

Parishes of Narraghmore & Moone

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Ballymount, Crookstown, Kilmead & Moone

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MASS TIMES

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

Moone Parish Christmas Draw

Moone Parish Christmas Draw
will take place on Sunday 1st
December after 12noon Mass.
There will also be a cake sale
on the day. Once again, Thank
you for your generosity.

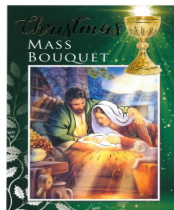
Advent Prayer Evening An
Advent
Prayer Evening Prayer will
take place in Crookstown
Church on Wednesday 4th
December @7:30pm. All are
welcome



Advent

Christmas Mass Bouquet

Christmas Mass Bouquets will be
available from Crookstown
Parish Office from Monday 2nd
December.



INTENTIONS SATURDAY & SUNDAY

CROOKSTOWN 7PM
Oliver Callaghan (1stA)

MOONE 12:00NOON
Colette English (A)
Special Intention
Baby Ailbhe & baby Olva who were
buried in Moone cemetery on
Wednesday

Healing Mass And Eucharistic Healing Blessing

Healing Mass and Eucharistic Healing
Blessing will take place in Ss. Mary &
Laurence's Church Crookstown on
Thursday 12th of December @7pm
with Celebrant Fr. John Keane. All are
welcome

Bambinelli Blessing

A beautiful advent tradition, Bambinelli
Sunday, was Instituted by Saint Pope
John Paul II during his papacy. The
Tradition follows that on Gaudete
Sunday 3rd Sunday of Advent, children
and adults bring their baby Jesus Figures
from their cribs at home to be blessed.
At all Masses on the 14th/15th
December we ask your to bring your
baby Jesus figure for a special blessing,
then bring it home place it in a gift box or
wrap it and open it up on Christmas
morning and place it in your crib at
home.

Lectio Divina for Advent.

Journey through Advent with Scripture. Lectio Divina will begin on Wednesday 4th of December after Mass and Rosary. For more information contact Natasha Geoghegan on 0876730300. All are welcome

Advent Prayer

Heavenly Father, Advent is a time for remembering and reflecting on the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Father, I pray that you will turn our hearts toward you as Christmas approaches to celebrate the gifts of hope, peace, joy, love, that you sent to us on that first Christmas.

Father God, every word in scripture points to the gift of hope that we have because of Christ Jesus. The Christmas story wasn't the beginning of that message of hope because the Old Testament is full of glimpses of your plan to redeem your people and restore them into a relationship with you, but we are able to truly begin to see and understand just how great your love for us is when we read the story of Jesus' birth in scripture.

Help us to see that you are with us. Jesus came to give us the gift of eternal life through the salvation that only you, our Heavenly Father, can give when we believe in your Son, repent of our sins, and confess Jesus as our Lord and Savior.

That first Christmas, you gave us the gift of hope wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger. Thank you, Father, for your immeasurable gift. In Jesus' precious name, we pray. Amen.

Holy Communion for the sick and housebound:

Communion for the Sick or Housebound. If you would like to have Holy Communion brought to a family member or friend who may be sick or housebound, please contact one of the priests or the Parish Office. Holy Communion can only be brought by a priest or a commissioned minister of the Eucharist and a Pyx, which has been blessed, is the only means by which the Sacred Host can be carried. Out of respect for the Sacred Host, Holy Communion should never be taken home in a piece of tissue or an envelope.

CATECHETICAL CORNER – "I'M RAGING..."

The days are getting shorter and shorter, the nights are longer and darker. In this part of the world and at this time of the year it can almost feel like the world is closing in on us. And yet all it takes to lift the dark on the darkest of nights is a single light or candle. It doesn't even have to be that strong.

In Advent we, to quote Dylan Thomas, "...rage against the dying of the light." We start our raging by lighting a single candle on the Advent Wreath. Our first candle is associated with Hope.

As we begin the Churches' new year it is appropriate that the first candle is that of Hope, especially this year, for Pope Francis has declared this a Jubilee Year on the theme of Hope. And as our world darkens both physically and metaphorically we need Hope.

So what is a Jubilee? A Jubilee is intended to call us back into a closer relationship with GOD. Quoting the prophet Isaiah, the Gospel of Luke describes Jesus' mission in this way: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord," (Luke 4:18-19; cf. Isaiah 61:1-2).

The characteristics of the Jubilee are, where possible: 1. Making pilgrimage: The pilgrimage can be physical, actually going somewhere; but pilgrimage is characterised by prayer and conversion so it can happen at home. 2. Visiting the Holy Door: The Jubilee Year is officially launched when the Pope opens the Holy Door in the Basilica of St John Lateran. 3. Reconciliation: being reconciled with GOD, with others and with ourselves. 4. Prayer: There are many reasons and ways to pray, but at the root of prayer is always the desire to be open to God's presence and His offer of love. It is the Spirit of the Son that calls the Christian community to prayer and allows for each person to return to the Father. 5. Liturgy: Participating more often and more fully in the Liturgical life of the Church. This may require some effort on our part to learn more about the Liturgical and Sacramental life of the Church. 6. Profession of Faith: "To say the Creed with faith is to enter into communion with God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and also with the whole Church which transmits the faith to us and in whose midst, we believe" (CCC 197). 7. Indulgence: There is an indulgence associated with the Jubilee. The Jubilee Indulgence is a concrete manifestation of God's mercy... To gain the indulgence we should, if our means and health allow, fulfil the characteristics of the Jubilee. Advent is a season of Hope on the cusp of a year dedicated to Hope. The Jubilee along with Advent calls us to Rage against the darkness with light and against despair with hope. I'm raging, are you?

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