



THE PARISH
OF ATHY

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



MASS OF THE TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 22ND SEPTEMBER 2024

PRAYER

O God, protector of the poor and defender of the just, in your kingdom the last become first, the gentle are strong, and the lowly exalted. Give us the wisdom from above, that we may find in your servant Jesus the pattern of true discipleship and the grace to persevere in following him, 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:

Seamus O'Donoghue, Dublin
Joe Buckley, Dooley Tce.
Martin Mullins, Church Crescent, Church Rd and formerly Ballygurteen, Paulstown, Kilkenny
Evangiline Span Much, Rathsteward Crescent

Saturday 6pm Months Mind:

Birthdays remembrance: Rose & Parkie Kelly, Tosh Bambrick

Anniversaries: John & Mary Murphy, Claire & Margaret Phillips, Mona Dolan, Elizabeth & John Johnson, Dec. mem. of Phillips & Flynn families, Dec. members of Johnson family, Anna Bolger, Theresa Wakeman Perse (1st A), David & Bridie Bolger, Vinnie Dalton, May Casey, Pat Flinter (3rd A), Matt Howard, Nan Maher, Parkie Dalton, Joe Kane (37th A), May Kane, Nancy, Sean & Jason Dooley, John Hoare, Maggie & Bill Hoare, Pat Hoare, May, Noel & John Murphy, Ann Murphy, Rita & Ted Ward, Kitty Byrne, Mary Hyland, Betty Cusack, Kathleen Mackey, Pat Fitzsimons, Martin Holohan, David Whittle, Maureen Coyle, Frank Honer, Kathy Browne, Marjorie Austin, Doris Pratt, Joe Carstairs, Dec. mem. of Kane & Hoare Families, Johnny Kelly, John & Sean O'Neill, Andy Whelan, Johnny Lamon, Paddy Barry

9 am Barrowhouse: Elizabeth 'Liz' Mulhare, Noel Burke (5th A), David & Bridie Bolger.

10.30 am: Birthday Rem: Eddie Dempsey
Anniversaries: Paddy Ennis, John & Mary Murphy, Tommy Whelan, Eoin Day (5th A), Andy Whelan, Annie Fingleton, John Moore, Chareme Bernasor

12 noon:
Anniversaries: Owen Day (5th A), John & Mary Murphy, Ger Noonan, Matt Howard, Nan Maher, Andy Whelan, Alice O'Sullivan

Monday 9.30 am: Frank Fitzpatrick (A), Johnny Lamon

Tues. 9.30 am: Edward Fitzpatrick, Johnny Lamon

Wednes. 9.30 am:

Thursday 9.30am: Theresa & John O'Sullivan, Bernie Reddin

Friday 9.30am:

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

Today is **Safeguarding Sunday.**

Congregational singing at 10.30am Mass will resume on today continue every second Sunday from then.

Last Weekend Collections:

P. Dev.: €681 Common: €1,405 Crosscare €1,665

Thanks to all who contribute

SUNDAY READINGS

FIRST READING

Wisdom 2:12.17-20

Psalms Ps 53: 3-68

SECOND READING James 3:16-4:3

GOSPEL Mark 9:30-37

Athy Parish

website

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

Saturday 10.30am -12.30pm

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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!

ATHY & DISTRICT CARE OF THE ELDERLY MEETING

Monday 30th September
At 8pm

in Parish Centre, Mount Hawkins

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)

Holy Hour with Adoration

St Michael's Parish, Athy,
Tuesday s
2pm-3pm

Children Liturgy Sheets
available at doors of church



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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

CONCERT

Frances Black with the Monasterevin Gospel Choir
Thursday 17th October 2024 at 8pm
St Peter & Paul's Church. Tickets €25
Proceeds to St Peter & Paul's Church &
Monasterevin Day Care Centre
Booking at Parish Office 045 525346 Earley's Fashion Shop 045 525395

RELICS

Of St Bernadette **Monday** 7th October Carlow Cathedral.
Contact 059 9164087
Tuesday 8th October
St. Peters & Paul's Church, Portlaoise
Contact 057 8621142

CATECHETICAL CORNER - CATECHETICAL CORNER – BAPTISMAL SEMANTICS

I love semantics and playing on words. So, saying something like; 'I was baptised' holds, in my mind at least, a very different meaning to 'I am baptised'.

It is true that Baptism is a once off event, '*I was Baptised*'. But it has ongoing and continuous impact on our lives, '*I am Baptised*'. If asked, many of us would probably say that Baptism washes away original sin, true. We might also say that Baptism makes us part of the Church, also true - ish. We might even go on to say, if pushed, that Baptism lets us receive the other Sacraments, again also true, as Baptism is sometimes referred to as the 'gateway sacrament'. However, there is so much more to be said about Baptism, here are just a few highlights from the Catechism of the Catholic Church - CCC.

"The sacraments of Christian initiation - Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist - lay the foundations of every Christian life...By means of these sacraments of Christian initiation, they [the baptised] thus receive in increasing measure the treasures of the divine life and advance toward the perfection of charity." (CCC #1212). We become full members of the Church by the reception of three Sacraments, Baptism, Confirmation & Eucharist – note the order - that is why the second statement above is only '*true-ish*'.

Holy Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit (vitae spiritualis ianua), and the door which gives access to the other sacraments. Through Baptism we are freed from sin and reborn as sons of God; we become members of Christ, are incorporated into the Church and made sharers in her mission: "Baptism is the sacrament of regeneration through water in the word." (CCC #1213)

The Church refers to Baptism as "*God's most beautiful and magnificent gift*" (CCC #1216) In the same paragraph the Church continues: "*We call it gift, grace, anointing, enlightenment, garment of immortality, bath of rebirth, seal, and most precious gift. It is called gift because it is conferred on those who bring nothing of their own; grace since it is given even to the guilty; Baptism because sin is buried in the water; anointing for it is priestly and royal as are those who are anointed; enlightenment because it radiates light; clothing since it veils our shame; bath because it washes; and seal as it is our guard and the sign of God's Lordship.*"

The effects of Baptism are: "*Immersion in water symbolizes not only death and purification, but also regeneration and renewal. Thus the two principal effects are purification from sins and new birth in the Holy Spirit*". (CCC #1226)