



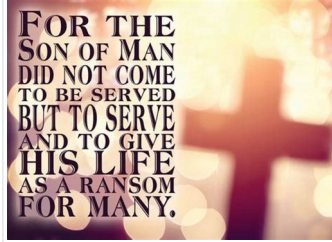
THE PARISH  
OF ATHY

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



## TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 20TH OCTOBER 2024

**PRAYER** Most glorious God, in Jesus you show us that your will is to save. Grant to us your people the boldness to desire a place in your kingdom, the courage to drink the cup of suffering and the grace to find in service the glory of your promise. Amen.



### 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 remind the **Area Distributors** that new collection boxes and letters to parishioners are **ready for collection and distribution** from behind high Altar. We are near the end of the current Parish Development year which ends 27th October. We remind those who pay their contribution **annually** that they can make their contributions now.

**Today 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 who you wish to remember at the Masses around All Souls Day and on the First Friday of every month for the next year.

**Mass to celebrated 60 years since the opening of St. Michael's Parish Church** takes place Saturday, **9th November at 6pm**. The chief celebrant will be Bishop Paul Dempsey. All welcome



**P. Dev.:** €924 **Common:** €1,145 **Share:** €876  
Thanks to all who contribute

### 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

### 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  
**Email:**  
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### READINGS

**1st Reading:**  
Isaiah 53:10-11  
**Psalms;** Ps 32  
**2nd Reading:**  
Hebrews 4:14-16  
**Gospel:**  
Mark 10:35-45

### PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

#### Recently Deceased:

*Ann 'Nan' Carbery, Kilberry,  
Marie Murphy, Kingsgrove  
Frances O'Donoghue nee McEvoy, Pairc Bhríde*

**Saturday 6pm Month's mind:** Richard Bracken, Peter Kelly, Martin Mullins

**Anniversaries:** Jimmy Robinson, Ann Jenkins nee Hegarty, Eliz. Moran (5<sup>th</sup> A), Brendan Hayden, Philip O'Brien (2<sup>nd</sup> A), Elizabeth & James O'Brien, Jimmy Byrne, John Harris, Philomena Dempsey, May & Mikie Dempsey, Dec. mem. of Dempsey family, May & George Robinson, Dec. mem. of Robinson family, Maureen Guidera, Patricia Kelly, James & Maria Davis, Dec. mem. of Davis family, Paddy Hutchinson, Stephen Pender, Tommy 'Tom' English (11<sup>th</sup> A), Michael May, Derry Matthiaa nee May, Mary Leech, Mary 'Mollie' Hyland, Brian Smyth (6<sup>th</sup> A), Dec. Patrons of Brian Smyth's pub, John Ging, Christopher Pender, Peter & Sara Maher, Michael & Esther Maher, Edward Maher, Thomas Kirwan, Cian O'Brien, Teasie Cremin, Dec. mem. of Cremin family, Jack, Mary & Nano Holt, Pat Hayes, Tommie Comerford, Bridget & Ned Kerr, Michael, Nan & Mick Coyne, Paul Maher, Margaret Kennedy

**Sunday 9am Barrowhouse:** Christina & William Langton, Thomas & May Gibson

**Sunday 10.30am Month's mind:** Richard Bracken, Peter Kelly, Evangeline Musch, Martin Mullins, Francis Geraghty,

**Anniversaries:** Ann Jenkins nee Hegarty, Paul Condrón, Tommy 'Tom' English (11<sup>th</sup> A), Mary Anne & Denis Rowan, Dec. mem. of Rowan family, Ger Davis (19<sup>th</sup> A), Maggie Mooney, Mary Dollard, Sp. Intention, Paul Blackie Kathleen, Eddie & Mark Browne, Thomas Kirwan, Cian O'Brien, Teasie Cremin, Dec. mem. of Cremin family, Jack, Mary & Nano Holt, Pat Hayes, Tommie Comerford, Bridget & Ned Kerr, Michael, Nan & Mick Coyne, Tommy & Mary McDonagh, Jimmy Curtis, Bernie Kelly, James Geraghty

**Sunday 12 noon: Month's mind:** Peter Kelly, Martin Mullins, Richard Bracken

**Anniversaries:** Ann Jenkins nee Hegarty, Tommy 'Tom' English (11<sup>th</sup> A), Michael May, Derry Matthiaa nee May, Mary Anne & Denis Rowan, Dec. mem. Of Rowan family, Brian Smyth (6<sup>th</sup> A), Dec. patrons of Brian Smyth's pub, Richard & Roseanne Donovan, Dec. mem. of O'Donovan & Phillips families, Helen Lawler, Thomas Kirwan, Cian O'Brien, Teasie Cremin, Dec. mem. of Cremin family, Jack, Mary & Nano Holt, Pat Hayes, Tommie Comerford, Bridget & Ned Kerr, Michael, Nan & Mick Coyne, Bridget & Ned Kerr, Michael, Nan & Mick Coyne, Dan Boland (25<sup>th</sup> Anniv)

**Monday 9.30am:** Jimmy Robinson, James Wright

**Tues. 9.30 am: Birthday rem.** Paul McHugh,

Paul Maher (11<sup>th</sup> Anniv), Jack & Peggy McDonagh

**Wednes. 9.30 am:** Patrick Dunne, Jer O'Sullivan (53<sup>rd</sup> A)

**Thur. 9.30 am:** Annie Peter & Robert Redmond, Robert Young

**Friday 9.30am:** Dan Boland (25<sup>th</sup> Anniv)

### 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.](#)

### Athy Historical Society

Autumn series of lectures organised by Athy's Historical Society  
will take place on  
Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> October in The Community Arts Centre,  
Woodstock St., Athy at 8pm.  
Admission free.

### 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

### ATHY MERCY ASSOCIATE MEETING



Meeting of Athy Mercy associates will take place  
tomorrow, Monday, 21st October, at 7.30 pm  
in Parish Centre, Mount Hawkins.

If you are interested contact 085 1801 391



### NOVEMBER

#### Blessing of Cemeteries 2024

#### Old Soul's Day, Sat 2nd November

Old St. Michael & New St Michael's  
Convent Cemetery  
(time to be confirmed next week)

#### Sunday 3rd November

Barrowhouse Cemetery  
after 9am Mass

### CATECHETICAL CORNER – A TIP FROM JOHN LENNON

At the weekly audience on Wednesday last, Pope Francis continued his 'cycle of catechesis'. Last week he gave an overview of what it is to be virtuous, pointing out that virtue *'is the art of controlling our passions'*. This week he began looking at particular virtues, beginning with Prudence. Why prudence? Because it is has been referred to as; *"the coachman of the virtues"*. In other words, Prudence drives all of the other virtues.

The Holy Father began his catechesis by pointing out that prudence is not the virtue of the nervous person, hesitating to act. Neither is it merely exercising an 'abundance of caution', a phrase we have heard often this past week. No, the Holy Father said that *"...prudence means that the action of man is in the hands of his intelligence and freedom. The prudent person is creative: he or she reasons, evaluates, tries to understand the complexity of reality and does not allow him or herself to be overwhelmed by emotions, idleness, pressures and illusions."*

Quoting St Thomas Aquinas, the Holy Father said: *"It [Prudence] is the capacity to govern actions in order to direct them towards good..."* He continued: *"The prudent do not choose at random: first of all, they know what they want, then they weigh the situation, seek advice, and with a broad outlook and inner freedom, they choose upon which path to embark."* Does this mean that those who exercise the virtue of Prudence do not make mistakes? Of course not! The Holy Father acknowledged this fact, but said that exercising Prudence helps *"avoid major setbacks"*. The Pope also said that the prudent person can be a good counter-balance to *"too much zeal"* which he said, *"in some situations can cause disasters"*. He said that the Prudent person has an eye on the past for *"tradition is a patrimony of wisdom"*. While also having an eye to the future; *"Once one has decided on the goal to strive for, it is necessary to obtain all the means to reach it."*

The Holy Father concluded his catechesis with this wise insight: *"The Christian life is a combination of simplicity and shrewdness. Preparing his disciples for the mission, Jesus says: "Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves" (Mt 10:16). As if to say that God does not only want us to be saints, he wants us to be intelligent saints, because without prudence it takes but a moment to make a wrong turn!"*

(cf. Mt 25:1-13). (cf. Mt 7:24-27).

The wise Christian might make the opening line of a Beatles song their theme tune: "Dear Prudence, won't you come out to play..."

### SACRED HEART MESSENGER

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