

The Faith Communities of:



Ballymount, Crookstown, Kilmead & Moone

Parish Bulletin - 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 13th/14th 2022

MASS INTENTIONS SATURDAY & SUNDAY

CROOKSTOWN 7PM - Rasa Anantharajah (A) Nan O'Connor - Narraghmore (A), Jim Flood - Fontstown Cross (A), Maureen O'Gorman (5th A), Margaret O'Gorman (A) John O'Halloran, Recently deceased: Johnny Hickey

BALLYMOUNT 8.30AM - Deceased members of O'Neill family Killinane. Recently deceased: Johnny Hickey

KILMEAD 10.30AM - Tony Kelly (1st A) Carmel Clarke (2nd A), Jim Flood - Fontstown Cross (A), Recently deceased - Johnny Hickey

MOONE 12 noon - Michael Kelly - Grangenolvin (25th A) and deceased members of the Kelly and Doyle families Fabian Doyle (A) and deceased members of the Doyle family, Paddy Byrne - Commonstown (A), Recently deceased: Johnny Hickey

CROOKSTOWN: Wed & Fri 9.30am - Donor's Intentions.

MOONE TUESDAY 10AM - Returning in September

PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

Lord Jesus, you have chosen your priests from among us and sent them out to proclaim your word and to act in your name. For so great a gift to your Church, we give you praise and thanksgiving.

We ask you to fill them with the fire of your love, that their ministry may reveal your presence in the Church. Since they are earthen vessels, we pray that your power shine out through their weakness. In their afflictions let them never be crushed; in their doubts never despair; in temptation never be destroyed; in persecution never abandoned. Inspire them through prayer to live each day the mystery of your dying and rising. In times of weakness send them your Spirit, and help them to praise your heavenly Father and pray for poor sinners.

By the same Holy Spirit put your words on their lips and your love in their hearts, to bring good news to the poor and healing to the brokenhearted. And may the gift of Mary your mother, to the disciple whom you loved, be your gift to every priest. Grant that she who formed you in her human image, may form them in your divine image, by the power of your Spirit, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

ARCHBISHOP FARRELL'S MESSAGE ON THE RETIREMENT OF BROTHER KEVIN



Archbishop Dermot Farrell sent his congratulations to Brother Kevin Crowley OFMCap this week. Brother Kevin is retiring from the Capuchin Day Centre. Archbishop Farrell said:

I congratulate Brother Kevin as he retires from the Capuchin Day Centre, where he devoted his life to the service of the poor. His work with its staff and volunteers transformed the lives of those who availed of the services at the centre, from misery and despair to hope and love. One can only marvel at the many people he personally served. He was able to see Christ in the people he met. His was a love that reached out.

As Brother Kevin retires, we should

remember the poor we still have with us, in ever greater numbers because of wars, famine, drug and alcohol addiction. Today we ask the Lord to help us to work towards an alleviation of poverty, to have compassion for those who are experiencing Calvary and sorrow for our own self-indulgence.

Thank you, Brother Kevin, for showing us how to walk in the footsteps of St Francis of Assisi. I wish you every blessing in your long overdue retirement.

MASS IN GRATEFUL APPRECIATION

On Sunday August 28th, the 8:30am Mass in St Joseph's Church in Ballymount will offered in grateful recognition and appreciation for the dedicated service over many years of the late Shiela Heydon-Hughes and the late Margaret Ryan.

After mass, two trees will be planted in the grounds of the Church in memory of them and there will be light refreshments served.

Everyone is welcome.

NATIONAL NOVENA AT KNOCK

The National Novena to Our Lady of Knock will take place from **Sun August 14th, to Mon August 22nd**, offering 9 days of reflection, prayer in the unique and sacred space of Knock Shrine. Ceremonies will take place at 3pm and 8pm in the Basilica. The theme is 'A JOURNEY IN HOPE'. Information and the programme of events, available on our parish Website in the Notices Section.

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY - MONDAY, AUGUST 15TH

MASS TIMES:

CROOKSTOWN - 9:30AM

KILMEAD - 10AM

MOONE - 11AM

ATHY - 9:30AM & 7:30PM

PARISH LOTTO JULY WINNERS:

The following each won €20:

Grace Lawler
Sheamus Byrne
Maura Daly
Mary McLaughlin
M. Sweeney

Congratulations to them all.

If you would like to have a bit of fun while supporting the parish consider playing the parish lotto.

Contact the parish office for further details.

NEXT MONTH'S JACKPOT IS €2,000.



OUR LADY'S ISLAND PILGRIMAGE FROM MOONE PARISH

will take place on Monday 15th August, the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The bus will leave from Moone Church car park after 11am Mass in Moone Church. You don't have

to be from Moone to come along, everyone is welcome.

Thanks to an anonymous donation the cost of the bus will be €10.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE - If you would like to book a seat please contact Mary O'Neill 087 7683386, Sheila Farrell 087 9591409.

A PRAYER FOR THOSE WHO LIVE ALONE

I live alone, dear Lord, stay by my side
In all my daily needs be thou my guide.
Grant me good health, for that indeed, I

pray

To carry on my work from day to day.
Keep pure my mind, my thoughts, my every deed

Let me be kind, unselfish in my neighbours need.

Spare me from fire, from flood, malicious tongues

From thieves, from fear and evil ones.
If sickness or an accident befall
Then humbly, Lord I pray hear thou my call.

And when I'm feeling low, or in despair,
Lift up my heart and help me in my prayer.

I live alone, dear Lord, yet have no fear,
Because I feel your presence ever near.

DEFIBRILLATOR FOR CROOKSTOWN CHURCH

It has become apparent that a Defibrillator is required for Crookstown Church. We would be very grateful for any donations to support the purchase and installation. If you would like to donate to this worthy cause, that may save a life, please see Lily in the Post Office or Ber in the Parish Office. Many thanks for your ongoing support.

THANK YOU



We are deeply grateful and humbled by the great generosity of all those who have contributed to the installation of the defibrillator in Crookstown Church. Every donation, no matter the amount, is greatly appreciated. Thanks to Brian and the Narraghmore Whist for their very generous donation of €500.

CATECHETICAL CORNER - THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

On November 1st, 1950, Pope Pius XII, issued a document entitled: "The most bountiful GOD", or in Latin: Munificentissimus Deus. The purpose of this document was to solemnly define a long held belief and tradition in the Church, that of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, body and soul, into heaven. The document of Vatican II on the Church called Lumen Gentium states the following: "...the Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all guilt of original sin, on the completion of her earthly sojourn, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, and exalted by the Lord as Queen of the universe, that she might be the more fully conformed to her Son, the Lord of lords and the conqueror of sin and death." (Lumen Gentium LG 966). So if the document of Pope Pius XII was written in 1950 and Lumen Gentium was written in 1964, does that mean that the Church only then came along the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and if so why and where is the evidence for it? The Assumption was a tradition handed down through the ages. In addition there is scriptural evidence for it also. If we look at the book of Apocalypse (Revelation) we see in chapter 12: 1. "Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman, robed with the sun, standing on the moon, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.." So why is this significant? Because if we look earlier in the book of Apocalypse, in chapter 6:9. "I saw underneath the altar the souls of all the people who had been killed on account of the Word of God ..." So in the first instance we have a woman with a body because she is standing on the moon and has a crown on her head, but earlier we see that those who are in heaven, are present just in their souls. Why? Because the resurrection of the body has not yet taken place. Mary, by virtue of the merits of her Son was assumed body and soul into heaven, prefiguring the resurrection of the Body for all other Christians: "The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin is a singular participation in her Son's Resurrection and an anticipation of the resurrection of other Christians..." (LG 966).

What the document of Pope Pius XII did was to formalize this long held belief in the Church and give it the proper status it deserves namely that of Dogma - a divinely revealed truth of the faith. "In giving birth you kept your virginity; in your Dormition (sleep/Assumption) you did not leave the world, O Mother of God, but were joined to the source of Life. You conceived the living God and, by your prayers, will deliver our souls from death....she is our Mother in the order of grace."

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 or cancellation without notice.

MOST BLESSED TRINITY MOONE:

Sunday 12noon. Holy Day: 11am

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FEAST DAY'S THIS WEEK

MONDAY: Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Solemnity

TUESDAY:

St Stephen of Hungary - Op. Memorial

WEDNESDAY: Our Lady of Knock - Memorial

THURSDAY:

FRIDAY: St John Eudes

Optional Memorial

SATURDAY:

St Bernard of Clairvaux - Memorial

Memorial of Blessed Virgin Mary

Optional Memorial

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I need to get my life together.

This weather has made me realise that I can't go to Hell!!!

