



THE PARISH OF ATHY

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



MASS OF THE TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 23RD JUNE 2024

PRAYER

In the beginning, O God, your word subdued the chaos; in the fullness of time you sent Jesus, your Son, to rebuke the forces of evil and bring forth a new creation. By that same power, transform all our fear into faith and awe in your saving presence. We ask this 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:

Henry Howard, Avondale Drive. Paul Cunningham, Pairc Bhride, Peter Ging, Townspark Kathleen Henry, Russelstown. Funeral Monday at 11am to New St. Michael's Cemetery. Kathleen Lyons nee Maher, formerly Belview, who died in England Mary Davis nee Webster, formerly Butlers Row. Died in England. Fr. Martin Ryan O. Carm, Dublin

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

Area Distributors are asked to please collect their Summer Dues bundles from behind high Altar for distribution in their areas.

Dues can be placed in the collection bags during Mass or left into Parish office during opening hours. Those with weekly boxes will find their summer due envelope inside with a purple tab.

Parish Office will be closed Monday 24th June

Peter's Perse collection Sunday, Sat 29th/Sunday, 30th June Offerings are designated for the Pope's apostolic and charitable ministry. This will replace the Share Collection.



CEMETERY MASSES 2024

St. Michael's Old: Wednes. 26th June at 7.30 pm Kilmead: Today Sunday, 23rd June 2024 at 10.30 am

Last Weekend Collections:

P. Dev.: € 506 Common: €1,195 Share: €865 Thanks to all who contribute

THE PATTON TO TOBERARA WELL

Sunday 23rd June, meeting at St Vincent's at 3pm Via St. Mary's Cemetery. Please support

READINGS:

1st Reading:

Job 38: 1.8 -11

Psalms: Ps 106

2nd Reading:

2 Corinthians 5:14-17

Gospel:

Mark 4:35-41



Rally for Life

Saturday 6th July 2024 Dublin at 1.30pm

Saturday 6pm

Month's mind: Rose Doyle

Birthday remembrance: Bernard Whelan, 100 Birthday rem. Marie Kirby

Anniversaries:

Myles & Elizabeth Whelan, Joe & Adrian Whelan, Mark Carroll, Sadie Eustace (1st A), Michael Cremin, Simon & Mary Luttrell, Andrew & Esther Murphy (50th A), Dan Foley (18th A), Rose Campbell, Andy Doyle, Martin Hurley (1st A), Peter Smyth, Tom Kelly, John Shaughnessy (3rd A), Mary Hyland (3rd A), Mary Robinson (2nd A), Nancy Dooley (11th A), Joe & May Kane, Sean & Jason Dooley, John & Maggie Hoare, Bill & Pat Hoare, May & Noel Murphy, John & Ann Murphy, Ted Ward, Rita Ward, Kathleen Mackey, Betty Cusack, Pat Fitzsimons, Kathy Brown, Martin Holohan, Mary Hyland, Marjorie Austen, Kitty Byrne, Doris Pratt, Bernadette Thompson, Maureen Coyle, Dec. members of Kane & Hoare families, Frank Honer, David Whittle, Brigid Luttrell, Mary Myles, Paddy Glesson, Elizabeth Butler, Tom & Mattie Kirwan,

9 am Barrowhouse:

10.30 am: Remembrance: Josie Dooley

Anniversaries:

Thomas Whelan, Marcella Whelan, Eamon McCauley, Bernadette Connolly, Mary Robinson (2nd A), Josie Moran (1st A), Andrew & Esther Murphy, Harry Mulhall, Peter & Kate O'Connell, Mick Dargan, May & Tommy Maguire, Mary Easton (24th Anniv) Fr. Martin Ryan (Rec Deceased)

12 noon: Anniversaries: John Shaughnessy (3rd A), John O'Neill (2nd A), John Peters, Mary Robinson (2nd A), Josie Moran (1st A), Ann Raddie, Dec. members of Bambrick family, Connie Stafford (9th A) Fr. Martin Ryan (Rec Deceased)

Monday 9.30 am: Mary Carr, Special Intention, Maggie & Jimmy Fleming, Deceased members of Donohue, Fleming & Fingleton families, Mary Berry, Mary McMahon, Mary Mulhall, Special Intention Birthday remembrance: Rose Keegan

Tues. 9.30 am: Recently Deceased: Henry Howard Birthday remembrance: Annie 'Biddy' Nolan, Josie Moran (1st A), Special Intention

Wednes. 9.30 am: Connie Stafford (9th A)

Mary Davis nee Webster formerly Butler's Row. Burial today in England. William & Nuala Fenelon

Friday 9.30 am:

Birthday Remembrance: Eamon & Eileen Kaye, Anniv: Lizzie Kelly (9th A), Martina Cambie, Donor's Intention

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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

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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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 during May 2024 raised €429.00 from 40 transactions

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The Summer Dues has become an important initiative in recent years, helping to return the Common Fund to a healthy position, supporting priests in parishes, and sick and retired priests throughout the Archdiocese. The Summer Dues has played a central role in restoring the priests' stipend back to the level it was pre-COVID. It is important that parishioners in all parishes across the Archdiocese are given an opportunity to support priests in this way.

Archdiocese of Dublin

SUMMER
DUES
APPEAL
2024

Summer Dues

Thank you for
supporting your priests



ATHY PARISH HOLY HOUR

Every Tuesday from 2-3 pm in Parish Church

Every Tuesday in St. Mary's Church,
Barrowhouse at 6.30-7.30
all welcome

Children Liturgy Sheets

available at doors of church



Athy Parish website

www.parishofathy.ie

Parish Radio 107.9 fm

ROSARY Every Sunday evening at 7.30 pm Fatima Grotto, Kilkenny Road.
All welcome

CATECHETICAL CORNER – CRUCIFIX OR CROSS?

An empty cross is often associated with non-Roman Catholic Christians. Many non-RC Christians will have a Cross, without the Body of Christ – Corpus – on it. Whereas RC's, generally have a Crucifix – a cross with a Corpus. Why is this and what is the difference? Non-RC Christians rightly believe that Christ is risen and therefore contend that the Cross should be empty to reflect this. The RC viewpoint is that the crucifix reminds us of Christ's sacrificial death - as Paul wrote, "*we preach Christ and HIM crucified...*" (1 Cor. 1:23). So then, the Crucifix is a stark reminder of the price that was paid for our redemption. We look upon our LORD beaten, humiliated and degraded. We see HIS bloodied and broken body and are reminded of the words of the Gospel of John, referencing the prophet Zechariah "*they will look upon the one whom they have pierced...*" (Jn.19:37 cf. Zech.12:10).

The Crucifix also reminds us of what we do every time we come to Mass. In Mass we are, as it were, transported back in time to Calvary and are present at the Crucifixion of Jesus. In every Mass, the Crucifixion is re-present-ed to us in a non-bloody, non-violent way. Indeed, on the altar there is a Crucifix that faces the priest, it may have a Corpus on both sides, it is there to remind the priest that he too, must sacrifice his life for his people. So, while the crucifix is associated with Catholicism, we have no problem with having an empty cross as well.

However, the empty cross has a deeper meaning for Catholics. In his book entitled 'The Way', St Jose Maria Escriva makes a very beautiful and challenging observation about the empty cross, he says this: "*When you see a poor wooden Cross, alone, uncared-for, and of no value... and without its Crucified, don't forget that that Cross is your Cross: the Cross of each day, the hidden Cross, without splendour or consolation..., the Cross which is awaiting the Crucified it lacks: and that Crucified must be you.*" (The Way #178). The empty cross should remind us of the injunction of Jesus: '*If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. Anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.*' (Mt. 16:24-25). Losing one's life doesn't necessarily mean death, it more likely means to sacrifice oneself and our own happiness for the love of another, and so take up our cross.

We take up our cross in many different ways. Perhaps it is the cross of loneliness, or bereavement, or a sick child. Perhaps we live with constant pain, or live with a loved one who is in constant pain. Our cross may be a difficult spouse, ill health or financial difficulties. Whatever our cross, we are called to embrace it and to unite our suffering to that of Christ.

In Colossians 1:24, St. Paul says: "*I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church.*" In the words of Venerable Fulton Sheen: "*Pain without Christ is suffering; pain with Christ is sacrifice.*"