



THE PARISH OF ATHY

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



TWENTY EIGHT SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 13TH OCTOBER 2024

PRAYER

God of wisdom, whose word probes the motives of our hearts, with you all things are possible. Let worldly treasure not keep us from Jesus who looks on us with love. Free us to leave all things and follow him, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires.
Hebrews 4:12

Athy Parish website
www.parihofathy.ie

Parish Radio 107.9

PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

Recently Deceased:

John Joyce, Oughterard, Galway

Saturday 6pm Month's mind: Joan Doogue

Anniversaries: Thomas Stewart (10th A), Elizabeth Moran (5th A), Pat Cooke (2nd A), Eugene Mahon, Paddy Kane, Moya Gordon, Breda Dunne, Niall Dunne, Kate & Charlie Sourke, Sis, Bill & Billy Tierney, Nellie & Charlie Sourke, John Sourke, Martin Behan, Martin Coffey, Gertrude & Michael Ramsbottom, Bridget & Edward Timpson, Joe & May O'Neill, Micheál, Des & Joe O'Neill, Mary & Seamus Maher, Paul Stynes (10th Anniv), Patrick & Mary Stynes, Willie Dalton (3rd A), Dec. mem of Birney & Dalton families, Andy & Na Owens, Jack Webster, Dec. mem of Webster family, Edward Hughes, Joseph Murphy, Mary Murphy, Dec member of Murphy Family, Mary Francis Foley, John Murphy, John Cusack, Maureen Dalton, Kate Moriarty (anniv)

Sunday 9am Barowhouse: Joseph Murphy, Mary Murphy, Mary Anne & William Whelan, Kevin Bowden (10th Anniv)

Sunday 10.30am

Anniversaries: Annie Whelan, Richard Walsh, Josephine Kenny, James Kenny, Sean & Marge Brennan, Edward Hughes, Ciaran Condrón, John Cusack, Maureen Dalton, Special Intention, Patrick & Elizabeth Brennan

Sunday 12 noon: Birthday Rem: Ger Robinson

Anniversaries: Patrick Stynes, Paul Stynes, Edward Hughes, Maureen Robinson, John Foley (31st Anniv), Joseph, Mary & Margaret McDermott, Martin Kilbride, John Cusack

Monday 9.30am: Kevin Bowden (10th Anniv)

Tues. 9.30 am:

Wednes. 9.30 am: Eugene Mahon, Paddy Kane, Paul Condrón, Ciaran Condrón, Breda Dunne, MV Thomas, Mairie Bridgette, Phil Cleary, Lil Cleary, Pat Cleary, **Remembrance:** Niall Dunne

Thur. 9.30 am: Birthday rem: Kevin Nally, Mary Anne Rowan, Special Intention

Friday 9.30am: Christopher & Mary Cleary, Lil Kelly (16th A), Paddy & Betty Brennan, Edward & Margaret Brennan, Tony, John & Michael Brennan

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

We are near the end of the current Parish Development year which ends in late October. We remind those who pay their contribution **annually** that they can be their contributions now.

We remind the **Area Distributors** that new collection boxes will be ready for distribution from the weekend of 19th/20th Oct.

Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday, the Holy Father's annual appeal to support overseas mission and missionaries. A special collection will be taken up and it replaces the usual Share collection.

Altar List of the Dead Sheets and envelopes are available at the Church doors, you are invited to take one to fill out with the names of your deceased loved ones whom you wish to have remembered at the Masses around All Souls Day and on the First Friday of every month for the next year.

P. Dev.: €736 **Common:** €1,225 **Share:** €930
Thanks to all who contribute

READINGS

1st Reading: Wisdom 7.7-11

Psalm; Ps 89

2nd Reading: Hebrews 4. 12-13

Gospel: Mark 10:17-30

ADORATION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT

in Crookstown Church
on Tuesday evening 7pm-8pm
All are welcome

ATHY PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

today, Dominican Sunday,
led by Fr. Liam Rigney P.P.



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

One stop on route. Tickets €30.

Places still available

Contact the Parish Sacristian /or phone 085 1801 391

PARISH OFFICE

Open:

Monday: 2.15-4pm

Tue & Wednes 9.30-1.30 & 2-4pm

Thur & Fri: 9.30am-1.30 pm

Sat: 10.30am -12.30 am

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Children Liturgy Sheets
available at doors of
church

ANNUAL MASS FOR THE DECEASED OF OUR PARISHES

Athy Monday 18th November @ 7.30 pm
Moone Wednesday 20th November @ 7.30 pm
Crookstown Thursday 21st November @ 7.30 pm
Kilmead Friday 22nd November @ 7.30 pm

Pro Life Campaign National Conference

The Pro Life Campaign's annual National Conference will take place in the Clayton Hotel, Lapps Quay, Cork on Saturday, 19th October from 12.30pm to 4pm (with workshops from 11.30am). The focus for this year's conference is on increasing pro-life representation in the Oireachtas and reducing Ireland's rising abortion rate. The event will feature a number of speakers from the world of politics and medicine and include the stories of families who have experienced abortion. The conference is free though donations will be accepted on the day. Childcare available for families. For more info and to register to attend see www.prolifecampaign.ie/plc2024

The **Gaelscoil Átha Í enrolment** for the school year 2025-2026 is now open for junior infants starting school. Please see our website <https://www.gaelscoilathai.com/> for further information or come into our office for a hard copy of the enrolment form.

CATECHETICAL CORNER – “OH GRACE...”

At the General audience in Rome last Wednesday Pope Francis continued his weekly Catechesis. He spoke about what it is to be a good, a virtuous person.

He said that virtue is the practice of the art of controlling our passions, such as greed, anger, lust, impatience etc...in order that we not be ruled by them. Pope Francis said: *“However arduous this may be, the human being is made for goodness, which truly fulfils him [her], and [s]he is also able to practise this art, causing certain dispositions to become permanent in him or her.”* The virtuous person *“is strong, courageous, capable of discipline and asceticism.”*

It is this permanence that defines virtue. So, virtue, being a good person, is not defined by random good acts, *“even criminals have performed good deeds in moments of lucidity”*. The Catechism of the Catholic Church defines virtue as: *“...an habitual and firm disposition to do the good”* (CCC #1803). The Pope continued: *The virtuous person therefore does not become warped by distortion, but remains faithful to his [her] own vocation, fully realising himself [herself]*. Perhaps this is what Jesus meant when He said: *“I have come that you may have life and have it to the full.”* (Jn. 10:10) Or what St Irenaeus meant when he said: *“The glory of GOD is [the human person] fully alive.”*

So, you see to be virtuous, to be a good person, is what it means to be a child of GOD, made in the image and likeness of GOD (see Gen. 1:27). Our vocation is to live our lives trying to make that our daily reality.

The Pope recognises the difficulty in being virtuous, while pointing out: *“What a happy world it would be if justice, respect, mutual benevolence, kindness of heart and hope were the shared normality, and not a rare anomaly!”* So how can we attain this virtue?

The Holy Father states that first and foremost it is the action of GOD, the work of the Holy Spirit, grace given to us at Baptism. It is this grace that acts in us, arousing our own desire to live virtuously. Grace is GOD's gift. The Catechism says this: *“Grace is favour, the free and undeserved help that God gives us to respond to his call to become children of God, adoptive [children], partakers of the divine nature and of eternal life.”* (CCC #1996) The Catechism goes on to say: *“Sanctifying grace is an habitual gift, a stable and supernatural disposition that perfects the soul itself to enable it to live with God, to act by his love. Habitual grace, the permanent disposition to live and act in keeping with God's call...”* (CCC #2000)

However, grace is a gift which does not override our free will, we must cooperate with grace if we are to realise it. Living a sacramental life and a life of prayer is how we cooperate with Grace, *enabling us to live with God.*

Synod Prayer



Holy God,
You have made us all members of the body of Christ,
the people of God,
and poured into our hearts the abundant gift of your Spirit.

Today, we pray earnestly for all gathered in Rome
for the Synod:

may your grace go with them
and give to all the courage
to bring faith, hope and love in abundance
to meet the challenges before us.

We make our prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Synod 2024 newsletter at the doors of the church.

Cuan Mhuire Fundraiser

Chefs Darina & Rachel Allen are presenting a
Cookery Demonstration 7th November
in The Clonard Hotel at 7.30 pm
Proceeds towards Cuan Mhuire
Rehabilitation centre. Tickets €25

Runners and Walkers wanted for Outrun Hunger

5k

*Whether you run, jog, or walk you can help St Clare's
Hospitality Food Kitchen, Carlow 'Outrun Hunger.'*

**Sat Oct 19th 10am - Carlow Rugby Club, Oak Park,
Carlow R93 RX25**

Registration opens 8.30am

Refreshments & prize-giving afterwards in Carlow
Rugby Club,

FRANCES BLACK WITH MONASTEREVIN GOSPEL CHOIR

Thursday 17th October 2024 at 8pm.

St. Peter & Paul's Church

Tickets €25.00

In aid of St. Peter's & Paul's Church &

Monasterevin Day Care Centre

Booking at: Parish Office 045 525346

Earley's Fashion Shop 045 525395

Concert will NOT be Live Streamed

on the Night.

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