



THE PARISH  
OF ATHY

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



## MASS OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY 26TH MAY 2024

### PRAYER

God our Father you have given us a share in the life that is yours with your Son and the Holy Spirit. Strengthen that life within your Church, that we may know your presence, observe your commands, and proclaim the gospel to every nation. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.



### 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

Congratulations to children from Scoil Pdraig Naofa, Gaelscoil, Barrowhouse who received First Holy Communion this week.

#### Last Weekend Collections:

P. Dev.: €852 Common: €1,250 Share €935

*Thanks to all who contribute*

### CEMETERY MASSES 2024

#### St. Michael's New:

Wednes. 12th June @ 7.30pm

#### St. Michael's Old:

Wednes. 26th June @ 7.30 pm

#### Kilberry:

Wednes. 19th June 2024 at 7.30pm

#### Churchtown:

Thursday, 20th June 2024 at 7.30 pm

#### Barrowhouse:

Sunday, 23rd June 2024 at 9 am

### ATHY CONFIRMATION

Athy Scoil Mhichíl Naofa will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May 11am & 1pm

### ATHY & DISTRICT CARE OF THE ELDERLY MEETING

Meeting takes place Monday, 29th May at 8pm in Parish Centre, Mount Hawkins,



### PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

#### Recently Deceased:

*Rose Doyle nee Carthy, Bert*

**Saturday 6pm Month's mind:** Tom Fogarty, Bridget Moore, Cora Harkin

**Birthday remembrance:** Brian Kelly

**Anniversaries:** James Kirby, Elizabeth 'Betty' Hammett nee Kavanagh, Peter Hammett Jnr., Noel Foley (1st A), Brigid Dunne, Joe Dunne, Julia May, Jer Whelan, Diarmuid Doyle, Maisie & Michéal Myles, Stefan Clarke Perse, Dec. members of Perse family, Charlie McDonnell (2nd A), Marie Rainsford, Michael Rainsford (Snr. & Jnr.), Hannah Meehan, Tom Owens (20th A), Theresa Campbell (5th A), Kathleen & Kitty Harte, Dan Foley (2nd A), Paddy Joe Fitzpatrick, Malcolm & Daniel Fitzpatrick, Thomas & Julia Nolan, Michael Doogue, John Moore, John Sean Dalton, Helen Lawler, Baby William Lawler, Sheila & Brian Kelly, Special Intention, Willie & Joan Kelly, Elizabeth 'Bet' Rhodes (5th Anniv), Mary & Christy Styne (birthday Remembrance), Bessie Casey

**9 am Barrowhouse:** Denis Langton, Patrick & Ellen Ryan, Pauline Ryan, Carmel Haughton, Una Whelan, Bobby Smithers

#### 10.30 am:

**Month's mind:** Tom Fogarty, Cora Harkin

**Anniversaries:** Kitty Scully, Dec. members of Meany & McLaughlin families, Noel Foley (1st A), Maisie Myles, Micheál Myles, Kathleen & Kitty Harte, Dan Foley (2nd A), Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Christopher Carolan, John Moore, John Sean Dalton, Mary Walsh, Helen Lawler, Baby William Lawler, John Paul Brennan, Bessie Casey, Souls in Purgatory, Mary Fitzsimons

**12 noon: Month's mind:** Pat Harris, Tom Fogarty, Cora Harkin

**Anniversaries:** Denis O'Donovan, Frank Byrne, Josephine Harris, Birnie Tierney (8th A), Maisie Myles, Micheál Myles, Kathleen & Kitty Harte, Seamie Hempenstall, Dan Foley (2nd A), Mary Fitzsimons

**Monday 9.30 am:** Edward Martin, Cissie Robinson, Mary Foley (Remembrance)

**Tues. 9.30 am:** Joe Nolan, Kevin Doran (26th A) Ambrosia Vicente (Anniv), Thanksgiving

**Wednes. 9.30 am:** Liz Griffin

**Thursday 9.30 am:** Jack Kingston, Maisie Myles, Micheál Myles

**Friday 9.30 am:** Holy Souls

### READINGS

**1st Reading:**

**Deuteronomy 4:** 32-34.39-40

**Psalms:** Ps. 32

**2nd Reading:** Romans 8:14-17

**Gospel: Matthew 28: 16-20**

### ROSARY

Every Sunday evening at 7.30 pm

Fatima Grotto, Kilkenny Road  
All welcome

## ATHY PARISH OFFICE

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### OPEN: Monday:

2.15-4pm

### Tuesday & Wednes:

9.30-1.30 pm & 2-4pm

**Thur & Fri:** 9.30-1.30pm

(by phone in afternoon)

**Sat:** 10.30am-12.30 only

**Closed Holy Days & Bank Holidays**

## COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

cards, gifts, prayer books, rosaries,  
rosettes are available from  
parish office

## DONATIONS

*A choice as to how you donate*

The Archdiocese of Dublin has facilitated a  
"Tap and Go" contactless donation method  
to enable people to donate directly to the  
[First Collection \(Common Fund Priest  
Collection\)](#)

and the [Second Collection \(Share Fund\)](#)

Card machines are in place in the Church  
for this purpose.

**You can use your Debit/Credit Card or  
indeed your mobile phone**

This is split 60% to the  
Common Fund and 40% to  
Share.

Thanks for your donations.



[Tap & Go Share & Common for  
April raised €423.00  
from 40 transactions](#)

## ACTIVE RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION

currently looking up New Members  
Monthly meetings in Athy Library  
Next meeting Monday,  
10th June 2024 at 11.30am

## PARISH TEAM

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## Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

**concludes on this Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June at  
7.30pm in St Clare's Church,  
Graiguecullen, Carlow.**

We invite people to place their petitions  
in the petition boxes in St Clare's  
Church. During our Novena, through the  
prayers of our Faith Community and the  
intercession of Our Lady we will ask  
Jesus to relieve whatever burdens we  
carry. Rosary recited at 7.10pm and  
Novena begins at 7.30pm

**GUEST SPEAKER is:** Elma Walsh

Founder of the 'Live Life Foundation' in  
memory of her son Donal who died aged  
16 years

## ACCORD

Accord Carlow are now back  
open for face-to-face Relationship  
Counselling at St. Catherine's  
Community Service Centre Carlow  
For further information please  
phone Mary at 086 4149034  
or email [accordcarlow@gmail.com](mailto:accordcarlow@gmail.com)

## CATECHETICAL CORNER - THE TRINITY

It can be difficult to make sense of the Most Blessed Trinity. St Patrick used a Shamrock to try and explain it, St Joseph of Cupertino used a blanket with three folds in it: three folds, one blanket. But that still does not explain it what is the Trinity? To put it simply, it is a relationship of love.

"God is love" (1 Jn. 4:7 & 16). But for love to have any meaning it must have an 'object'. We don't just say 'I love.' We say; 'I love...you, I love...chocolate, I love...reading'. These are the 'objects' of our love. The Son, the second person of the Trinity is the 'object' of the love of the Father. So too, the Father, the first person of the Trinity, is the object of the love of the Son. The Father loves the Son, the Son loves the Father. It is a mutual outpouring, a self-emptying of love, one for the other. So, the Father is both the lover and the beloved, so too is the Son, both the lover and the beloved. Their love flows from one to the other in an unending cycle. This love flowing from one to the other is what we call the Holy Spirit, the Holy Spirit is the fruit of the love flowing from Father to Son and Son to Father. That is why we say in the Creed, "I believe in the Holy Spirit...who proceeds from the Father and the Son...".

It is from this relationship of love that the Church draws her understanding of Sacramental Marriage. The Church understands the marriage relationship as being the closest thing to the relationship of the Most Holy Trinity that we can encounter in this life. It is an expression of the mutual self-giving that we see in the Trinity that the Church sees in the marriage relationship. The wife, loving and being loved in return. The husband, loving and being loved in return. The fruit of the love that flows from one to the other, being an openness to children.

It is this total self-giving, self-sacrificing love, that we see in the Trinity and in marriage. We see this same self-giving, self-sacrificing, self-emptying love in the sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross. To paraphrase the Gospel: 'A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life...for his wife'. To love in this way is to be Trinitarian. To understand this love is to understand the Trinity.

## Children Liturgy Sheets

available at doors of church



## Athy Parish website

[www.parihofathy.ie](http://www.parihofathy.ie)

**Parish Radio** 107.9 fm

## LOURDES PARISH PILGRIMAGE

**Moone, Narraghmore, Athy**



**25th Aug– 1st Sept 2024**

**Cost: €975**

Spiritual Director:

Fr. Francis McCarthy

Deposit of €200 **now** due.

Final payment due by end of June

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