









# Ballymount, Crookstown, Kilmead & Moone

# Parish Bulletin - 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 16th February 2025

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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

#### **Kilmead Fun Run**

Kilmead Fun Run will take place on Sunday 23rd of February. €20 per vehicle. Tractors, Vintage Cars. Trucks, Motorbikes, new cars - if it drives its welcome. Registration will take place in St. Laurence's GAA from 11:30am, departure at 1pm. All Proceeds to Kilmead National School. All are welcome.

### **World Day of Prayer**

World day of Prayer will take place in The Holy Saviour Narraghmore, (Eircode 25P8 VX) on Friday 7th March at 7 30 pm. The theme is 'I Made you wonderful'. The prayer service was prepared by the World Day of Prayer committee in the Cook islands which is situated in the South Pacific Ocean. All are welcome.

# **EUCHARISTIC HEALING** SERVICE

**Eucharistic Healing Service led by** Fr. John Keane, in Ss. Mary & **Laurence Church Crookstown** R14 WD80 on Thursday 6th March at 7pm. All are welcome.



# INTENTIONS SATURDAY & SUNDAY

#### RECENTLY DECEASED:

Julia O'Connell (nee Miller)

# **CROOKSTOWN 7PM**

John Leigh-Ballymount (A) Frank and Mick Conlan Mary Kelly-Narraghmore (2ndA) Michael Lavin (A) Ellen (Nellie) Byrne-Mullaghmast (A) Ann Price (13th A) Michael Price (10th A)

# **Ballymount 8:30am**

Joseph Dovle-Blackrath (A)

# Kilmead 10:30am

McDonald and Doyle Families Billy and Kevin Cullen (A)

# Moone 12:00noon

William (Bill) Carton (A) and remember also Sheila Carton Br. Alberic Turner Eamonn O'Toole (A) Gavin Anthony Months Mind Valerie Anthony (1stA) Dora Phelan (nee Carton) (A) Dick Watts (A) Paddy Leigh (A) and his son Pat (A) Rory Dowling (A)

# **Holy Hour Crookstown**

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



# 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

# Prayer to St. Valentine

O Saint Valentine, lover of Christ and of the Church, we ask your intercession that we may learn how to love God above all things, and to selflessly love one another. O glorious Saint Valentine, pray for us, that we too may have the steadfast faith of the martyrs.

# Athy, Narraghmore & Moone Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Narraghmore Moone Athy, & 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.

#### CATECHETICAL CORNER - "BE MY VALENTINE...FOREVER."

St Valentine is probably one the most famous saints in the Church. He has managed to reach into popular culture despite the fact that we know very little about him. What we do know is that he was martyred for celebrating sacramental marriages.

As the world celebrates "Valentine's Day", with no reference to the saint, it might be worth taking a brief look at the nature of Sacramental Marriage. To understand the significance of Sacramental Marriage it is necessary to look at the nature of the Holy Trinity, because it is in the nature of the Trinity that we find the Church's understanding of marriage.

The Holy Trinity is a relationship of Love. GOD the Father loved the SON into being who in turn loves the Father. This relationship of constant love flowing between Father and SON is what, or rather Who, we call the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the very fruit of the love that the Father has for the Son and the Son for the Father. Just as children are the fruit of the love that a husband has for his wife and a wife for her husband. In the book of Genesis we read how GOD created us: "...in HIS own image and likeness...male and female HE created them..." (Gen.1::26-27). What is this image in which we are created? Love! We are created in the image and likeness of GOD who empties HIMSELF in love for the other, thus bringing the other into being. This is where the Bible begins, in a relationship of love, love within the nature of GOD and love of GOD for HIS creation, we are literally loved into existence.

Marriage is instituted by GOD; "it is not good that man should be alone..." The Catechism of the Catholic Church puts it like this: "The intimate community of life and love which constitutes the married state has been established by the Creator...God himself is the author of marriage." (CCC 1603) Marriage, in the Catholic understanding, is to enter into the very life of the Holy Trinity, it is to become God like. The mutual giving of self and emptying of self for love of the other is what is at the very heart of the Trinity and a happy, successful marriage.

Sacramental Marriage makes Christ present in the world and in the marriage. In the document of Vatican II on the Church in the Modern World (Gaudium et Spes) we read: "...so now the Saviour of men [Christ] and the Spouse of the Church [Christ] comes into the lives of married Christians through the sacrament of matrimony. He abides with them thereafter so that just as He loved the Church and handed Himself over on her behalf, the spouses may love each other with perpetual fidelity through mutual self-bestowal." (GS 48). When we honour St Valentine, we honour marriage. When we honour marriage, we honour GOD – FATHER, SON & HOLY SPIRIT.

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