



THE PARISH  
OF ATHY

Comprising the Faith Communities  
of:  
ST MICHAEL'S, ATHY  
&  
ST MARY'S, BARROWHOUSE

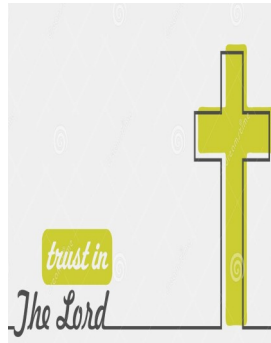


**MASS OF THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY 16TH FEBRUARY 2025**

**PRAYER**

O God, who alone can satisfy our deepest hungers, protect us from the lure of wealth and power; move our hearts to seek first your kingdom, that ours may be the security and joy of those who place their trust in you. We make our prayer through your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

**Amen**



**PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD**

**Recently Deceased:**

*Patrick 'Paddy' Rochford, Plewman's Tce.  
Jim Fingleton, Model Farm  
John Campbell, Kilcrow*

**Saturday 6pm**

**Month's mind:** Marie Byrne

**Anniversaries:** Hughie Sam Owens, Jane & William Holligan, Christy Myles (3rd A), Margaret Watts, Alan Wallace, Dick Watts, Cyril McGovern, Donal & Anna McGovern, Patrick Fogarty, Quentin Doran O'Reilly, John Foley, Pat Flood, Dec. members of Flood family, Mary & Patrick May, Christina, May & Bernie Costello, Nuala Birthistle, Lucy & Pat Hannigan (2nd A), Maura Caughlan (3rd A), Micéal Kelly, Patrick Farrelly, Elizabeth Farrelly, Mary & Patrick Howard, Jack Deere, Declan Deere, John Burke (13th A), Brendan Burke (5th A), Mary Burke (4th A), Tosh Bambrick, Peter, Esther & Paddy Brerton, Paddy Morrin & Dec members of Morrin Family, Annie 'Nannie' Hutchinson, Dec members of Hutchinson Family

**CHURCH NOTICES**

**Weekend Mass times:** 6pm, 10.30am & 12 noon & Barrowhouse Sunday at 9 am Weekday Mass times: 9.30 am. Rosary at 9.10 am.

**ACCORD** Annual collection will be made at all Masses this weekend, **15th & 16th February**.

It will replace the Share collection.

Accord deliver marriage preparation, counselling for couples online or by phone, programmes in schools on relationships and sexuality



Last weekend collections;

**Common:** €625

**Share:** €885

**P. Dev.:** €1,366 comprising of €675 in **annual donations** & €691 in **weekly donations**

*Thanks to all who contributed*

**Sunday 9am Barowhouse:**

**Sunday 10.30am:**

**Anniversaries:** John McDonnell, Hughie ` Sam ` Owens, Jane Holligan, John Foley, Tony Campbell (50th A), Pauline Brennan (1st A), Jimmy Curtis, Bernie Curtis Kelly, Paddy Murphy, Pheobe Murphy, Tom Boland, Elizabeth Flood, Liz Flood, Patrick Roche Snr. Patrick Roche Jnr. Jack Murphy, John Hickey Snr. Fintan Kinsella, Isabella Mullery, Gerry Murphy (1st A), Paddy Morrin & Dec members of Morrin Family,

**Sunday 12 noon:**

**Birthday Remembrance:** Maureen Robinson

**Anniversaries:**

Hughie `Sam` Owens, Jane Holligan, John Foley, Tom Boland, Patrick Roche Snr. Patrick Roche Jnr. Patrick & Mary Roche, Declan Roche, Christina Armour, Patrick & Margaret Roche, Deceased members of Roche & McDermott Families, Bridget Prendergast, Robert & Myra Osborne, Gerry O'Sullivan (1st A), Paddy Morrin & Dec members of Morrin Family,

**ACCORD**

Accord Carlow Relationship Counselling at St. Catherine's Community Service Centre Carlow  
Phone Mary at 086 4149034 or email [accordcarlow@gmail.com](mailto:accordcarlow@gmail.com)

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

Restore, Renew, Rekindle. We welcome you to our next **Marriage Enrichment Weekend, March 28 to 30, 2025**. Venue: Knock, Co. Mayo. Visit [www.marriageencounter.ie](http://www.marriageencounter.ie).

**READINGS**

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**First Reading:** Jeremiah 17: 5-8

**Psalms:** Ps. 1:1-4.6

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 15:12.16-20

**Gospel:** Luke 6: 17. 20-26

**PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES**

**Athy, Moone & Narraghmore**

4 Star Hôtel Padoue

24th June –1st July 2025

€965 pps

Spiritual Director Fr. Francis McCarthy

Further details

contact Christopher Rowan 087 2707 182



**Monday 9.30am:** Dora & Patrick O'Donoghue, Dora Phelan (6th A), Maureen O'Connor (2nd A), Robert & Myra Osborne, Special Intention

**Tues. 9.30 am: Birthday rem:** Rose Heavy

**Anniv:** Cyril McGovern, Donal & Anna McGovern

**Wednes. 9.30 am:** Eileen & William Mullane, Thomas Moran

**Thur. 9.30 am:** Patsy O'Neill

**Friday 9.30am:** Nora & Frank Flahive

**ADORATION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT**  
in  
Crookstown Church on Tuesday evening  
7pm-8pm  
All are welcome

**HOLY HOUR**  
in Athy Parish Church every Tuesday 2-3pm  
All welcome



**Ash Wednesday is 5th March 2025  
when Lent begins**

**St Patrick's Pontifical University, Maynooth**

has a range of programmes through its Centre for Mission & Ministries for those interested in parish ministry, administration, chaplaincy and other lay roles within the parish and community.  
Visit their website for more details at [www.sppu.ie/courses](http://www.sppu.ie/courses)

**CATECHETICAL CORNER – “BE MY VALENTINE...FOREVER.”**

St Valentine is probably one the most famous saints in the Church. He has managed to reach into popular culture despite the fact that we know very little about him. What we do know is that he was martyred for celebrating sacramental marriages.

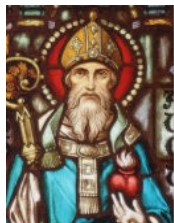
As the world celebrates “Valentine’s Day”, with no reference to the saint, it might be worth taking a brief look at the nature of Sacramental Marriage. To understand the significance of Sacramental Marriage it is necessary to look at the nature of the Holy Trinity, because it is in the nature of the Trinity that we find the Church’s understanding of marriage.

The Holy Trinity is a relationship of Love. GOD the Father loved the SON into being who in turn loves the Father. This relationship of constant love flowing between Father and SON is what, or rather Who, we call the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the very fruit of the love that the Father has for the Son and the Son for the Father. Just as children are the fruit of the love that a husband has for his wife and a wife for her husband. In the book of Genesis we read how GOD created us: “...in HIS own image and likeness...male and female HE created them...” (Gen.1.:26-27). What is this image in which we are created? Love! We are created in the image and likeness of GOD who empties HIMSELF in love for the other, thus bringing the other into being. This is where the Bible begins, in a relationship of love, love within the nature of GOD and love of GOD for HIS creation, we are literally loved into existence.

Marriage is instituted by GOD; “it is not good that man should be alone...” The Catechism of the Catholic Church puts it like this: “The intimate community of life and love which constitutes the married state has been established by the Creator...God himself is the author of marriage.” (CCC 1603) Marriage, in the Catholic understanding, is to enter into the very life of the Holy Trinity, it is to become God like. The mutual giving of self and emptying of self for love of the other is what is at the very heart of the Trinity and a happy, successful marriage.

Sacramental Marriage makes Christ present in the world and in the marriage. In the document of Vatican II on the Church in the Modern World (Gaudium et Spes) we read: “...so now the Saviour of men [Christ] and the Spouse of the Church [Christ] comes into the lives of married Christians through the sacrament of matrimony.

He abides with them thereafter so that just as He loved the Church and handed Himself over on her behalf, the spouses may love each other with perpetual fidelity through mutual self-bestowal.” (GS 48). When we honour St Valentine, we honour marriage. When we honour marriage, we honour GOD – FATHER, SON & HOLY SPIRIT.



**Enrolment Churchtown N.S.**

Enrolments for the academic year 2025-2026 currently taking place.  
See our website for a copy of our Admission Policy and Annual Admission notice  
[www.churchtownnathy.com](http://www.churchtownnathy.com)  
Applications are available from our website or email [churchathy@gmail.com](mailto:churchathy@gmail.com) or by writing to our school Churchtown N.S. Athy, Co. Kildare R14VE89. Tel: 059 8632178

**Gaelscoil Átha Í enrolment for the school year 2025-2026** is open for junior infants starting school. Please see our website <https://www.gaelscoilathai.com/> for further information or come into our office for a hard copy of the enrolment form.

**SACRED HEART MESSENGER MAGAZINE 2025**

February edition now available from Parish office.  
Subscription €30 now due for the year.  
New subscribers most welcome,  
If interested please give in your name to the Parish office 059 86 38391



**Vocations Information**

<https://dublindiocese.ie/vocations>  
Please pray for more Vocations to the priesthood



**Children Liturgy Sheets available at doors of church**

**Athy Parish website [www.parihofathy.ie](http://www.parihofathy.ie)  
Parish Radio 107.9 fm**

**ATHY MERCY ASSOCIATE MEETING**

Monday, 17th February, at 7.30pm in Parish Centre, Mount Hawkins  
New members welcome  
*Exploring the life & charism of Catherine McAuley and discussions of Acts of Mercy*



**PARISH OFFICE**

**Monday:** 2.15 pm-4pm  
(Closed Holy Days & Bank Holidays)  
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