

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:

ONLINE ADVENT RETREAT

The Priory Institute is delighted to offer a free-of-charge online retreat, "Keeping Vigil for the Vulnerable God". Four recorded presentations will become available over the four Sundays of Advent, so on the first Sunday there will be access to one recording and on the second Sunday access to two recordings and so on. Participants can download the Gospels, watch the films whenever suits them, and revisit films they have already viewed, so people can register at any time during Advent. Visit www.prioryinstitute.com to register/find out more.

Moone Parish Christmas Draw

Tickets for the Moone Parish Christmas Draw are available from sellers at the entrance to Moone Church as well as from the Parish Office. Tickets are only €2 each or 6 for €10. All proceeds go to the day to day running costs of Moone Church. Thank you for your generosity.

Joseph Gorman - Album Launch

Joseph Gorman is launching his album 'The Modern Irish Ballad' on Sunday 24th November at 8pm in the Clanard Court Hotel, Athy, with an amazing supporting act Aireán. It is a FREE ticketed event. Tickets can be collected at the Clanard Court Hotel Reception.

INTENTIONS SATURDAY & SUNDAY

CROOKSTOWN 7PM

Ken Waters (25th A)
Thomas Byrne-Blackhall (A)
Ann Doran-Inchaquire (A)
Declan Wall (A)
Margaret Callaghan-Mullaghmast (A)

Kilmead 10:30am

Phyllis and Johnny Bell (A)
Timothy and Johanna Bucke (A)
and their son Henry (2ndA)
Maureen Kelly (Months Mind)
Roseanne Donovan (A)

MOONE 12:00NOON

Esther Kelly(A)
John Brien (A)
Seán Scally-Sheriff Hill (A)
Seamus Clynch (1stA)
James Kelly-Sheriff Hill(A) and his
Brother Pat (recently deceased in
London)
Patrick Tomlinson(A)

ANNUAL MASS FOR DECEASED OF OUR PARISHES

Those who died in the Parish since last
November will be Remembered;

Athy, Monday 18th November @7:30pm

Moone, Wednesday 20th November @7:30pm

Crookstown, Thursday 21st November
@7:30pm

Kilmead, Friday 22nd of November @7:30pm

Prayer to St. Columban

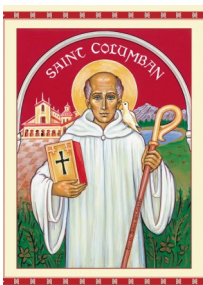
Oh Blessed Columban, who in your zeal to follow Christ left your homeland as a wanderer and spent your life in suffering and exile.

Help and protect, we humbly ask you, the missionaries of our day who have devoted their lives to preaching the Gospel throughout the world.

Obtain for them, we ask you, that same wisdom and fortitude by which you overcame the dangers, which beset your path.

Assist and protect us dear St Columban to live for God's glory, that when our pilgrimage is over, we may share with you in the joy of our heavenly home, through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



Catechetical Corner - "The End is Nigh"

Next Sunday November 24th week we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King, commonly called the Feast of Christ the King. It is the last Sunday in the Church's liturgical year, the following Sunday being the first Sunday of Advent, is the beginning of a new liturgical year. At this time of year the readings at Holy Mass can all seem quite scary and a little bit daunting. They are all about the end times and the terrible suffering that is supposed to take place.

The prophet Malachi tells that there is a terrible day coming, 'burning like a furnace'. The Gospel tells us that there will be wars, revolutions, disasters, earthquakes and how we, the followers of Jesus, are to be "seized and persecuted" and are to be "betrayed even by parents and brothers, relations and friends..." That all seems quite scary. And indeed if that is our focus, then it is scary and we should be very worried. But, if we keep our focus on GOD "Like the eyes of a slave on the hand of her master" (Ps. 123:2) we have nothing to worry about. Again Malachi tells us that on those who fear the name of GOD the son of righteousness will shine. The Gospel reaffirms that "not a hair on your head will be lost."

We are being called to have faith. To trust GOD that HE will be faithful to HIS promise to us. Faith is hard, especially in the face of adversity, when there is war and so much suffering. Some will say that "faith is a gift and I just don't have it." And that is true, faith is a gift given by GOD, which we were all given at our baptism. And while faith is a gift it is also a virtue, one of the three great gifts Faith, Hope and Charity/love (see 1 Cor. 13), and as such, it requires nurturing. If we don't nurture something it dies. Virtues are no different, the law of atrophy applies. What does that mean? Well put quite simply: "Use it or lose it." If we don't foster, practice and use the virtues we will lose them, they will become swallowed up by whatever it is that we do practice; doubt, fear, selfishness. Think about it for a moment. If you are a person of Faith, then say things like: "I trust GOD, everything will be ok." If you are a person of Charity/Love, then practice that love towards others. St James says: "that faith without good works is quite dead." Practice Faith, practice Hope, practice Charity. If we do not practice them, then, just like our physical muscles, by the scientific law of atrophy, we will lose them.

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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