

The Faith Communities of:



Ballymount, Crookstown, Kilmead & Moone

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Building Hope Novena.

You are warmly invited to **join with every parish in the diocese in a Novena to the Holy Spirit** – our dedicated period of prayer, reflection and planning for the renewal of the Church in the Archdiocese of Dublin. The Novena will take place in the nine days from **12th – 20th May** beginning on the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord, through Pentecost and continuing to the Feast of Mary, Mother of the Church. A number of *Building Hope* Novena Prayer Cards are available at in our church and more resources are available at <https://dublindiocese.ie/novena-2024/>.



Rosary Rally

Join us on Saturday 4th May at 4pm at the Marian Shrine, Stanhope St., Athy, across from St. Michael's Church for our Rosary Rally, This will be one of 560 Rosary Rallies across the country.



INTENTIONS SATURDAY & SUNDAY

CROOKSTOWN 7PM

Kathleen Ann Leigh - Baronsland (Birthday Rem)
Michael Walsh (2nd A)
Paddy Foley - Back Moone (A)
Willie Fleming - Grangecon (2nd A)
Pat (Patrick) O'Connor - The Pub, Ballymore. (Month's Mind)
Patrick Buggle (A)

MOONE 12:00NOON

Marie Sayed Martin - Back Moone (A)
Laurence and Johanna O'Keeffe (A)
Bill Kenny - Ballinacarrig (A)
Paddy Kane - Moone (A)
Chris Kane - Moone (A) and his wife Nora

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

DIOCESAN CERTIFICATE IN CATECHESIS

The Dublin diocese are running a Diocesan Certificate in Catechesis, which will begin in September. The Certificate entails one Saturday a month from September to March. For more information www.dublindiocese.ie/missionandministerty, or Natasha Geoghegan details on details above.

To have your Mass intention included in the newsletter it must be received before Wednesday at 4pm. Intentions booked after this will still be included in the Mass and put on our parish website but will not be in the newsletter.

CATECHETICAL CORNER - Buzz Words

If you have been paying attention at all over the last couple of years in Church, you will have heard words like; Synod, Synodality, Building Hope, Co-responsibility, Co-ownership. While you may not know what it's all about, or indeed have any great interest, they are words and concepts that are going to impact us all in the not-too-distant future. Having said that, they are just 'Buzz-Words', that are trying to catch the meaning of concepts and ideas, that can be best summed in the simple phrase: "We are all in this together." This is our Church, we are the Church, all of the Baptised. And we now have to step up and take ownership of that fact.

Over the last two Sundays we have looked at Ordained/Professed Ministry and Lay Ministry. This week, we have the great commandment: "Love one another". It is no great surprise that the great commandment should follow on from our focus on Ministry, as Ministry, in whatever form, is rooted in love. Love that is poured into our hearts at Baptism, strengthened at Confirmation and nourished by the Eucharist and our prayer life. But what is love? According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC), quoting St Thomas Aquinas; *"To love is to will the good of another."* (CCC #1766). But what does it mean to *'will the good of another.'*? Is it sufficient to say, or think, or even pray: *"I hope everything works out for you."*? (cf. *Jas. 2:14-18*). Surely love must be active. A progression of the thought of Aquinas might be: *'To love is to actively seek the good of another.'* This is what Ministry is all about; actively seeking the good of another. Using our gifts and talents to bring about the good of another. To bring about the mission of the Church and to fulfil the command of Jesus to go out to the whole world.

In the near to medium future, we are facing a very different Church from the one we know today, never mind the Church of even just 20 years ago. In the near future, there will, most likely, be only one ordained priest in this area. In the near future we, the laity, are going to have to step up and take leadership in the Church. In the very near future, we are going to need a new vision of Church, a new vision of parish. The structures that have served us in the past are crumbling and we need to create new ones.

But if we rely on those who have been formed and trained in the existing structures, what is the likelihood of something new emerging? We need a new vision, created and implemented by people who care for the Church, who want to see the Church, not just surviving but thriving into the future. Do you care about the Church? Do you want to see your Church thrive in the future? Please consider being part of a new leadership team that we are looking to form. A leadership team that will create a new vision, and work to implement that vision.



Saint of the Week—St. John of Avila

Dear brothers and sisters, I pray God may open your eyes, and let you see what hidden treasures He bestows on us in the trials from which the world thinks only to flee.



Shame turns into honour when we seek God's glory.
Present affliction become the source of heavenly glory. To those who suffer wounds in fighting His battles, God opens His arms in loving, tender friendship.

That is why He (Christ) tells us, that if we want to join Him, we shall travel the way He took.
It is surely not right that the Son of God should go His way on the path of shame, while the sons of men walk the way of worldly honour: "The disciple is not above his teacher, nor the servant greater than his master."

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Our full, detailed risk assessment as well as a copy of this statement are available by scanning the QR code or by visiting the CSPS website

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 John Chrysostom

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