



THE PARISH
OF ATHY

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



MASS OF THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 16TH JUNE 2024

PRAYER

Loving God, we know that that the journey home is the journey inwards. Help us to take the Good News of Jesus to heart, so that living the good news now we may come to our true homeland with you. 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

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

Last Weekend Collections:

P. Dev.: €596 Common: €975 Share: €775

Thanks to all who contribute

CEMETERY MASSES 2024

St. Michael's Old:

Wednes. 26th June at 7.30 pm

Kilberry:

Wednes. 19th June 2024 at 7.30pm

Churchtown:

Thursday, 20th June 2024 at 7.30 pm

Barrowhouse:

Today, Sunday, 16th June 2024 at 9 am

Moone:

Today, Sunday, 16th June 2024 at 12 noon

Kilmead:

Sunday, 23rd June 2024 at 10.30 am



Day for Life Sunday is celebrated annually with a special message by the Catholic Church across Ireland, Scotland, England and Wales. It is a day specifically dedicated to raising awareness and reflecting on the deep value and meaning of human life at every stage, and in every condition. Today, Sunday, June 16, the Church will mark Day for Life 2024 with a message on the theme: **The Lord is my shepherd – Compassion and Hope at the End of Life.**

This year's message reminds us that Jesus did not send the sick away, rather He showed that life always has dignity and that there is no such a thing as a useless life. Catholics are called to defend this gift of life to its natural end and to protect vulnerable citizens from a culture that could pressure them into assisted suicide. In this way, we are encouraged to support people with the companionship of a listening ear, appropriate treatment, and the best of care.

PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

Recently Deceased: *Jimmy Kavanagh, Castledermot Ger Kelly, Booleigh*

Saturday 6pm

Month's mind: David Kavanagh

Birthday remembrance: Edmond Loughman, Tommie Comerford, Michael Joyce & Anniversary

Anniversaries: Albert & Marion Prendergast, Elizabeth Rigney, Esther & Andrew Murphy (50th A), Patrick 'Pa' May, Tommy Moran, Denis & Mary Ann Rowan, Dec. members of Rowan family, Francis Ya Foley, John & Margaret Murphy, Mary & Jim O'Mara, Brendan Murphy, John Murphy, John Kilfeather, Nonie Heatherley, Dec. members of Comerford & Myles families, Mary & Jack Hayes, Nano & Pat Hayes, Ann Finn, Joan Rice, Dec. mem of Rice & Hyland families, Kevin & Bridie Hyland

9 am Barrowhouse: Albert & Marion Prendergast, Elizabeth Rigney, Bridie Davis

10.30 am: Month's mind:

Birthday remembrance: Tommie Comerford
Remembrance: James Martin, James McDonald,
Anniversaries: Dolores Mulhall, Michael Joyce (8th A), Christina Doyle, Denis Pink, Tommy Moran, Michael Doogue, Andrew Doogue, Joseph Delaney, John & Margaret Murphy, Mary & Jim O'Mara, Brendan Murphy, John Kilfeather, Nonie Heatherley, Dec. mem of Comerford & Myles families, Mary & Jack Hayes, Nano & Pat Hayes, Ann & Jade Dunne, Christopher & Paul Dunne, Edward Dunne, Frank, Christopher & Margaret King, Derek Candy (anniv), Dec mem Kelly & Candy Families, Mick Dargan

12 noon:

Birthday remembrance: Tony Bracken, Kevin Reardon, Tommie Comerford

Remembrance: Michael Ryan

Anniversaries: Michael Joyce (8th A), John Murphy, Seamus Mageean(1st A), Mary McMahan, Mary 'Mai' Roche, Tommy Moran, John & Margaret Murphy, Mary & Jim O'Mara, Brendan Murphy, John Murphy, John Kilfeather, Nonie Heatherley, Dec. mem of Comerford & Myles families, Mary & Jack Hayes, Nano & Pat Hayes

Monday 9.30 am:

Birthday rem. Vera Robinson nee Doyle
Anniv.: Tom, Jean & Derek Donohue, Eileen & Kevin Fingleton, Molly, June & John Fingleton, Betty & Paddy Brennan, Dec. mem of Bambrick & Brennan families, Michael Raddie

Tues. 9.30 am:

Wednes. 9.30 am: Liz Scully

Thursday 9.30 am: Birthday rem.: Bernard Whelan
Anniversary: Mary Hyland

Friday 9.30 am: Jim Doyle, Dec. members of Doyle family

READINGS:

1st Reading: Ezekiel 17:22-24

2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10

Psalms: Ps 2-3,13-16

Gospel: Mark 4:26-34

ATHY PARISH OFFICE

Email: athyparishrc@eircom.net

Phone 059 86 38391

Address: Parish Office,
St. Michael's Church, Stanhope Pl.,
Athy, Co. Kildare. R14 CA 26

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

Contact:

Christopher Rowan

087 2707 182

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

PARISH TEAM

Fr. Liam Rigney P.P. Parochial Hs.,

1 Stanhope Pl. Athy, Co. Kildare.

R14 CH 90. Ph: 087 2607377

liam.rigney@dublindiocese.ie

Fr. Tim Hannon C.C.

Ph: 059 8630704,

Fr. Francis McCarthy C.C.

Ph: 087 6978143.

Pastoral Workers:

Conor McCann, Ph: 086 7905654

conor.mccann@dublindiocese.ie

Natasha Geoghegan

Ph: 087 6730300



ATHY MERCY ASSOCIATE MEETING,
(*Lay Associates of Mercy Sisters*)



Monday, 17th June at 7.30pm

at Parish Centre, Mount Hawkins

Final meeting before summer recess

ATHY PRAYER MEETING

Every Tuesday at 8pm in Parish Centre

Mount Hawkins

All welcome



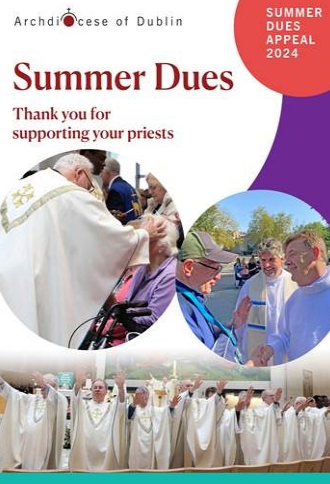
Children Liturgy Sheets
available at doors of church

Athy Parish website
www.parishofathy.ie

Parish Radio 107.9 fm

Archbishop Farrell's Message;

“Please support your priests through the Summer Dues collection. The generosity that people show towards their priests is indispensable. Please play your part, too, in a renewed and active involvement of all parishioners as together we sow seeds for a future harvest, trusting always in God's plans for us”



CATECHETICAL CORNER – THE PROBLEM WITH SIN.

I recently had a conversation with a woman who said: “*There are very few mortal sins I've done in my life, and way too many venial sins. Are you a serial killer? Do you regularly beat your spouse? Well, maybe you do have a problem with frequent mortal sin. But most of us stick to the venial stuff - lose your temper, neglect prayer, ignore those who need help - or whatever is your weakness.*” Many of us would probably agree with her, “*I haven't killed anyone*”. But if we set the bar at the level of serial killer and spouse beater then very few of us, thankfully, commit mortal sin. But if we honestly evaluate ourselves in light of the 10 Commandments, the Seven Deadly Sins or the Precepts of the Church, we might come up with a different view point. Do I use the name of the LORD in vain – ‘*Oh my GOD*’, ‘*Jesus Mary & Joseph*’ etc...)? Do I neglect to keep Holy the LORD's day? Do I put other things before GOD – TV, social media, Sport - not giving GOD priority in my life? Do I disrespect my parents, neglect to pray for them if they are dead? Have I 'killed' the good name of another person by gossip or talking about them, even if it's true? Have I told lies - even simple white lies - bearing false witness? Have I looked at something that my neighbour has and thought, “*I'd like that*”? Am I greedy, gluttonous, slothful (*lazy both physically and in spiritual matters*), prideful, envious, do I bear anger/malice towards another person...even if they deserve it? Have I looked at another person in a lustful manner? Or are there other sins against purity?

To say that we have no mortal sin in our lives, is, I think, to be unaware of the true condition of our soul. A regular examination of conscience, using the Decalogue (10 Commandments), the Seven Deadly Sins and the Precepts of the Church, as reference points, is a good way to honestly evaluate our need for forgiveness. If we have no sin, we have no need of a saviour. Having a chat about sin in my life with a priest in confession, rather than bringing my laundry list of sins to be cleansed, and asking for his help in understanding where I am, can also be very helpful.

The problem with sin is, it causes us to turn our back on GOD. Our sin puts a rift between us and GOD. Just as we read in the story of Adam of Eve. Because of their sin, Adam and Eve tried to hide from GOD. But the good news is, GOD came looking for them. Despite our sin, GOD still loves us and still comes looking for us, not to leave us in our sin, but to heal us and restore us, through Sacramental Confession, and so bring us into an even deeper relationship with Him. The first step is awareness of our need for forgiveness and a firm desire to start over. For every problem there is a solution, even the problem of sin.