



THE PARISH OF ATHY

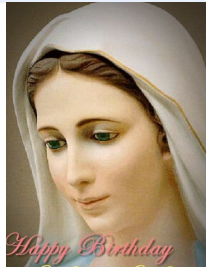
Comprising the Faith Communities of:  
ST MICHAEL'S, ATHY &  
ST MARY'S, BARROWHOUSE



MASS OF THE TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 8TH SEPTEMBER 2024

PRAYER

God of the autumn rains, come to us with your gifts of refreshment and new life. Take us to the oasis of your word, so that, knowing at your hands life in abundance, we may open our mouths and sing for joy. We lift up our as we rely on Jesus, who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.



8th Sept - Our Lady's Birthday

PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

Recently Deceased:

*Des Ryan*, Old Court  
*Eamonn Hicks*, Prusselstown,  
*Patty Ging*, Kilmead.  
*John Walsh*, Oaklawn. Funeral Tuesday, at 11 am to Newlands Crematorium.

**Saturday 6pm Months Mind: Michael Ludlow Birthday Remembrance:**

Delia Connolly, Bertie O'Rourke

**Anniversaries:**

Mary Dunne, Rena Morrin (1st A), Patrick Begley (7th A), Paddy & Nancy Walsh, Thomas McDonnell Jnr., Charlie McDonnell, Bridget Dooley, Maureen Kelly, Sheila & Brian Kelly, Special Intention, Betty Byrne, Albert Rotherham, John Y Fennin, Bernadette Thompson, Phil Martin (Anniv)

**9 am Barrowhouse:**

**Month's mind:** John O'Brien

**Anniversaries:** Elizabeth Mulhare (6th Anniv)

**10.30 am:**

**Month's mind:** Michael Ludlow

**Birthday Rem.** Delia Connolly, Andrew Doogue

**Anniversaries:**

Stefan Clarke, Dec. mem. of Perse family, Paddy & Nancy Walsh, Helen McDonnell, Mary Keogh, Kevin & Peg Merlehan, Mark Merlehan, Michael & Nel McCormack, John Y Fennin, Bernadette Thompson, James Byrne

**12 noon:**

**Birthday remembrance:** Delia Connolly

**Anniversaries:** Peter Fearon, Dec. mem of Fearon family, Theresa Darby, Mary Keogh, Kathleen Higginson, Paddy & Nancy Walsh, Mark Merlehan, Michael & Nel McCormack, Susan Roycroft, Bernadette Thompson, Kevin & Ena Reardon (Anniv)

**Monday 9.30 am:**

Donors Intention, Holy Souls, Mary Malone, Betty Byrne, Albert Rotherham

**Tues. 9.30 am:**

**Birthday rem.:** Delia Connolly, Denis `Bertie O'Rourke,

**Anniv.:** Sara `Sadie` Moore, Susan Roycroft, John & Esther Dunne

**Wednes. 9.30 am:** T.J. Shinkins (6th A), Lizzie Johnson Dec. mem of Johnson family, Betty Byrne, Albert Rotherham

**Thursday 9.30am:**

**Friday 9.30am:**

Kevin Nally (1st A)

Sabina Manuel (Recently Dec.)

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 Sunday next 14th/15th Sept. It replaces the Share collection

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.: €813 Common: €1,240 Share: €995

*Thanks to all who contribute*

SUNDAY READINGS

FIRST READING

Isaiah 35: 4-7

Psalm Ps 145: 7-10

SECOND READING

James 2:1-5

GOSPEL

Mark 7:31-37

ROSARY

Every Sunday evening at 7.30 pm

Fatima Grotto, Kilkenny Road.

All welcome

THREE CROSSES IN ATHY CHURCH REINSTATED

The main Cross on the Church came down in a storm 2019.

With the insurance finally resolved the Cross was reinstated Tuesday 27th September. The other two crosses over the front door and over the Baptistry were also reinstated.

These three Crosses are the original Crosses which were restored by Robert Quinn Ltd.

Athy Parish

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KNOCK DOMINICAN PILGRIMAGE 13th Oct 2024

Further information on bus from Athy Parish Church will be printed on next weekend's newsletter.

### Vocations Information

<https://dublindiocese.ie/vocations>

Please pray for more  
Vocations to the priesthood

### 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)

### 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!



### 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)

### VISIT OF RELICS OF BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS PORTLAOISE PARISH

Wednes. to Fri 11th-13th September

St. Peter & Pauls' Church

Wednes. 7pm:

Reception of relics with talk on life of Carlo  
by Fr. Marco (P.P. of Assisi).

Throughout Thursday & Friday:  
streaming of video on his life.

Confessions: Thur. 12th & Fri 13th after 10am &  
11.30am Mass

### Study Theology Online

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courses to degree level. Attend Saturday lectures in Tallaght or from  
the comfort of your own home.

Register before September 17th

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### ST. BERNADETTE RELIC PILGRIMAGE 2024

<https://stbernadette.ie/pilgrimage-details/>

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### CATECHETICAL CORNER – HAPPY BIRTHDAY MOTHER.

Today the Church celebrates the birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 9 months  
after the Immaculate Conception.

The circumstances of the Virgin Mary's infancy and early life are not directly  
recorded in the Bible, but other documents and traditions describing the  
circumstances of her birth are cited by some of the earliest Christian writers  
from the first centuries of the Church.

The "Protoevangelium of James," is a non-biblical document detailing the birth,  
childhood, and adolescence of Mary, which was probably put into its final  
written form in the early second century, describes Mary's father Joachim as a  
wealthy member of one of the Twelve Tribes of Israel. Joachim was deeply  
grieved, along with his wife Anne, by their childlessness. "He called to mind  
Abraham," the early Christian writing says, "that in the last day God gave him a  
son Isaac."

Joachim and Anne began to devote themselves extensively and rigorously to  
prayer and fasting, and they were to be blessed even more abundantly than  
Abraham and Sarah, as an angel revealed to Anne and prophesied that all  
generations would honour their future child: "The Lord has heard your prayer,  
and you shall conceive, and shall bring forth, and your seed shall be spoken of  
in all the world."

After Mary's birth, according to the Protoevangelium of James, Anne "made a  
sanctuary" in the infant girl's room, and "allowed nothing common or unclean"  
on account of the special holiness of the child. The same writing records that  
when she was one year old, her father "made a great feast, and invited the  
priests, and the scribes, and the elders, and all the people of Israel."

"And Joachim brought the child to the priests," the account continues, "and  
they blessed her, saying: 'O God of our fathers, bless this child, and give her an  
everlasting name to be named in all generations'. And he brought her to the  
chief priests, and they blessed her, saying: 'O God most high, look upon this  
child, and bless her with the utmost blessing, which shall be for ever.'"

The protoevangelium goes on to describe how Mary's parents, along with the  
temple priests, subsequently decided that she would be offered to God as a  
consecrated Virgin for the rest of her life, and enter a chaste marriage with the  
carpenter Joseph.

Saint Augustine described the birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary as an event of  
cosmic and historic significance, and an appropriate prelude to the birth of  
Jesus Christ. "She is the flower of the field from whom bloomed the precious  
lily of the valley," The fourth-century bishop, whose theology profoundly  
shaped the Western Church's understanding of sin and human nature, affirmed  
that "through her birth, the nature inherited from our first parents is changed."

Happy Birthday mother Mary.