

The Faith Communities of:









Ballymount, Czookstown, Kilmead & Moone

Parish Bulletin - 4th Sunday of Lent - 30th 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

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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. Ita's Church, Kilmead on Wednesday 2nd April at 7pm all are welcome. The remaining date is:

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

Dublin Diocese, Pilgrimage to Knock

Dublin Diocese Pilgrimage to Knock takes place on 26th April. 11am Tea and coffee as pilgrims arrive. 12noon workshops on the jubilee of Hope 2025 and the Canonisation of Blessed Carlo Acutis; Outdoor Stations of the Cross; Tour of the Knock Museum; and prayerful preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. 3pm Pilgrimage Mass celebrated by Archbishop Farrell with the Sacrament of the Sick. For more information, email: knockpilgrimage@dublindiocese.ie

We pray for all the boys and girls from St. Laurence's School Crookstown who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday 28th March. May God bless them as they continue their journey of faith.

INTENTIONS SATURDAY & SUNDAY

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Christopher (Christy) Kelly, Dara Kissane Sheila Anthony Casey

CROOKSTOWN 7PM

Liam McLoughlin (1st A)
Peggy Wall (A)
Agnes Cusack (A)
John & Mary Williamson (A)
May Finnegan – Ballybarney (A)
Kathleen Fennin – Ballybarney (A)
Patrick O'Connor – Ballytore (1st A)

Ballymount 8:30am

Recently Deceased: Christopher (Christy) Kelly, Dara Kissane Sheila Anthony Casey

Kilmead 10:30am

May Bradley (8th A) Colm Crowe (10th A)

Moone 12:00noon

Sally Dowling (1st A)
Brendan Murphy - Timolin (A)
Sheila Carton - Sheriff Hill (A) her
husband William (Bill), their children
Thomas and Mary Josephine
Fr. Patrick Kelly - former P.P. Moone
Parish (A)
Anne Nolan - Portersize (8th 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

Prayer for Lent

God of goodness and mercy, Hear my prayer as I begin this Lenten journey with you. Let me be honest with myself as I look into my heart and soul, noticing the times I turn away from you. Guide me as I humbly seek to repent and return to your love. May humility guide my efforts to be reconciled with you and live forever in your abundant grace. Transform me this Lent, heavenly Father. Give me the strength to make myself one hundred percent available to you every day as I prepare for Easter. Amen.



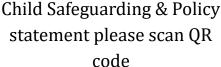
Catechetical Corner - "...You did it to ME

Lent is Almsgiving. Almsgiving is an old English word for what we might call, 'giving to charity', helping those who are less fortunate than we are. We read in the letter of St James that 'faith without good works is quite dead.' (Jas.2:17). So, although, as Christians, our primary duty is to offer worship and praise to GOD, this is not where our faith ends. If our faith does end here, after Mass, '[it] is quite dead'. In the Gospel we read that Jesus says quite clearly: "Whatsoever you did to these, the least of my brothers [and/or sisters] you did it to ME." (Mt. 25:40).

So, what should we do for our brothers and sisters? Well, the Church has made it very easy for us. She has given us a list of practical actions, taken from the Gospel of Matthew, chapter 25, that we can do to prove that our faith is no dead thing but rather is alive and has meaning in our life and the lives of others.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) in paragraph 2447 makes it very plain: "The works of mercy are charitable actions by which we come to the aid of our neighbour in his/her spiritual and bodily necessities...The corporal works of mercy consist especially in feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, clothing the naked, visiting the sick and imprisoned, and burying the dead. Among all these, giving alms to the poor is one of the chief witnesses to fraternal charity: it is also a work of justice pleasing to God" (CCC #2447). These are the practical, tangible ways that we live out the faith we profess and the worship that we give to GOD in our prayer and especially at Mass. In addition to these bodily or corporal works of mercy, whereby we help our sisters and brothers in physical need, there are other spiritual works of mercy which are: "To instruct the ignorant, to counsel the doubtful, to admonish the sinners, to bear patiently those who wrong us, to forgive offenses, to comfort the afflicted, to pray for the living and the dead."

All of this is based on the understanding that we recognise Jesus in the 'least of [His] brothers...', which isn't easy. Let us try to take some time in these final weeks of Lent to reflect on these 'Corporal Works of Mercy' to see if they have found expression in our lives and if they have, could we do more? If they have not, does our time or treasure allow us to start? How could we go about: feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, clothing the naked etc...? Bearing in mind that the it is a command of Jesus, not a request, there is no "Ah yes, but what about..." with Jesus.









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