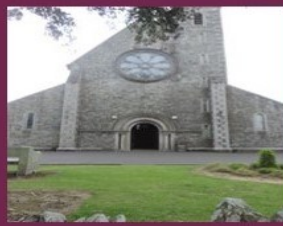


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MASS TIMES

MOONE TUESDAY 10AM - Liturgy of the Word
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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

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. 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.

**Parish Office is Closed from Friday
December 20th 2024 until January
7th 2025.**

**Holy Hour will not take place over
the Christmas period but will
recommence on January 7th 2025
from 7-8pm in Crookstown Church.**

**Penitential Service in Crookstown
& Moone**

**Saturday 21st after 7pm Mass,
Crookstown**

**Sunday 22nd after 12noon Mass,
Moone**

**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.**

**INTENTIONS SATURDAY &
SUNDAY**

CROOKSTOWN 7PM

Ghent Family

Jim Leigh-Lipstown

Adam Wrobel (Birthday
Remembrance)

Julia Conlan

Christopher, Mary Bridget and
Maudie O'Toole (A)

Maureen Darry (2nd A)

Eve O'Dwyer (A)

Julia Dowling-Ballybarney (A)

Kilmead 10:30am

Donal Flanagan (7th A) & Aidan
Murphy (A)

Fonso, Cathy, Liam & Hannah Doyle
William, Kathleen & Sean Murray

MOONE 12:00NOON

Tim Riordan

Esther O'Brien-Lower Belan (A)

Patrick O'Brien-Ballinamona

(Months Mind)

John & Margaret(Maggie)Dunne (A)

Michael Whelan-Simonstown (A)

Michael Whelan-(20thA)and

remembering his father Michael
and His grandparents Bill & Molly

Whelan and Joseph & Ciss O'Shea

Lar and Mary (Moll) O'Toole and

their son Patrick Eamonn Bolger

Mary Nolan-Ballycore

Ailbhe and Eabha Crowley (Months
Mind)

CATECHETICAL CORNER – A HALLMARK CHRISTMAS

It is that time of year again. As we come to the final days of Advent, and Christmas is almost upon us, for many of us there is a tremendous pressure, either from ourselves, our families or just from society, the culture in which we live, to have, what has been called, a ‘Hallmark Christmas’. A Hallmark Christmas is the kind of Christmas that we see in those Christmas movies on the Hallmark Channel or the Christmas Channel that none of us will admit to watching, where there is never a cross word, nobody is stressed, the cooking all turns out perfect, everybody gets the exact perfect gift, beautifully wrapped of course, where love, peace and harmony reign supreme and all our dreams come true. Oh, wouldn’t that be lovely?

The reality, however, is often far removed from this, idyllic Hallmark scene. That is why it might be worthwhile taking some time to consider just what it’s all about, and just what the point of it all is. Yes, we are celebrating the birth of Jesus, but we are also celebrating family and being together. To make it as pleasant as possible here is some good advice from St Paul via Sharon Jaynes:

If I decorate my house perfectly with plaid bows, strands of twinkling lights and shiny balls, but do not show love to my family, I’m just another decorator.

If I slave away in the kitchen, baking dozens of [mince pies], preparing gourmet meals and arranging a beautifully adorned table at mealtime, but do not show love to my family, I’m just another cook.

If I work at the soup kitchen, carol in the nursing home and give all that I have to charity, but do not show love to my family, it profits me nothing.

If I trim the spruce with shimmering angels and crocheted snowflakes, attend a myriad of [Christmas] parties and sing in the choir’s cantata but do not focus on Christ, I have missed the point.

Love stops the cooking to hug the child. Love sets aside the decorating to kiss the husband. Love is kind, though harried and tired. Love doesn’t envy another’s home that has coordinated Christmas china and table linens.

Love doesn’t yell at the kids to get out of the way, but is thankful they are there to be in the way. Love doesn’t give only to those who are able to give in return but rejoices in giving to those who can’t.

Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails. Video games will break, pearl necklaces will be lost, golf clubs will rust, but giving the gift of love will endure.

Taken from: “1 Corinthians 13 – A Christmas Version by Sharon Jaynes” Have a Happy and a Hallmark Christmas.

Advent Prayer by Henri Nouwen

Lord Jesus, Master of both the light and the darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas.

We who have so much to do seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day.

We who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us.

We who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy of your kingdom.

We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of your presence. We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light.

To you we say, “Come Lord Jesus!”
Amen.

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