# The Faith Communities of:









Ballymount, Crookstown, Kilmead & Moone

# Parish Bulletin - 3rd Sunday of Lent - 23rd 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 morning in Crookstown Church throughout Lent after 9:30am Mass and rosary. All are welcome

# **Lenten Prayer nights**

Our Lenten Prayer nights continues this week and will take place in St. Michael's Church, Wednesday 26th March at 7pm all are welcome. The remaining dates are as follows:

Wednesday 2nd April, St. Ita's Church Kilmead @7pm

Wednesday 9th April, Church of the Assumption, Castledermot @ 7pm

# St Laurence's Camogie Club Join us for our 5k Run or Walk Fundraiser. All Welcome BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY, 21<sup>st</sup> APRIL Old Hardware, Narraghmore Starting at 12pm Register on day from 11.30 am Adults - €10 Children - €5

# INTENTIONS SATURDAY & SUNDAY

#### RECENTLY DECEASED:

Christopher(Christy)Kelly Dara Kissane

#### CROOKSTOWN 7PM

Robert (Bob)O'Connor-Narraghmore

Steve Kavanagh-Crookstown (A) Patsy Keogh-Lipstown (A) Frank Keogh-Grangecon (A) Kathleen Farrell-Boleybeg (A) Johnny Doyle-Portersize (A)

# **Ballymount 8:30am**

Christopher (Christy) Kelly Dara Kissane

#### Kilmead 10:30am

Noelle O'Connor(19thA) William Bell (A) Billy and Bridie Mullins (A)

## MOONE 12:00NOON

Paddy O'Sullivan (A) Michael Brady (A) Mike and Kathleen Hennessy (A) Katie O'Toole-(formerly of Moone) and her sons Paddy and Tom (A) Anne Moran-Coolrake (A) Judy Byrne, Adrienne Byrne and Michael Byrne (A)

### **Holy Hour Crookstown**

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



#### **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

The Relics of St. Therese of Lisieux and her parents St. Louis & St. Zelie Martin will be in the Church of St. Peter and Paul Monasterevin, Co. Kildare on Saturday 22nd March 2025@6:30pm Mass and Sunday 23rd March 2025 at 9am and 11:30am. Veneration after all Mases.

#### CATECHETICAL CORNER - INDULGE YOURSELF

As we all know by now, Pope Francis has declared 2025 a Jubilee Year. In our Christian tradition the Jubilee has a strong focus on reconciliation and renewal. A plenary indulgence, characteristic of a Holy Year, has also been declared for specific jubilee pilgrimages. Last May, Pope Francis gave details for the Holy Year as well as conditions for the granting of the Plenary Indulgence.

So, what are plenary indulgences and why do we need them? First, a bit of context is needed to answer this question. People often ask: "If I have made a good confession and then died suddenly, as in hit by a bus for example, will I go straight to heaven?" While no one can know the state of another person's soul, the general answer is No. The Sacrament of Confession absolves the guilt of confessed sins and removes the eternal punishment due to mortal sin, it does not eliminate all temporal punishment associated with those sins. This temporal punishment is a consequence of sin that must be purified, either in this life or in purgatory. This is where an indulgence comes in. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church explains, "An indulgence is a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven" (CCC 1471).

Here is a simple analogy to help understand 'Temporal Punishment': A child is playing football and breaks a neighbour's window. The neighbour forgives the child, absolving them of blame. However, the window remains broken, and the child must repair or pay for it, addressing the damage caused by their action. A plenary indulgence removes the requirement to fix the window. So how does one gain a Plenary Indulgence?

To gain the Jubilee Year plenary indulgence, the faithful are asked, where possible, to: Visit a Holy Site: Make a pilgrimage to a designated church, such as a cathedral or another sacred place chosen by the local bishop. While there, spend time in prayer, attend Mass, or participate in devotions like the Rosary or the Stations of the Cross. In the Archdiocese of Dublin the designated Churches are: St Mary's Pro-Cathedral, Marlborough Street; St Andrew's, Westland Row; Our Lady of Lourdes, Sean McDermott Street; Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, City Quay and St Kevin's Parish Church, Glendalough. If you're able to travel to Rome, visiting one of the Major Papal Basilicas is also an option.

Prepare Spiritually: Go to Confession, receive Holy Communion, and pray for the Pope's intentions (usually an Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be). Acts of Mercy:

Engage in works of charity, such as visiting someone who is sick, helping those in need, or comforting the lonely. For Those at Home: If you can't travel due to age, illness, or other reasons, you can still receive an indulgence by joining spiritually. Pray at home, follow Mass online, or offer your struggles to God.



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