

# Parishes of Narraghmore & Moone

*The Faith Communities of:*



*Ballymount, Crookstown, Kilmead & Moone*

## Parish Bulletin - 2nd Sunday of Advent - 8th December 2024

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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

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

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

### Moone Parish Christmas Draw

#### Prize Winners

**John Delaney, Michael McNamara, Josephine Leigh, Fergal Dunne, Edward & Mick Behan, Caroline & Bryan O'Neill, Cathal Kinsella, Jean Carey, Mary Keogh, Ellen Nolan, John Dowling, Dolores Corcoran, George Byrne.** We thank all our parishioners for their continued support.

### 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 you 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.

### 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

### INTENTIONS SATURDAY & SUNDAY

**Recently Deceased:** Kathleen Meaney, Margaret (Daisy) Connell, John Donovan and Esther Hickey

### CROOKSTOWN 7PM

James (Jimmy) Lawlor (M.M)  
John, Peter and Oliver Cullen (A)  
Frank Browne (A)  
Patricia Brady (3<sup>rd</sup> A)  
Joseph Dowling (Jnr) (A)  
Bridget Dowling - Ballybarney (2<sup>nd</sup> A)

### Ballymount 8:30am

Michael Kelly - Ballymount (A)

### Kilmead 10:30am

Louise Flood (A)  
Joanne Delahunt (1<sup>st</sup> A)  
Emmet Corcoran (A)  
Vinnie Robinson (A),  
John Robinson (A)  
Mary Robinson (A)  
Leeia Scully (4<sup>th</sup> A)

### MOONE 12:00NOON

James and Bridget Wall - Calverstown Lodge (A)  
Anne Whelan - Simonstown (A)  
Oliver and Evelyn Kelly  
Ellen Lennon  
Mary, Vera and Hugh Kirwan  
Bridget, May and Pat Farnan  
Christy Kelly, Margaret Green  
Evelyn Brennan & John Cullen

Mass for the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be Celebrated on Monday 9th December at 7pm in Ss. Mary & Laurence Church Crookstown.

### Lectio Divina for Advent.

**Lectio Divina will not take place this Wednesday 11th Dec. after mass in Crookstown. If you like to reflect on the readings of the 3rd Sunday of Advent. Leaflets will be available at the back of the Church.**

### A CHRISTMAS LETTER FROM JESUS

When you look for me at Christmas, you won't need a special star. I'm no longer just in Bethlehem, I'm right here where you are.

You may not be aware of me, amid the celebrations. You'll have to look beyond the stress, and all the decorations.

But if you take a moment, from the list of things you have to do. To close your eyes and say a prayer, I'm waiting here for you.

You're the one I want to be with, you're the reason that I came. You'll find me in the stillness, where I'm whispering your name.

### Children's Liturgy Christmas Eve.

**Our Christmas Eve Children's Liturgy, will be at 5pm in Ss. Mary & Laurence's Church, Crookstown. We are inviting you and your family to this liturgy. If your son or daughter would like to read or be involved in this liturgy. Please contact Natasha Geoghegan on 0876730300. At this service we always sing happy birthday to Jesus so if you like to make Jesus a happy birthday card, please bring it to the Church with you on the night. Looking forward to seeing you there.**



### Catechetical Corner – Advent...times 3

We have probably all heard many times that the word 'Advent' means coming or arrival. And we are probably also aware that the Advent Season, it is not Christmas yet, is a time of preparing for the celebration of the birth of Jesus. But we might not be aware that when we talk of Advent, and the coming of Christ, we are, in fact, referring to three comings of Christ.

The first Advent of Christ is His birth which we celebrate in at Christmas time. Christmas time is the liturgical season that runs from Christmas Day up to the feast of the Epiphany on January 6th. This great event, the Incarnation is also remembered each day when we pray the Angelus. Traditionally the Angelus is prayed three times each day at 6am, noon and 6pm and it recalls the Annunciations to Mary and the Birth of our Lord.

The second Advent of Christ, is what we call the Second Coming at the end of time, this is called the 'Escathon', the Greek word meaning the end. We look forward to, and indeed our whole life should be one long Advent Season, preparing for the coming of Christ. The end of all things, the Escathon, is properly understood, not as the case of Christ returning to a world from which he departed when He ascended to Heaven. Rather, it is the case of Christ becoming visible to a world in which He has been present but unseen since the Ascension. The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC), put's it like this: "When the Church celebrates the liturgy of Advent each year, she makes present this ancient expectancy of the Messiah, for by sharing in the long preparation for the Saviour's first coming, the faithful renew their ardent desire for his second coming..." (CCC # 524) The third Advent of Christ is the coming of Christ in the Sacramental and ordinary life of the Church and of the individual Christian. In many ways this is the Advent of Christ over which we have some control. At Baptism we receive all that is needed to live the life of Grace, to live a life untied to Christ. Grace is a free gift and as such we are free to respond to that gift or not. The grace, the gift, remains in us, but it can be that it is like an un-opened and un-used gift.

The liturgical season of Advent is a time for us to relook at the grace we have been given, it is an opportunity to focus on the coming of Christ, not just in His incarnation or at the end times, but in the ordinary every day and most especially in our sacramental life. We have two weeks, give or take, before we celebrate the Incarnation, how can we use this time wisely to be like John the Baptist and prepare a way for the Lord?

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