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OF ATHY

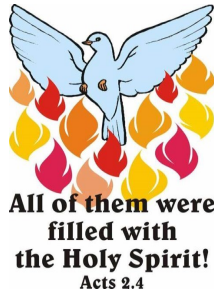
Comprising the Faith Communities
of:
ST MICHAEL'S, ATHY
&
ST MARY'S, BARROWHOUSE



MASS OF PENTECOST SUNDAY 19TH MAY 2024

PRAYER

Send down, O God, upon your people the flame of your Holy Spirit, and fill with the abundance of your sevenfold gift the Church you brought forth from your Son's pierced side. May your life-giving Spirit lend fire to our words and strength to our witness. Send us forth to the nations of the world to proclaim with boldness your wondrous work of raising Jesus from the dead. **Amen.**



PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

Recently Deceased:

David Kavanagh, Moneen, the Hollands
Thomas O'Brien, London

Saturday 6pm Month's mind:

Birthdays remembrance: Chris Byrne

Anniversaries:

Edward Myles, Elizabeth `Lily` Quinn (1st A), Billy Owens, Pauline Owens (1st A), Mary McCarthy, Dec. members of McCarthy family, Patrick Moran, Kevin & Margaret Brady, Anne Redmond (5th A), Martin & Mary Gorman, Peter Conlan, Lily Quinn Stephen `Tony` Quinn (44th A), Mick English (26th A), Kathleen & Janes Shiel, Frank Mulqueen, Ber McStay, Michael & Andy Doogue, John Cahill, Mary Foley (16th A), Paddy Delaney, Dec mem Delaney Family, John Keogh, Kathleen, James, Mary Sheil, Serge Pacos

9 am Barrowhouse: William & Mary Anne Whelan

10.30 am: Recently Deceased: Thomas O'Brien,

Birthdays remembrance: Mary O'Sullivan

Anniversaries:

Michael & Andy Doogue, Anne Williams, Seamus Dempsey (37th A), Jimmy Curtis, Bernie Curtis Kelly, Paddy Murphy, Pauline Owens (1st A), Elizabeth `Lily` Quinn, Mary McCarthy, Dec. members of McCarthy family, Josephine Fennelly (3rd A), Martin & Mary Gorman, Mary Geraghty, John & Kitty Killian, John Browne, Mary Leahy, Sheila McTeague, Ann Leahy, Ber McStay

12 noon: Recently Deceased: Paddy Finnigan

Anniversaries:

Elizabeth `Lily` Quinn, Pauline Owens (1st A), Josephine Fennelly (3rd A), Martin & Mary Gorman, Francis Rowan, Dec. members of Rowan & Loughman families, John Browne, Ber McStay, Michael Ryan, James Donahey (1st Anniv), Gerard Watchorn, Special Intention

Monday 9.30 am:

Tues. 9.30 am: Theresa Campbell, Seamus Dempsey (37th A), Theresa Campbell (5th A) Paddy Joe Fitzpatrick, Malcolm & Daniel Fitzpatrick

Wednes. 9.30 am:

Thursday 9.30 am:

Friday 9.30 am: Connie Stafford, Maura Coughlan, Kathleen & Steve Stevens

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

Last Weekend Collections:

P. Dev.: €770 Common: €955 Share €909

Thanks to all who contribute

NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT CONTINUES

Recalling the example of the disciples after the Ascension, who persevered together in prayer with Mary, the Mother of Jesus. Archbishop Farrell has asked all Catholics across the Archdiocese to continue the nine day through the Feast of Pentecost (Sunday 19th May), ending on the Feast of Mary, Mother of the Church (Monday 20th May). Our Novena to the Holy Spirit is a crucial part of the Building Hope pastoral renewal process of prayerful listening, dialogue, planning and action. Pope Francis encourages times such as these of prayerful reflection, listening and sharing, so that we can better hear the voice of God's Spirit, to help direct the Church into the future. We trust this prayerful period will be fruitful for our parish partnership and for our Archdiocese. Each day at mass we will pray the Building Hope Prayer. We encourage you to pray it at home. See parish website and on our Social media. There are also copies available at the doors of the Church.

BUILDING HOPE PRAYER

Pilgrim God, we give you thanks and praise.

You constantly journey with us even in our darkness and doubts.

We seek your way of loving kindness to walk together as one family.

Open our eyes to recognise you in the faces of one another, in the breaking of bread and in the splendour of creation.

May the risen Christ sow seeds of hope and new life deep within us.

May our hearts and minds be filled with your Word, bringing forth truth, justice and peace.

May the Holy Spirit working in and through us do much more than we can dare to imagine

as we live out our baptismal calling in humble and loving service.

We make this our prayer through Christ Our Lord. **Amen.**

Mary, Mother of the Church, *pray for us.*

St Laurence O'Toole, *pray for us.*

St Kevin, *pray for us.*

St Brigid, *pray for us.*

READINGS

1st Reading: Acts 2: 1-11

Psalm: Ps. 103

2nd Reading: Galatians 5: 16-25

Gospel:

John 15:26-27: 16: 12-15

ROSARY

Every Sunday evening
at 7.30 pm

Fatima Grotto,

Kilkenny Road

All welcome

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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](#)



Commemoration Ceremony

‘The Annual Great Famine
Commemoration Ceremony will take
place in St. Mary’s Cemetery (opposite
St. Vincent’s Hospital) on Sunday, 19th
May at 3pm. The service, conducted by
Fr. Liam Rigney and Rev. Conor
O’Reilly, will remember the 1,200 or
more inmates of the Workhouse who
died during the Great Famine.’

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Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

**continues on this Monday 20th May at
7.30pm in St Clare’s Church.**

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 Derek McGrath,
former centre-forward and previous
manager of the Waterford senior
Hurling team

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



**Children Liturgy
Sheets**

available at doors of
church

POP UP GAEILGE

in Frank O’Brien’s

Tue 21st May, 8pm

All welcome

ACTIVE RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION

currently looking up New Members

Monthly meetings in Athy Library

Next meeting Monday, 10th June 2024 at 11.30am

MERCY ASSOCIATE MEETING, Monday, 20th May at 7.30pm

at Parish Centre, Mount Hawkins

(*Lay Associates of Mercy Sisters*)



CATECHETICAL CORNER - GOD’S TOOLBOX

Imagine what that must have been like, to be present in that room, when it shook, there was a loud noise and then there were tongues of fire. Wow, how scary must it have been? Scary but exciting.

At some point, and perhaps more than once, we have probably all said something like: ‘If only I had lived when Jesus was on earth, it would just make it easier to believe.’ And yet so many didn’t believe and of those that did, many walked away from Him having followed Him for some time. The beauty of living after the time when Jesus was walking around on earth is that we have ‘access’ to Him all the time through the Sacraments. We are not restricted to making sure that we are in the same place as He is or that there aren’t too many people in front of us.

Jesus knew that it would not be easy to be His follower, in fact He said that we will be hated on account of Him. (*Mt. 10:22*) But to make it easier He gave us a tool box. Filled with various tools to help us to navigate our way along the ‘narrow path’. The tools in the box are the gifts of the Holy Spirit. And like all tools, they are intended to be used. These tools are: Wisdom: we learn how to make good decisions; Understanding: we come to know the mind and heart of God. Right Judgment (*Counsel*): we can put into practice what is in the mind and heart of God. Courage: (*Fortitude*), enables us to stand up for what is true and what we really believe. Knowledge: we come to know God in our heart. Reverence (*Piety*): we give honour, respect and praise to God. Wonder & Awe in God’s Presence (*Fear of the LORD*); we are aware of who we are in the presence of GOD and just how ‘other’ GOD really is.

Why do we need these gifts? The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) says this: “The moral life of Christians is sustained by the gifts of the Holy Spirit. These are permanent dispositions which make man docile in following the promptings of the Holy Spirit.” (*CCC #1830*) These gifts are given to us at Baptism and Confirmed at confirmation. Today, the feast of Pentecost, might be a good time to reflect on how well I have been using my gifts.



Athy Parish website

www.parishofathy.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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