

The Faith Communities of:









Ballymount, Crookstown, Kilmead & Moone

Parish Bulletin - 2nd Sunday of Lent - 16th March 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

Lectio Divina for Lent

Lectio Divina continues each Wednesday throughout Lent after 9:30am Mass and rosary. All are welcome









St. Partick Day Mass Times

Crookstown Church - 9:30am Moone Church - 11:00am Kilmead - 10:30am Athy 9:30am Athy - 12noon (As Gaeilge)



Parish Office Opening Times

The parish office in Crookstown will be closed from Tuesday 11th March to Tuesday 18th March and will reopen on Wednesday 19th March.

Holy Hour Crookstown

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

INTENTIONS SATURDAY & SUNDAY

CROOKSTOWN 7PM

Baby Martin Mackey (Months Mind) Austin Fleming (A) Patrick Fleming (A) Jack Donovan-Mullaghmast-Athy (1stA) Anne Rose Maher (A) Tommy O'Connor-Blackhall (A) Marie O'Connor-Blackhall (A) Margaret(Madge) Delaney (A) Paschal Timmons-Ballitore (A) Peter Lynam-Late of Mullaghmast (A) Eddie Nolan-Blackrath (A) Sarah O'Brien-Narraghmore (A) and her son Ciaran

Kilmead 10:30am

Anthony and Jane Gray (A) Frances Doyle (A) Michael O'Brien (A)

MOONE 12:00NOON

Matthew Murphy Jnr-Woodlands Castledermot (2ndA) Ned and Noreen Whelan-Burtown (A) Margaret (Madge) Delaney (A) Paschal Timmons-Ballitore (A) Rita and Ned Keogh-Rathtoole-Moone(A), and Deceased members of the Farrell

Mary O'Brien-Ballitore (24THA) Jenny, John and Ann Pigott-Portersizewhose anniversaries Occur at this time Stephen Weldon-formerly of Moone (Birthday remembrance and 4thA)

St. Patrick's Day - Crookstown

Oliver, John and Peter Cullen (A) Austin Fleming (A) Patrick Fleming (A)

St. Patrick's Day - Moone

Austin Fleming (A) Patrick Fleming (A)



Jubilee of Hope Prayer

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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

Catechetical Corner - A rebel with a cause!

In the first letter of St John we read: "...if we acknowledge our sins, HE is trustworthy and upright, so that HE will forgive our sins and will cleanse us from all evil." (1 Jn. 1: 9). So if we acknowledge our sins before GOD so that HE will forgive and cleanse us, why do we need confession? In other words, can GOD forgive my sins without me going to confession? Yes, of course HE can, HE is GOD and can do whatever HE wants. So why then do we need to go to a priest? Because it is how GOD chooses to act. GOD has chosen to act incarnationally. Grace ordinarily flows through human hands, word and gestures.

When, in Jesus, GOD became man for our sake, HE left us a plan of how HE was going to continue to work in and through the Church. The sacraments are the usual means by which GOD communicates grace (favour). In the Catechism we read: "The sacraments are efficacious signs of grace, instituted by Christ and entrusted to the Church, by which divine life is dispensed to us. the visible rites by which the sacraments are celebrated signify and make present the graces proper to each sacrament. They bear fruit in those who receive them with the required dispositions." (Catechism of the Catholic Church - CCC # 1131) So Confession is not to be understood as an obstacle to be overcome but rather a vessel for repentance, that, in the divine plan, is necessary in order to receive GOD's forgiveness. The Church is not just the assembly of the people of GOD, it is a conduit of grace. In John 20:22-23 we read: "...He breathed on them and said: Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven; if you retain anyone's sins, they are r etained." Again in 2 Cor. 5:18. "...HE gave us the ministry of reconciliation." Going to Confession is a radical, counter cultural, almost rebellious act. The antidote to a world dominated by autonomy and individualism. Where the manufactured perfect is lauded and faults are air-brushed out. Confession demands that we drop the mask. That we confront our shadows, our faults and our vulnerabilities, not as a sign of weakness but rather as a defiant show of strength. Where we can admit, without fear of judgement or criticism, that I have fallen and am in need of help and forgiveness. Confession goes further than talking to a therapist or counsellor. Confession is a communion where the souls admission meets GOD's absolution. Acknowledging our sins privately, confessing directly to GOD, opens the heart. Confession seals it with certainty. It is where we hear, 'I absolve you, go in peace, you are forgiven'. Confession is about freedom, freedom from the sins that bind us. Confession reconnects us GOD and restores us to the Church. This Lent are you brave enough to be a rebel with a cause, the cause of reconciliation?

St. Patrick's Breastplate

Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand, Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down, Christ when I arise, Christ in the heart of all who think of me, Christ in the mouth of all who speak of me, Christ in every eye that sees me. Christ in every ear that hears me. Amen.

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