



THE PARISH  
OF ATHY

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



## MASS OF THE TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 25TH AUGUST 2024

### PRAYER

Faithful God, your love for us all is mirrored in the love of husband and wife. Love is our origin, love is our constant calling, love is our fulfilment in heaven. Help to enjoy the gift of human love and may we see therein a participation in the love which moves the life of the Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.



### PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

**Recently Deceased:**  
*Mary O'Neill, Kilberry.*

**Saturday 6pm**  
**Months Mind:** Anne Dunne  
**Anniversaries:**

Mark Merlehan, Paddy & Mary Lawler, Mary Harrison (Anniv), Michael Piert (Anniv), Alice Piert, Michael Piert Jr., Dec mem of Piert Family, Joe & Ellen Bergin, Anne & David Bach, Mary Gray (1st Anniv), Maura Kelly nee Germaine (5anniv), Francis Moloney, Joe & Josephine Moloney, Olive Harte, Noel McLoughlin, Liam McLoughlin, Michael & Stasia McLoughlin, Jane Radziuniene (3rd anniv), Michael Keating (2nd Anniv), Andrew White, Maglaisha Knee (Anniv & Birthday Rem),

**Birthday Remembrance:** John Harty, Martin McGrath,

**9 am Barrowhouse:** Mary Gray (1st Anniv)

**10.30 am: Months Mind:** Anne Dunne  
**Anniversaries:**

Mark Merlehan, Paddy & Mary Lawler, Dolores Butler, Carol Carpenter (anniv), Mary Gray (1st Anniv), Johnny Redmond, Brigid & Ned Fitzgerald, Esther Hickey Snr., Andrew White (Anniv)

**12 noon:**  
**Months Mind:** Anne Dunne  
**Anniversaries:** Mark Merlehan, Paddy & Mary Lawler, Michael Miley, Mary Gray (1st Anniv), Tom Dooley (24th Anniv), Dec mem Dooley & Coneran Families, Andrew White (Anniv), Margaret 'Peg' Moloney

**Monday 9.30 am:**  
Sr. Dolores O'Grady (Remembrance)

**Tues. 9.30 am:**  
Peter Mullin

**Wednes. 9.30 am:**  
Marion Fogarty (34th anniv)

**Thursday 9.30am:**  
Mary Holligan, Martin McGrath (20th Anniv), Joseph Crowe, Brigid Crowe,

**Birthday Remembrance:** Colm Crowe, Anne Hyland

**Friday 9.30 am:**  
Lottie Dargan (Anniv)



### 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

Lourdes Parish Pilgrimage 25th Aug –1st Sept. We wish the pilgrims well and remember them in our prayers.

**Last Weekend Collections:**  
P. Dev.: €736 Common: € 1,005 Share: €720  
*Thanks to all who contribute*

### Parking Restrictions

#### Athy Parish Car Park

**Monday 26th-Thursday 29th August 2024, inclusive**

**Good News;** The cross on the church tower which came down in a storm in December 2019 is being reinstated, now that the insurance claim is settled.

The crosses over the front door and baptistery are also being reinstated.

This will necessitate the closing of the front car park and part of the side carpark

on

Monday next, 26th to Thursday 29th August inclusive.



We will do our best to accommodate all those who attend the 9.30am Mass each day.



The front door of the church will be closed  
Please enter by the side door

### SUNDAY READINGS

**FIRST READING**  
Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18;  
**Psalm 34 (33);**  
**SECOND READING**  
Ephesians 5:2,25-32;  
**GOSPEL**  
John 6:60-69

### ROSARY

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

## YOUTH RETREAT

Pure in Heart is a registered Irish Catholic charity that educates, inspires and empowers youth to share, live and understand the truth and beauty of our human sexuality and faith. It lead and organised by youth themselves.

Due to popular demand we are organising a 3rd Teen Day Retreat in Dublin on Saturday 31st August for teenagers ages 13 to 17yrs called; Imageo Dei - (In the Image of God). All of our volunteers are Garda Vetted and have undergone Child Protection Training. The retreat will be held in St Joseph's Young Priest's Society Building; 23 Merrion Square North, Dublin 2

## Further Education and Training Courses Athy:

Full-time and Part-time places available. Social Studies, Young People and Society, Healthcare, Business Studies, Bookkeeping, Marketing Practice and Early Learning and Care. All courses are free to eligible students. Training allowance available for full-time students who are in receipt of Jobseekers Payments. For detailed course information contact programme coordinator: Una Burke,  
Phone: 059 8632044 Ext 2.

## HOLY HOUR

Adoration will resume in September.



## Athy Parish

website [www.parishofathy.ie](http://www.parishofathy.ie)  
Parish Radio 107.9 fm

## PARISH TEAM

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## SUPPORT FOR BIRTH MOTHERS

Information and Support for Birth Mothers whose babies were placed for adoption may be found at [www.birthinio.ie](http://www.birthinio.ie) or by calling the relevant section of Tusla at 0818 445500.

## GRÁSTA

### Catholic Preparation for Marriage Courses

20th-22nd September 2024

De La Salle Pastoral Centre, Castletown, Co. Laois

Weekend residential available

For Information: [www.grasta.org](http://www.grasta.org) or at [info@grasta.org](mailto:info@grasta.org)



## 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)

## Saint John Vianney Catholic Church



Presents An  
**AUTUMN CONCERT**

Featuring **The Singing Priest**

**Fr Marino Nguekam**

Accompanied By:

**Mary Flynn : Soprano**  
**Eoin Tierney : Organist**  
**Jane Hughes : Cello**



Sunday 1st Sept - 3pm  
95 Ardlea Road Artane D05TH79

## AWARE – SUPPORT & SELF CARE GROUPS

If you or those with whom you work wish to connect with people in relation to your mental wellbeing, consider using Aware's phone-in and Zoom support and self-care groups, support line or support mail. For more information, visit [www.aware.ie](http://www.aware.ie).

## DOMINICAN RETREATS

**A Look of Love** - Jim Deeds: 26th to 29th August 2024. Using Scripture, meditation, body and breath work, music and story, Jim will lead us to an awareness of the God whose love is infinite and unconditional, a creative path on which we can find God in the mess of our everyday lives, and reconnect to our inherent goodness. Cost: €320 residential; €215 non-residential.

"There's a crack in everything: **that's how the light gets in**" - Sean Goan. 31st August to 5th September 2024. To help us counter the God of the Scriptures we will use the songs of Leonard Cohen, who has inspired millions as they face the paradox of believing in a loving God while living in a broken world. During this retreat his lyrics with help us to explore prayerfully how the word of God can speak to us today offering hope and meaning in difficult times. Email [dominicanretreats@gmail.com](mailto:dominicanretreats@gmail.com).

## Christ, Husband, and Wife

Saint Pope John Paul begins with the words from Ephesians, "Be subject to one another in the fear of Christ." He then describes a holy triangle in marriage: Christ, husband, and wife. He notes that in Christian marriage the reciprocal relationship between husband and wife springs from their shared fear of the Lord. This fear is not a servile fear, but reverence from a close relationship with God, especially from their living the mystery of Christ which is presented earlier in Ephesians. This mystery is Christ choosing them from all eternity to be united into the very life of God. Because each spouse is called to be united into the very life of God, each spouse is also called to grow in capacity to love, for capacity to love is the life of God. Marriage, with its daily ups and downs and its great joys and sorrows, can be a profoundly nurturing way for that growth. That way of growth is to "be subject to one another."