

# The Faith Communities of:









# Ballymount, Crookstown, Kilmead & Moone

# Parish Bulletin - 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 23rd 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

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

Most Blessed Trinity Moone:

Sunday 12noon. Holy Day: 11am

## 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.



# **Bayside Alpha - Lenten Reflection**

Bayside Alpha are hosting on Zoom a 6-week series during Lent:

**Reflections on the Sorrowful** 

Mysteries of the Rosary with Mark and Katie Hartfiel, Fr Dave Pivonka, and others. It starts on Sunday the 9th of March at 7:30pm. To join this free series please email Paul at alphabayside@gmail.com

## **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.

#### INTENTIONS SATURDAY & SUNDAY

#### RECENTLY DECEASED:

Elizabeth Kelly - Kildare Town Baby Martin Mackey

#### CROOKSTOWN 7PM

Laurence (Larry) Whelan (A)
Thomas Keatley (100th Birthday
Remembrance)
Elieen Ghent, Sr. Mary Ghent (OSM), Agnes
Chambers (Ghent), Kate Ghent
Willie Doyle—Blackrath (A)
Eddie O' Shea (A)
Bridie Cassidy - Blackhall (A)
Tommy Fleming - Blackhall (A)
Mary (Molly) Dunne - Crookstown
Eugene Kelly (26th A)
Teresa Kelly - 6th (A)

#### **Ballymount 8:30am**

William & Mary Doyle - Blackrath (A)
Paul Keatley (A) and deceased members of
the Keatley Family

### Kilmead 10:30am

Margaret Keegan (A)
Jim Keegan (A)
Rosita O'Brien (20th A) and her
sister Mary Shia (A)

#### MOONE 12:00NOON

Michael & Breda Kenny - Ballinacarring Patrick & Lucy Kenny - Ballinacarring Eileen Cahill (nee Byrne) - lower Belan (10th A)

Mass in thanksgiving for all the intentions of those who offered their sympathies to the Mahon Family on Tom's death.
Pat and Janey Nolan & Christopher Nolan—Portersize

### **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

### Saint of the Week - St. David

God our Father, You called your servant David to uphold the Christian faith amongst the people to encourage them by his observance of fasting and obedience, and to show them compassion through small acts of great love.



### CATECHETICAL CORNER - "I HOPE..."

Pope Francis has given a Catechesis on the virtue of Hope. How appropriate as we are in the Jubilee Year with the theme: 'PILGRIMS OF HOPE'.

Our Holy Father began his teaching by giving us a definition of hope, taken from the Catechism of the Catholic Church: "Hope is the theological virtue by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness, placing our trust in Christ's promises and relying not on our own strength, but on the help of the grace of the Holy Spirit" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 1817). These words confirm that hope is the answer offered to our heart, when the absolute question arises in us: "What will become of me? What is the purpose of the journey? What is the destiny of the world?".

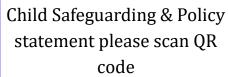
His Holliness continued by reminding us that if we see no point to life, if we have no purpose, in other words, if Hope is lacking, then all other virtues are at risk of crumbling. We become focussed on self, with no regard for others. The Holy Father went on, quoting the late Pope Benedict XVI's encyclical 'In Hope we are saved',: "Only when the future is certain as a positive reality does it become possible to live the present as well", (Encyclical Letter Spe salvi, 2, 2).

This Hope is not based on anyting that we may have done or may do in the future, is not based on our actions or our own merits. Rather "it is because Christ died and rose again and gave us his Spirit." (Spe salvi, 1). St Paul put it another way: "If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all men most to be pitied" (1 Cor 15:17-19). If Christ is not raised from the dead, then we are, literally, lost. The Holy Father said: "if you believe in the Resurrection of Christ, then you know with certainty that no defeat and no death is forever."

To give in to disillusionment, to become impatient, is to sin against Hope. "The world today is in great need of this Christian virtue! The world needs hope, just as it greatly needs patience, a virtue that journeys hand-in-hand with hope."

The Holy Father concluded his catechesis by saying this: "Brothers and sisters, let us go ahead and ask for the grace to have hope, hope with patience. Always towards that definitive encounter; always thinking that the Lord is near us, that death will never ever be victorious. Let us go ahead and ask the Lord to give us this great virtue of hope, accompanied by patience."

Consider this: If you have time over the next few days, take some time to pray with and reflect on Psalm 40 and Psalm 91.





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