloch Castle, Bulloch Harbour, Dalkey, Co. Dublin

Pilgrimage to Fatima

Pilgrimage to Fatima - an group escorted pilgrimage with excursion to Eucharistic miracle of Santarém. The pilgrimage is 4nights, flying from Dublin from the 10th -14th of September 2025, cost is €799pps. Single room supplement €200. Spiritual **Director: Fr. Francis McCarthy** For further information please O'Mara contact Lily on 0863190742.