



THE PARISH  
OF ATHY

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



MASS OF THE TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 15TH SEPTEMBER 2024

PRAYER

Make us one, O God, in acknowledging Jesus the Christ. As we proclaim him by our words, let us follow him in our works; give us strength to take up the cross and courage to lose our lives for his sake. Amen.



PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

Recently Deceased:

*Seamus O'Donoghue*, Dublin  
*Joan Doogue*, Curraclone, Stradbally,  
*John Walsh*, Oaklawn  
*Paul Martin Mac Hugh*, late of London and formerly Clonmullion, Athy

**Saturday 6pm Months Mind:** Mary O'Neill,  
**Birthday Remembrance:** Eddie Doyle, Annie Foley,  
**Anniversaries:**

William & Ann Doyle, Margaret & Tony Doyle, Luke 'Louie' O'Hanlon, Eileen McCluskey (3rd A), Maura Hyland (2nd A), Dec. mem of Foley family, Thomas & Agnes McCarthy, Dec. members of McCarthy family, Breda O'Connor (1st A), Henry Foley, Lizzie Hutchinson, Paddy Joe & Malcolm Fitzpatrick, Sheila Chanders, Dec. mem of Chanders & Dwyer families, Christopher Doyle (4th A), Ann Harrison, Ned Harrison, Charlie Harrison, Marjorie & Willie Smith, Dec mem Lehan Family, Kathleen & Bill Hughes, Thomas, Elizabeth & Agnes Hughes, Elizabeth & Oweny Kelly, Bill Redmond (2nd anniv), Brian & Sheila Kelly, Mary Bridget Doyle (2nd Anniv) Margaret 'Maggie' Phillips, Chris Doyle, Christy Brogan (Remembrance)

**9 am Barrowhouse:** John Malone, Mary & Daniel O'Connor, Terry Taylor

**10.30 am: Month's mind:** Mary O'Neill  
**Birthday Rem.** Eddie Doyle  
**Anniversaries:**

Dora & Patrick O'Donoghue, Liam Walsh, Shay Ryan, John P. Murphy, Elizabeth Browne, Thomas & Agnes McCarthy, Dec. members of McCarthy family, Sheila Chanders, Dec. members of Chanders & Dwyer families, Baby Mark Molloy

**12 noon:**  
**Birthday remembrance:** Eddie Doyle  
**Anniversaries:**

Patrick Murtagh, Fr. Dominic O'Connor, Baby Mark Molloy

**Monday 9.30 am:** Elizabeth Browne, Bill Redmond (2nd Anniv), Special Intention

**Tues. 9.30 am:**

**Birthday remembrance:** Annie Foley, Patrick Maher, Thomas & Kathleen Stewart (Remembrance), Dec. members of Foley family, Henry Foley

**Wednes. 9.30 am:** Johnny Morrissey, Special Intention

**Thursday 9.30am:** Michael Mahon

**Friday 9.30am:** Christy Lamon, Pat Flinter (3rd 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

Diocesan **Crosscare collection** takes place today It replaces the Share collection. A letter from the Archbishop will be read at all Masses outlining the work of CROSSCARE

**Parish Choir** will resume singing at 12 noon Mass today.

Sunday, 22nd September is **Safeguarding Sunday**.

**Congregational singing** at 10.30am Mass will resume on September 22nd and continue every second Sunday from then.

**Last Weekend Collections:**

P. Dev.: €700 Common: €910 Share: €702

*Thanks to all who contribute*

SUNDAY READINGS

**FIRST READING** Isaiah 50:5-9

**Psalms** Ps 114

**SECOND READING** James 2:14-18

**GOSPEL** Mark 8:27-35

Athy Parish

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

KNOCK DOMINICAN PILGRIMAGE

13th Oct 2024

The coach will depart from St. Michael's Parish Church at 8.30 am sharp. Return time 9.20pm approx.

Tickets €30. Advanced booking & payment required.

Contact the Parish Office



ATHY PARISH OFFICE

Open:

Mon: 2.15pm - 4 pm

Tue & Wednes. 9.30-1.30 & 2pm -4pm

Thur & Fri 9.30 am-1.30 pm

**Closed: Saturday next, 21st September**

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ATHY PARISH CENTRE

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### ATHY MERCY ASSOCIATE MEETING,

(Lay Associates of Mercy Sisters)

Monday 16th September 7.30pm  
at Parish Centre, Mount Hawkins



### St. Pio's Feast Day Mass

Will take place Monday 23rd September  
in St Mary's Church, Edenderry, Co. Offaly.  
Padre Pio's Glove will be available to  
anyone wishing to be Blessed.

### CIORAL COMHRA AT ATHY LIBRARY

every Wednes. from 10.30am-12 noon

Do you want to improve your  
Irish Conversation?

Come along and enjoy a chat with others and  
improve your Irish at the same time!

### The Autumn series of lectures

organised by Athy's Historical Society  
will open on

Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> September at 8pm in the  
Community Arts Centre with a presentation  
by Rod and Mary Feely of their trek through  
Nepal to the Everest base camp.

Admission free.

### Invitation to Meditation:

Carlow Meditation Group meets on Monday  
evenings from 7 pm to 7:45 pm in  
the Cathedral Parish Centre, College Street,  
Carlow - *excluding bank  
holidays*. Meditation, the universal practice  
of silent contemplation, can awaken the  
heart, deepen our spiritual sensitivity and  
promote our wellbeing. All are welcome - no  
experience needed. No need to book – just  
turn up on any Monday evening! (Noel  
Keating, 087 2251183)

### Children Liturgy Sheets

available at doors of church



### PARISH TEAM

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### 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)

### 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)



### DONATIONS

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.  
**Tap & Go Share & Common during August 2024 in Athy Parish**  
**collected €541** from 43 transactions. This is split 60% to the Common  
Fund and 40% to Share. **Thanks for your donations**

### BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

Contact Numbers 01 4045378 or 085 2888 888 & NI 02895213120

Email Address [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie)/[info@anamcarani.co.uk](mailto:info@anamcarani.co.uk)

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### CATECHETICAL CORNER - SKANDALON

On September 14<sup>th</sup> the Church celebrates the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, a feast that commemorates the finding of the True Cross by St Helena in the year 320. St Helena was the mother of the Roman Emperor Constantine, who made Christianity the state religion of Rome and thus made it acceptable.

The crucifixion brings into sharp focus the age-old question of 'Why do good people suffer?' Why did Jesus suffer? And for many people this is a question that they cannot get past and it causes them to lose their faith. It is a skandalon.

'Skandalon' is a Greek word that translates as a stumbling block, something to trip a person up or to cause a person to lose their faith. It is in this context that it is used in relation to the crucifixion of Jesus. We read in 1 Cor. 1:23: "but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block (*skandalon*) to Jews..." Why was it a skandalon to Jews? Because they were expecting a military type Messiah, not one who would die a shameful death.

Crucifixion was a shameful, ignominious death for a first century Jew, the final humiliation. Jesus died in a very public manner, at festival time, when the city was packed. In human terms he was killed for various religious and political reasons. The cross, Good Friday, is a scandal that only makes sense when viewed from the perspective of Easter Sunday. Jesus died publicly so that even his detractors could not deny his death and the manner of it. The resurrection turns the shame of the cross on its head. Jesus was killed but then rose from the dead, meaning that not even death, the ultimate threat held over anyone, has any power. For Christians, the cross is a symbol of life. A sign of hope and victory. This is why the Church celebrates it every year and why in the Gospel for the 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday we hear Jesus telling us to take up our cross and follow Him. Taking up our cross, exalting the cross, means allowing ourselves to be vulnerable, even weak before GOD; it means laying aside our strengths and our egos and casting ourselves into the mysterious abyss of GOD's love. Bearing in mind what the Catechism of the Catholic Church says: "*The Church, following the apostles, teaches that Christ died for all men without exception: "There is not, never has been, and never will be a single human being for whom Christ did not suffer."* (CCC #605)