

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

Annual Collection for Accord Dublin

The **ANNUAL COLLECTION** for **ACCORD Dublin**, the Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family, will be made at all Masses on the weekend of **15 & 16 February 2025**. **ACCORD Dublin throughout the Diocese offers:** Marriage Preparation courses, online, small groups. Counselling for couples and individuals experiencing difficulties in their relationships, currently online or by phone. **ACCORD Dublin needs your support this year more than ever.** We thank you for your generous continued support.

INTENTIONS SATURDAY & SUNDAY

RECENTLY DECEASED:
Michael Anthony Byrne

CROOKSTOWN 7PM
Frank & Mick Conlon
Eva & John Buggy (A)
Pat Leigh (A)
Pat Hickey (1stA)
Lily Walshe (4thA)
John Shortt (A) & his parents Elizabeth & Paddy who's anniversaries also occur around this time
Martin Halloran (1stA)
Lil Cullen (A)

Ballymount 8:30am
Martin Dowling-Kilgowan (A)

Kilmead 10:30am
Martin Berry (A)

MOONE 12:00NOON
Mary Browne (A)
Kathleen Kenny (Months Mind)
Donie McGrath-Hughestown (A)
Dora Kinsella (nee Lyons) (A)
Christy Leigh (1stA)

Holy Hour Crookstown

**Holy Hour takes place every
Tuesday evening from 7pm-8pm
all are welcome .**



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Saint of the Week - St Scholastica

St. Scholastica's feast day is February 10th St. Scholastica was St. Benedict's twin sister. St. Gregory wrote this beautiful line about her, comparing her to her brother: "she who loved more, did more."

Prayer to St. Scholastica

O God, to show us where innocence leads, you made the soul of your virgin Saint Scholastica soar to heaven like a dove in flight. Grant through her merits and her prayers that we may so live in innocence as to attain to joys everlasting. This we ask through our Lord.

Amen.

CATECHETICAL CORNER – "GUILTY OR NOT GUILTY?"

Imagine you were to put you on trial for being Catholic. Would there be enough evidence to convict you? What evidence do you think might be presented?

Perhaps that you attended Mass weekly – if you do. If not weekly, that you attended Mass from time to time, when it suited your life style. They might say that you have be known to pray, especially when you needed something or someone in your family was sick or in trouble. They might even say you contributed to the annual collection for the society of St Vincent De Paul. What else might they say? If you were facing conviction based on this evidence, what would you say in your defence? Perhaps you might say something like; "Ah yes, but I only did those things out of habit. I was brought up as a Catholic and my parents made me this way." Is the evidence that was presented enough to convict you of being a Catholic? Is that what Catholicism boils down to?

Fr Terence Henry, a Franciscan priest, said recently: "The age of casual Catholicism is over the age of heroic Catholicism has begun. We can no longer be Catholics by accident but instead we must become Catholics by conviction." What does it mean to be "Catholic by conviction"? If it not obvious to others around us that we are Catholic, then we are doing it wrong. If love for GOD, made visible in our love for other people, is not our guiding principle, then we are doing it wrong. If being Catholic is not hard, really hard, then we are doing it wrong. Why? Because to be Catholic by conviction, to be a heroic Catholic, goes against our human nature.

But here is the good news, we have a super-power that enables us to be 'Super-Catholic-Heroes'. It is called Grace! There is 'Sanctifying Grace' given to us in Baptism; "...the free and undeserved help that God gives us to respond to his call to become children of God, adoptive sons [and daughters], partakers of the divine nature and of eternal life...Grace is a participation in the life of God." (Catechism of the Catholic Church #1996-1997). There are also 'Actual Graces' which "refer to God's interventions, whether at the beginning of conversion or in the course of the work of sanctification" (CCC # 2000) This grace is offered and we either cooperate with or we don't, in which case it goes away. Then there are "...sacramental [actual] graces, gifts proper to the different sacraments." (CCC #2003). The more we avail of the sacraments the more we are disposed to receiving these graces. Catholics by conviction, heroic Catholics, shouldn't need to put on trial, it should be a foregone conclusion, we are guilty as charged!



Jubilee of Hope Prayer

Father in heaven, may the *faith* you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of *charity* enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed *hope* for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen



Athy, Narraghmore & Moone

Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Athy, Narraghmore & Moone seven day pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from the 24th June - 1st July 2024. accompanied by Spiritual Director Fr. Francis McCarthy. Cost is €965pps, single room supplement is €295. For further information contact Christopher Rowan on 087 27 07 182.

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