

# Parishes of Narraghtmore & Moone *The Faith Communities of:*



*Ballymount. Crookstown. Kilmead & Moone*

**Parish Bulletin - 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 13th July 2025**

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## 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



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### Are You Being Called To The Priesthood?

If you would like to find out more about being a Diocesan Priest in Dublin today. Contact Fr, Seamus McEntee. Director of Vocations to the priesthood. Email [vocations@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:vocations@dublindiocese.ie) or Bill O Shaughnessy: Assistant Vocations Director. Email: [Bill.oshaughnessy@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:Bill.oshaughnessy@dublindiocese.ie) or visit [dublindiocese.ie/vocations](http://dublindiocese.ie/vocations)

## Holy Hour Crookstown

**Holy Hour takes place every Tuesday evening in Ss. Mary and Laurence**



**Church Crookstown from 7pm-8pm. All are welcome.**

**The Summer Dues appeal has become an important appeal in helping to return the Common Fund to a healthy position, which is supporting priests in parishes, and sick and retired priests throughout the Archdiocese. We express our gratitude for your continued support and contributions that sustain us daily. If you wish to contribute you can drop an envelope with your donation with your name and phone number the parish office. Thank you.**

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**Summer Dues**  
 Thank you for supporting your priests



## INTENTIONS SATURDAY & SUNDAY

### Recently Deceased:

Jack Fleming

### CROOKSTOWN 7PM

Kathleen Ann Leigh - Baronsland (Rem)

Nuala Doyle (A)

Stephen Barrett (6<sup>th</sup> A)

Margaret Blanchfield (A)

Winifred, Mick & Christy Delaney - Ballitore Hill whose anniversaries occur at this time

Gertie Doyle - Mullaghmast (A)

James & Kathleen Haslam (A)

### BALLYMOUNT 8:30AM

Mary Whelan - Calverstown Little (A)

### KILMEAD 10:30AM

Recently Deceased: Jack Fleming

### MOONE 12:00NOON

Mary & Michael McCarthy (A)

**Dublin Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from September 4 to September 9, led by Archbishop Farrell: We are still accepting applications to travel with our Assisted Pilgrim Section. Please request an Assisted Pilgrim Application Form and/or further information from Lourdes Pilgrimage Office on 018087555 or [info@lourdes.dublindiocese.ie](http://info@lourdes.dublindiocese.ie).**

## Catechetical Corner— The Good Samaritan - who is our Neighbour?

When we meditate on the parables of the gospel, which is an opportunity to change perspective and open ourselves to hope. For the lack of hope, at times is due to the fact that we fixate on the certain rigid and closed way of seeing things and a nice reminder is that parables help us to look at them in another way.

Today I would like to talk to you about an expert, knowledgeable person, a doctor of the Law, who however needs to change his perspective, because he is concentrated on himself and does not notice others (cf. *Lk 10:25-37*). Indeed, he questions Jesus on the way in which eternal life is “inherited”, using an expression that intends it as an unequivocal right. But behind this question perhaps it is precisely the need for attention that is concealed: the only word he asks Jesus to explain is the term “neighbour”, which literally means *he who is near*.

Jesus therefore tells a parable that is a path for transforming that question, to pass from *who loves me?* to *who has loved?* The first is an immature question, the second is the question of an adult who has understood the meaning of his life. The first question is the one we ask when we sit in the corner and wait, the second is the one that drives us to set out on the path. The parable that Jesus tells has, in fact, a road as its setting, and it is a difficult and impervious road, like life. It is the road travelled by a man going down from Jerusalem, the city on the mountain, to Jericho, the city below sea level. It is an image that already foreshadows what might happen: it happens that the man is attacked, beaten, robbed and left half dead. It is the experience that happens when situations, people, sometimes even those we have trusted, take everything from us and leave us in the middle of the road. However, life is made up of encounters, and in these encounters, we emerge for what we are. We find ourselves in front of others, faced with their fragility and weakness, and we can decide what to do: to take care of them or pretend nothing is wrong. A priest and a Levite go down that same road. They are people who serve in the Temple of Jerusalem, who live in the sacred space. And yet, the practice of worship does not automatically lead to being compassionate. Indeed, before being a religious matter, compassion is a question of humanity! Before being believers, we are called to be human. We can imagine that, after staying a long time in Jerusalem, that priest and that Levite are in a hurry to return home. It is indeed haste, so present in our lives, that very often prevents us from feeling compassion. Those who think that their own journey must take precedence are not willing to stop for another. But here comes someone who is actually able to stop: he is a Samaritan, hence a person belonging to a despised people (cf. *2 Kings 17*). In his case, the text does not specify the direction, but only says that he was travelling. Religiosity does not enter into this. This Samaritan simply stops because he is a man faced with another man in need of help. Compassion is expressed through practical gestures. The Evangelist Luke ponders the actions of the Samaritan, whom we call “good”, but in the text he is simply a person: a Samaritan approaches, because if you want to help someone, you cannot think of keeping your distance, you have to get involved, get dirty, perhaps be contaminated; he binds the wounds after cleaning them with oil and wine; he loads him onto his horse, taking on the burden, because one who truly helps if one is willing to feel the weight of the other’s pain; he takes him to an inn where he spends money, “two silver coins”, more or less two days of work; and he undertakes to return and eventually pay more, because the other is not a package to deliver, but someone to care for. When will we too be capable of interrupting our journey and having compassion?

When we understand that the wounded man in the street represents each one of us. And then the memory of all the times that Jesus stopped to take care of us will make us more capable of compassion. Let us pray, then, that we can grow in humanity, so that our relationships may be truer and richer in compassion. Let us ask the Heart of Jesus for the grace increasingly to have the same feelings as him. *(Excerpts from Pope Leo XVI Reflection on The Good Samaritan)*

### National Grandparents Pilgrimage 2025 - Knock Shrine

Celebrating the world day for Grandparents & the Elderly. Theme: ‘Blessed are those who have not lost hope.’ (cf. Sir 4,2) Takes place on Sunday 27th July 2025 in Knock. Anointing of the Sick at 2:30pm, Holy Sacrament of Mass at 3pm. Chief Celebrant Archbishop Francis Duffy. Choirs and music by director Una Nolan. Special guest Dana Rosemay Scallon. Rosary Procession (weather permitting) . Children’s prayer appeal inviting all children to write a prayer for their Grandparents, bring it on the day or send it to knock shrine. Info at: [www.knockshrine.ie](http://www.knockshrine.ie)



### Pilgrimage to Fatima

Pilgrimage to Fatima - an escorted group pilgrimage with excursion to Eucharistic miracle of Santarém.

The pilgrimage is 4 nights, 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 contact Lily O’Mara on 0863190742.