

Parishes of Narraghmore & Moone

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Ballymount, Crookstown, Kilmead & Moone

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Day for Life Sunday is celebrated annually with a special message by the Catholic Church across Ireland, Scotland, England and Wales. It is a day specifically dedicated to raising awareness and reflecting on the deep value and meaning of human life at every stage, and in every condition. On Sunday, June 16, the Church will mark Day for Life 2024 with a message on the theme: **The Lord is my shepherd – Compassion and Hope at the End of Life.**

This year's message reminds us that Jesus did not send the sick away, rather He showed that life always has dignity and that there is no such a thing as a useless life. Catholics are called to defend this gift of life to its natural end and to protect vulnerable citizens from a culture that could pressure them into assisted suicide. In this way, we are encouraged to support people with the companionship of a listening ear, appropriate treatment, and the best of care, so that their last days can be times of grace, intimacy and love.

INTENTIONS SATURDAY & SUNDAY

CROOKSTOWN 7PM

Nicholas Donovan – Burtown (A)
Gráinne Murphy (1st A)
Philip O'Halloran (A)
Agnes Donoghue – Grangecon (A) and her husband Michael
Matthew Leigh – Ballymount (A)
Sarah Swaine (A)
Annie (Nan)Ward (Birthday Rem)
Jer Farrell (M.M.)
Paddy and Cora O'Dwyer (Newbridge) (A)

BALLYMOUNT 8.30AM -

Bob Murphy - Calverstown (A)

Kilmead 10:30am

Joseph, Elizabeth, Kate and Billy Behan (A)
Mary Mc Donnell (A)
Sheila O'Neil (M.M)
Eileen and Mattie Bell (A)
Shirley Keogh (A)
Margaret Browne (M.M)

MOONE 12:00NOON

Cemetery Mass

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



CEMETERY MASSES 2024

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

CATECHETICAL CORNER – THE PROBLEM WITH SIN.

I recently had a conversation with a woman who said: *“There are very few mortal sins I’ve done in my life, and way too many venial sins. Are you a serial killer? Do you regularly beat your spouse? Well, maybe you do have a problem with frequent mortal sin. But most of us stick to the venial stuff - lose your temper, neglect prayer, ignore those who need help - or whatever is your weakness.”* Many of us would probably agree with her, *“I haven’t killed anyone”*. But if we set the bar at the level of serial killer and spouse beater then very few of us, thankfully, commit mortal sin. But if we honestly evaluate ourselves in light of the 10 Commandments, the Seven Deadly Sins or the Precepts of the Church, we might come up with a different view point. Do I use the name of the LORD in vain – *‘Oh my GOD’, ‘Jesus Mary & Joseph’ etc...)?* Do I neglect to keep Holy the LORD’s day? Do I put other things before GOD – TV, social media, Sport - not giving GOD priority in my life? Do I disrespect my parents, neglect to pray for them if they are dead? Have I ‘killed’ the good name of another person by gossip or talking about them, even if it’s true? Have I told lies - even simple white lies - bearing false witness? Have I looked at something that my neighbour has and thought, *“I’d like that”*? Am I greedy, gluttonous, slothful (*lazy both physically and in spiritual matters*), prideful, envious, do I bear anger/malice towards another person...even if they deserve it? Have I looked at another person in a lustful manner? Or are there other sins against purity?

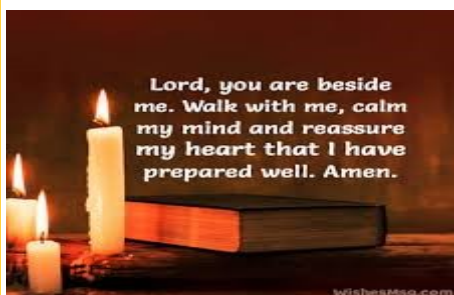
To say that we have no mortal sin in our lives, is, I think, to be unaware of the true condition of our soul. A regular examination of conscience, using the Decalogue (10 Commandments), the Seven Deadly Sins and the Precepts of the Church, as reference points, is a good way to honestly evaluate our need for forgiveness. If we have no sin, we have no need of a saviour. Having a chat about sin in my life with a priest in confession, rather than bringing my laundry list of sins to be cleansed, and asking for his help in understanding where I am, can also be very helpful.

The problem with sin is, it causes us to turn our back on GOD. Our sin puts a rift between us and GOD. Just as we read in the story of Adam and Eve. Because of their sin, Adam and Eve tried to hide from GOD. But the good news is, GOD came looking for them. Despite our sin, GOD still loves us and still comes looking for us, not to leave us in our sin, but to heal us and restore us, through Sacramental Confession, and so bring us into an even deeper relationship with Him. The first step is awareness of our need for forgiveness and a firm desire to start over. For every problem there is a solution, even the problem of sin.

Prayer to St Aloysius Gonzaga:

Dear Christian Youth, you were a faithful follower of Christ in the Society of Jesus. You Steadily strove for perfection while generously serving the plague-stricken. Help our youth today, who are faced with their own afflictions. Show them how to harness their energies and to use them for their own and others fulfilment which will redound to the greater glory of God.

Saint Aloysius Gonzaga - Pray for us.



We pray for all students who are sitting their Leaving and Junior Certificate exams. Prayer cards for exams are available in the Church. An Intention book in which to place your intentions is available. Your intentions will be prayed for at Mass.

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