

# Parishes of Narraghmore & Moone

*The Faith Communities of:*



*Ballymount, Crookstown, Kilmead & Moone*

**Parish Bulletin - 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 23rd February 2025**

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#### PARISH SECRETARIES

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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

#### EUCCHARISTIC 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](mailto: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)  
Eileen 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 serv-  
ant 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 Holiness 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 anything 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.

### St. Laurence’s Gaa

#### CLUB PLANNING WORKSHOP Phase 2

In conjunction  
with recent club  
survey

#### Everyone Welcome

##### What it involves

Facilitated open  
discussions on key  
areas

Friendly and inclusive  
atmosphere because  
every voice matters

Players  
Members  
Ex Players  
Parents  
Supporters  
Coaches

**YOUR CLUB  
YOUR VOICE**

**Date: Thursday 27th February**

**Venue: St Laurence’s Clubhouse**

**Time: 7:30 pm**

### Child Safeguarding & Policy statement please scan QR code



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risk assessment  
as well as a copy  
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