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CEMETERY MASSES 2024

Crookstown 8th June - 7pm

St. Michael's New 12th June - 7.30pm

Moone 16th June - 12noon

Kilberry 19th June - 7.30pm

Churchtown 20th June - 7.30pm

Barrowhouse 16th June - 9am

Kilmead 23rd June - 10.30am

St. Michael's Old 26th June - 7.30pm Fontstown 30th June - 3pm



"It is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead that they may be loosed from their sins." 2 Maccabees 12:46



We pray for all students who are sitting exams at the moment, and for all those who will sit their Leaving and Junior Certificates next week.

INTENTIONS SATURDAY & SUNDAY

CROOKSTOWN 7PM

Anne Carroll (A) John O'Neill – Ballitore (1st A) Margaret and Bill Mackey (A)

Kilmead 10:30am

Billy O'Brien -Burtown (A) Jimmy Kiernan (A)

MOONE 12:00NOON

Paddy Byrne -Sheriff Hill (A) and his brother Ned Special Intention -Leaving Cert Exams

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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the Word with Holy Communion

MOST BLESSED TRINITY MOONE:

Sunday 12noon. Holy Day: 11am

Catechetical Corner - Is there a Doctor in the house?

Health is big business. Many TV stations allocate air time and huge resources to healthy living and healthy eating programming. We have only to think of Operation Transformation on RTE or You Are What You Eat. The basic thrust of the programme; the clue is the name, you are what you eat. If you eat junk food you cannot expect to be healthy, you cannot exercise away a bad diet. That is a simple fact of life.

It is also a fact of the spiritual life. In the spiritual life there is even a name for it, it is called Theosis. Theosis is the process by which we become more like GOD, it is also known as: deification, divinization, participation, and divine [daughter]/sonship. It might even be called Holiness, which is not be confused with Piety or Reverence. Piety or Reverence are when we or another act with great care in the presence of GOD or in sacred or religious places. While both Piety and Reverence are gifts of the Holy Spirit and to be sought after and practiced, Theosis or Holiness is a different thing. We may see someone who is very devout in their prayer and the way they behave in the church, but does mean that they are holy? Not necessarily. Holiness is a different thing and is not easily defined but is easily recognised. When we are in the presence of a 'holy' person, we just know. There is a presence about them, there is a gentleness and joyfulness. There is a deep peace and prayerfulness, all of which are signs of Theosis.

We have been created, out of love by GOD to be in relationship with GOD. In fact it is more than relationship, it is communion. The Catechism puts it like this: "in a plan of sheer goodness freely created man to make him share in his own blessed life" (Catechism of the Catholic Church #1). This communion with GOD is sharing in the very life and nature of GOD. In another place the CCC says: The desire for God is written in the human heart, because man is created by God and for God; and God never ceases to draw man to himself. Only in God will he find the truth and happiness he never stops searching for. (CCC #27) It continues, quoting Vatican II: "The dignity of man rests above all on the fact that he is called to communion with God...For if man exists it is because God has created him through love, and through love continues to hold him in existence." (CCC #27 cf: Gaudium et Spes 19)

How are we to achieve this Theosis, this growing in communion with the Most Blessed Trinity? The Gospel gives us the answer: "...who [ever] eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him. As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me." (Jn.6: 56-57). This is the very essence of the Church, this is what it is all about, this is the big picture thatall our smaller actions, prayer, sacrifice, fasting etc..., are geared towards. Growing in communion with GOD and leading others into this communion is what he Church is for, everything else is, as it were, window dressing. This is accomplished through the sacraments, especially worthy reception of the Eucharist, which means regular reception of the Sacrament of reconciliation (Confession). Some 1700 years ago St Augustine put it like this: "Behold who you. Become what you receive." In other words, you are what you eat, or at least we are trying to allow the grace of GOD to make us so, because we cannot do it on our own.

Saint Kevin,

You were privileged to live in the Age of Saints, being baptized by one saint, taught by another and buried by a third. We celebrate your saintly and holy life. You lived a life filled with a wonderful reverence and awe of all living things. Let us imitate the respect and appreciation you showed toward life in all its forms, and to see the presence of God in all his Creations. Pray to God that He will raise up saints in our day to help, support and guide us into the Way of Salvation. Amen.

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