

Parishes of Narraghmore & Moone

The Faith Communities of:



Ballymount, Crookstown, Kilmead & Moone

Parish Bulletin - The Ascension of Our Lord - Ascension Sunday - 12th May 2024

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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. Closing date for registration is 31st May. 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.



Congratulations to Ellie, Lillian, Emily, Lyla, Edward, TJ, Jules, Nevin, Áine, Bryan, Aaryn, Tadhg G., Ben, Josh, Anthony, Bobby, Charlie, Donnacha, Róisín, Alex, Mia, Jake, Annabelle, Harry, Tadhg H., and Jack from Scoil Íde Naofa, Kilmead who received their First Holy Communion on Saturday 11th May. We pray for them and their families as they continue their faith journey with Jesus. May God continue to bless these young girls and boys this day and always.

Padre Pio's Glove

St. Pio's Glove will be in Fitzpatrick's House, Kilberry, Athy, Co. Kildare on Saturday 1st June 2024 from 11:00am - 5:00pm. Everyone welcome. For more information call Ann on 085 1696189.

INTENTIONS SATURDAY & SUNDAY

CROOKSTOWN 7PM

Marianne Lawlor - Wood Road (A)
James and Elizabeth Cassidy - Killeen
Ciss and Jim Cardiff - Boleybeg
Pauline Reid (2nd A)
Liam McLoughlin (M.M)
Birdie Martin (A)
Jim Hannon (6th A)
Christy and John King, Pat and Mollie King
J.J O'Neill Law
Pat and Celia Flynn
Lill Byrne
Christy and Elizabeth Kelly, John and Esther Kelly
Dan and Mary King
Dunne Family - Kildare
Jimmy Cahill
Maura Kelly, Dickie and Annette Kelly,
Paddy Joe Kelly
Andy O'Toole
Esther Dempsey Maher
Mary Leech
Fred Edghill
Joseph Dowling (Snr) - Ballybarney (A)
Monica Farrell (90th Birthday)

Kilmead 10:30am

Beth O'Shea (A)
Mary Pelin (1st A)
Rita Stafford (2nd A)

MOONE 12:00NOON

Elizabeth (Lil) Carton - Belan (A)
Eugene Byrne (A)
James and Bridget Moran (A)
Michael (Mick) Byrne (3rd A)

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

MOONE TUESDAY 10AM - Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

MOST BLESSED TRINITY MOONE: Sunday 12noon. Holy Day: 11am

Catechetical Corner - Queen of the May



The Queen of the May, also known as Bring Flowers of the Rarest, is one of the most popular Marian Hymns. It was written by Mary E Walsh, an American composer sometime before 1870 and is based on a traditional 13th century Catholic Hymn. As we all know, the hymn is about us bringing flowers to our Blessed Mother during the month of May, just when the early summer flowers are coming into bloom. Just as anyone would be happy to see their parent honoured, so too is Jesus pleased when we honour HIS mother in this way. After all she is our mother too. "This is your mother" (Jn.19:27) There is an old Latin adage that goes: 'Ad Jesum per Mariam - To Jesus through Mary'. This is Mary's role in salvation, to lead us to her Son and ultimately to the Father. The Son of God came into the world through Mary, Mary always wants to lead us closer and into deeper relationship with her Son. The first public miracle that Jesus worked at the wedding of Cana was done so at the request of Mary; "They have no wine..." (Jn.2:3)

The feast of the Ascension, which we celebrate today, makes sense only in the light of the feast of Pentecost, which we celebrate next week. "it is for your own good that I am going, because unless I go, the Paraclete will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you"(Jn.16:7) Pentecost is seen as the birthday of the Church, and the Monday after Pentecost is the feast of Mary, Mother of the Church: "After her Son's Ascension, Mary "aided the beginnings of the Church by her prayers." In her association with the apostles and several women, "we also see Mary by her prayers imploring the gift of the Spirit, who had already overshadowed her in the Annunciation." (Catechism of the Catholic Church [CCC] #965).

From the Annunciation right through to the Passion and death of her Son, Mary maintained a unique and unbroken connection to Jesus and so is uniquely placed to lead us to Him: Because of the way that she cooperated with the Saviour's work she is "mother to us in the order of grace" (CCC #968) "This mother hood of Mary...continues uninterruptedly from the consent which she loyally gave at the Annunciation and...sustained beneath the cross, until the eternal fulfillment of the elect. Taken up to heaven she did not lay aside this saving office but by her manifold intercession continues to bring us the gifts of eternal salvation... (CCC #969) Take a look at the Icon of Mary holding the Baby Jesus. The Infant is sitting on her left arm. Her right hand is pointing towards the Infant. She is almost presenting the Baby Jesus. Just as any mother would, she is saying; 'don't mind me, here is my beautiful child.'

The role of the Queen of the May is to watch over and protect us, to lead us safely home. In honouring Mary we honour her Son. As we 'bring flowers of the fairest' let us also take some time to be with our Blessed Mother and let her lead us closer to her Son, for true devotion to Mary will always lead us to a deeper relationship with Jesus.

Our Lady of Fatima - 13th May

O Most Holy Virgin Mary, Queen of the most holy Rosary, you were pleased to appear to the children of Fatima and reveal a glorious message. We implore you, inspire in our hearts a fervent love for the recitation of the Rosary. By meditating on the mysteries of the redemption that are recalled therein may we obtain the graces and virtues that we ask, through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer. Amen.

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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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