

# Parishes of Narraghmore & Moone

*The Faith Communities of:*



*Ballymount, Crookstown, Kilmead & Moone*

**Parish Bulletin - 3rd Sunday of Advent - 15th 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

### Ballymount Church Christmas

#### Raffle

Ballymount Church Christmas  
Raffle will take place in  
Ballymount Church on Sunday  
22nd of December. Tickets  
available from the Church or the  
parish office in Crookstown, €2  
each or three for €5. All Proceeds  
in aid of St. Joseph's Church,  
Ballymount. Prizes:

1st - Avoca Christmas Hamper  
2nd - Fergal Byrne's Organic  
Turkey

3rd: Bottle of whiskey

### ADORATION IN BALLYMUN

December 16 to 19 from 12 noon  
to 10pm each day. Our Lady of  
Victories Church, Ballymun  
Road, D09Y925. Join our Parish  
Community in Prayer, as we  
pray especially for Vocations.

### ST. LAURENCE'S N.S. CAROL SERVICE

ON WEDNESDAY 18TH OF DECEMBER  
ST. LAURENCE'S NATIONAL SCHOOL  
WILL BE HAVING A CAROL SERVICE IN  
SS. MARY'S & LAURENCE'S CHURCH,  
CROOKSTOWN AT 11:00 AM & 7PM.  
ALL ARE WELCOME

### INTENTIONS SATURDAY & SUNDAY

#### **CROOKSTOWN 7PM**

Patrick Carroll (A)

Kathleen Corcoran (A)

Jack and Molly Dunne (A)

Bridget Jones (A)

James and Elizabeth Eustace (A)

#### **Kilmead 10:30am**

John Bradley (A)

#### **MOONE 12:00NOON**

Mary Whitty (A) and deceased  
members of the Whitty family,  
Hughstown.

### **Kilmead Carols Christmas Eve.**

Kilmead Choir will be singing Christmas  
Carols from 8:45pm just before the 9pm  
Mass on Christmas. All are welcome to  
come early and join in.

Christmas Schedule is available at the back  
of the Church. You will find details of all  
Masses over Christmas and New Years  
period, in the Parishes of Narraghmore,  
Moone and Athy.

### Lectio Divina for Advent.

Lectio Divina Leaflets are available at the back of the church if you wish to reflect on the 4th Sunday of Advent. It is a lovely way to journey with scripture through advent whether in the church or at home.

### A Family Advent Prayer

Heavenly Father, your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us, a great sign of your love. Help us to live in that love together as a family this advent.

Prepare our hearts for Christmas. Bring us closer to each other and to your son. Give us the grace and strength we need everyday. Help us to always trust in you.

Come, Lord, Jesus, lead all people closer to you. Come and dispel the darkness of our world with the light of your love. Amen.

### 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 – “REASONS TO BE CHEERFUL...”

In the late 1970's and early 1980's there was an English rock band called Ian Dury and the Blockheads who had a hit with a song called “Reasons to be Cheerful...”. Although some of the reasons articulated in the song might not be appropriate for a Parish Newsletter, the theme is a good one. As we approach the end of Advent it might worth looking at the nature of Joy and our reasons to be cheerful or joyful.

Firstly, Joy is listed among the fruits of the Holy Spirit (Gal. 5:22-23). The fruits of the Holy Spirit are the evidence that the Holy Spirit is active in our lives. Joy, in the Christian sense, is not happiness or even a giddiness or good humour. Joy is more than a temporary happiness; joy is lasting and based in more than simply an emotional reaction to our circumstances: it is an active choice of attitude. As followers of Christ, we rejoice, because in him, we have redemption. The reasons for our Joy are, in line with the song, threefold, namely Christ's life, death and resurrection. As one Psalm says: “My lips will shout for joy as I sing your praise; my soul, too, which you have redeemed.” – (Psalm 71:23)

When we consider our Blessed Mother we see that she too had this joy; “My soul magnifies the LORD, my spirit rejoices in GOD my saviour...” (Lk. 1:46-47). Christ Himself wanted us to have this Joy; “I have said these things to you so that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.” (Jn.15:11) What things are these that Jesus was saying? ‘If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in HIS love. (Jn. 15:10) For Christians, our Joy is in the LORD, it says in another Psalm: “Our soul waits for the Lord; He is our help and shield. Our heart is glad in Him, because we trust in His holy name.” (Ps: 33:22-23)

When the troubles of this world assail us, we can rest in the comfort that only God can bring, and have joy, no matter our circumstances. As we celebrate Gaudete (Rejoicing) Sunday let's take a moment or two to pray with the Entrance Antiphon of the Mass, “Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near”.

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