

# Parishes of Narraghmore & Moone

*The Faith Communities of:*



*Ballymount, Crookstown, Kilmead & Moone*

**Parish Bulletin - 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Sunday 18th August 2024**

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**INTENTIONS SATURDAY & SUNDAY**

**RECENTLY DECEASED**  
Margaret 'Peg' Cahill

**CROOKSTOWN 7PM**  
John Morgan (A)  
Daniel (Dano) Mackey (1<sup>st</sup>A)  
Maureen O'Gorman (A)  
Margaret O'Gorman (A)  
Rasa Anantharajah (6<sup>th</sup>A)  
Patrick Mackey - Ballitore Hill (1<sup>st</sup>A)  
Mairead Corrigan (A)  
Claire Fitzgerald (5<sup>th</sup>A)  
Frank Keogh - Lipstown (A)

**Kilmead 10:30am**  
Stephen Davis (M.M.)  
Tony Kelly (A)

**MOONE 12:00NOON**  
Patsy Lawler and his son Eugene (A)  
Helen Clynch (1<sup>st</sup>A)  
Mike (Gandy) Doyle - Timolin (A)

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**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

**Petitions to Our Lady of Lourdes**

Fr. Francis will be leading an upcoming pilgrimage to Lourdes. If you wish for your petition to be brought to Lourdes with Fr. Francis, please drop your petition in an envelope into the parish office in Crookstown.



**AUGUST 24**  
**FAN THE SPARK**  
Young Adult (18-40)  
Catholic Conference

**RUTH O'CONNELL**  
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**FR VINCENT STAPLETON**  
Thurles Parish

**LUKE MCCANN**  
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Catechetical Corner - The Language of Love.

“This mystery [the mystery of faith], then, requires that the faithful believe in it, that they celebrate it, and that they live from it in a vital and personal relationship with the living and true God. This relationship is prayer.” Catechism of the Catholic Church. What is prayer? This is the question that the Catechism of the Catholic Church asks in #2558, the beginning of the section devoted totally to Prayer in the Christian Life. Thankfully, it goes on to answer it, in the first instance by quoting St Therese of Lisieux - The Little Flower: “For me, prayer is a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy.” A surge of the heart...a cry of recognition and love. What a beautiful way to speak of prayer, speaking of it in very intimate terms. Prayer, as a relationship between two people who know and love each other, the language is almost poetic.

The other definition of prayer, that we may be more familiar with, is from St John Damascene: “Prayer is the raising of one’s mind and heart to GOD or the requesting of good things from GOD”. Again, it is the language of love: raising the heart to GOD. Indeed, the Scriptures speak of prayer often, occasionally in terms of soul or spirit but in over 1,000 instances it is the heart that prays. (CCC #2562) The same paragraph continues: “If our heart is not engaged, if our heart is far from GOD, the words of prayer are in vain”. It couldn’t be any clearer, prayer is an action of the heart, the words and/or gestures are secondary to the disposition of the heart. The Catechism begins the section on prayer by acknowledging that Prayer is GOD’s gift. Indeed the preface of the mass says: “You have no need of our praise, yet our desire to thank You is itself Your gift”. (Preface IV for Weekdays in Ordinary Time). Quoting from John’s Gospel the CCC goes on: “if you knew what GOD was offering...” And what is GOD offering? “living water...that will become a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” (Jn. 4.)

But even in this, GOD has not left us to our own devices, for when we cannot pray or do not know how, so long as we have that “surge of the heart...” or we turn our “mind and heart to GOD...” “then the Spirit personally makes our petitions for us...” Rom. 8:26. Prayer is the language of love between us and the Father whom we know loves us because HE gave HIS only Son to die for us while we were still sinners. Rom. 5:8.

Prayer to Saint Pius X

*Pope Saint Pius X, at your core, you were a pastor and a shepherd of souls who loved the poor and desired all people to come to know Christ. Pray for me, that I may be used by God for great things, by doing every small thing with great love. Pray for our Holy Father, the Roman Curia, all clergy and religious, and the entire Church. Pray also for the poor and abandoned, those without faith, and those newly converted. May your prayers win many souls for God, just as your actions did while you served Him on earth. Pope Saint Pius X, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You.*

**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

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