



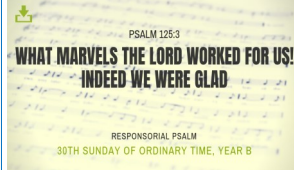
THE PARISH
OF ATHY

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



THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 27TH OCTOBER 2024

Prayer God, our light and hope, be our guide on the path of life and on the way of faith. Help us to be aware of our blindness, especially when we think we can see. With your healing touch, may we be filled with light and joy. 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. The current Parish Development year ends this weekend. We remind those who pay their contribution **annually** that they can make their contributions now.

Monday next is a Bank Holiday. Mass at 9.30am in the Parish. Parish Office **closed**.

Friday next, the Feast of All Saints, is a **Holy Day** of Obligation. Mass in St. Michael's Church, Athy, at **9.30 am**. Crookstown **7pm** Vigil Thur., Friday at **9.30am**, Moone **11 am**.

Parish Office will be **closed** Friday next.

Saturday next, 2nd November, is the **Feast of all Souls**. An extra Mass will take place Saturday morning at **9.30 am** in St. Michael's Church, Athy. (See back of **Newsletter for Cemetery Prayer times**)

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.: €1,311 (of which €550 annual) **Common:** €1,185 **Mission:** €1,430. 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

Tue & Wednes 9.30-1.30 & 2-4pm
Thur 9.30am-1.30 pm
Sat. next: **later time 11.30am -1pm**
Phone: 059 86 38391
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Closed Holyday, Fri 1st Nov & Bank Holidays, Mon 28th Oct

READINGS

1st Reading:
Jeremiah 31:7-9
Psalm; Ps 125
2nd Reading:
Hebrews 5:1-6
Gospel:
Mark 10:46-52

PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

Recently Deceased:

Frances O'Donoghue, Avondale Dr.
Seán Fitzsimons, Avondale Dr.

Saturday 6pm

Month's mind:

Birthdays remembrance: Michael Ludlow, Rosanna O'Connor, Elizabeth Rowan & **Anniv.**

Anniversaries: Ann, Peter & Robert Redmond, Mary Scally, Pat & Eamonn Farrell, Andrew Smith, Paddy Sheridan, Liam Ring, Dec. mem. of Ring & Sheridan families, Michael Ryan (1st A), Mary & Seamus Maher, Dec. mem. of Mulhall family, Jimmy Hickey, Dom Foley, Dec. mem. of Foley family, Jim Lochrin, Tony Foley, Bridie & Jimmy Connell, Mick Doogue, Molly Doogue, Mick Bolger, Eileen & Bill Brophy, John & Josie Maher, Betty & Jack Maher, Kathleen Lyons, William Webb, Matt Forkin Snr., James Doyle, Rose Doyle (**Rem**), Donor's Intentions

Sunday 9am Barrowhouse: Joe Maher, Jimmer Maher, Killian Maher, Philip Maher, **Remembrance** John O'Brien

Sunday 10.30am

Anniversaries: Mary Joyce, Patrick Mullery, Pat & Eamonn Farrell, Andrew Smith (29th A), Paddy Sheridan, Liam Ring, Dec. members of Ring & Sheridan families, Michael Ryan (1st A), Ambrose Martin, Dec. mem. of Martin & Doyle families, Martin & Christina Dalton, David & Frances Dalton, Christopher & Katherine Byrne, Jimmy Paddy & Mary Byrne, Dec. mem. of Cassidy family, Jer O'Sullivan (53rd A), Elizabeth Fitzsimons, Dec. mem. of Fitzsimons family, Judy Day (34th A), Mary Harte, Thomas Lynch, Jimmy Doyle (Anniv), Rose Doyle (**Rem**)

Sunday 12 noon: Month's mind:

Birthdays remembrance: Margo Heskins

Anniversaries: Elizabeth Luttrell, Anne, Peter & Robert Redmond, Robbie Robinson, Frank Webb, Baby Webb, Hannah Webb, Andrew Smith, Michael Ryan (1st A), Jer O'Sullivan (53rd A), Maureen Shaw (5th A), Elizabeth Fitzsimons, Dec. mem. of Fitzsimons family, Alf & Bridie Kane, Bridie & Jimmy Connell, James & Maura Anthony, Don Dunlea, Guss Prendergast, Jimmy Doyle (Anniv), Rose Doyle (**Rem**)

Monday 9.30am: Donors Intention

Tues. 9.30 am:

Wednes. 9.30 am: Month's mind: Rita Lamon
Jim Brennan, Dec. mem. of Brennan family, Dymphna Murtagh, Peg Nolan, Thanksgiving for those who sympathised on death of Henry Howard

Thur. 9.30 am: Mollie Bramwell (33rd A), Bridget Nolan

Friday 9.30am: Bridget & Joe Doyle, Dec. mem. of Heffernan family, Mary Pendergast, Joe Maher, Frances O'Brien

PARISH CHOIR SING SUNDAYS AT 12 NOON

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME
Just come up to the gallery

November Cemetery Blessings 2024

All Soul's Day, Saturday, 2nd November

Convent Cemetery after 9.30am Mass
New St Michael's: 10.45 am
Old St. Michael's: 11.15 am
Geraldine: 11 am
Churchtown: 11.30am
Kilberry: 12 noon
Cloney: 12.30 pm
Nicholastown: 2 pm

All Soul's Day, Sat. 2nd November

Crookstown after 9.30 Mass
Moone after 9.30 am Mass
Kilelin: 10.15 am
Glashealy: 11.15 am

Sunday, 3rd November

Kilmeade: after 10.30am Mass
Fontstown: 11.30 am

Sunday 3rd November

**Barrowhouse
Cemetery**
after
9 am Mass



Saturday, 9th November 2024

Tankardstown Cemetery at 10 am

ST MARTIN DE PORRES TRIDUUM

Dominican Church, Newbridge, Monday, 4th –6th November
 Mass at 10 am & 6pm

ATHY & DISTRICT CARE OF THE ELDERLY A.G.M.

MONDAY, 4TH NOVEMBER,
 8PM in Parish Centre, Mount Hawkins
 New members welcome



CATECHETICAL CORNER – THE FINGER OF GOD.

During his General Audience, Pope Francis focuses on the Sacrament of Marriage, saying keeping faith and the Holy Spirit at the forefront can preserve and protect the love of married couples and their children.

"Marriage needs the support of He who is the Gift, indeed the quintessential giver. Where the Holy Spirit enters, the capacity for self-giving is reborn."

Continuing his catechesis series on the Holy Spirit in the life of the Church, Pope Francis offered this reminder to the faithful gathered in St. Peter's Square.

The Pope began by saying he wished to reflect, in particular, on what the Holy Spirit has to say about the family.

"What can the Holy Spirit have to do with marriage? A great deal, perhaps the essential, and I will try to explain why!"

Christian marriage, the Pope highlighted, is the sacrament of self-giving, one for the other, of man and woman. "This is how," he recalled, "the Creator intended it when He 'So God created man in His own image... male and female He created them.'"

The human couple, he noted, is therefore the first and most elementary realization of the communion of love that is the Trinity.

The Pope stressed that married couples "should form a first-person plural, a 'we,'" saying, "They should stand before each other as an 'I' and a 'you,' and stand before the rest of the world, including the children, as a 'we.'"

"How beautiful," he marvelled, "it is to hear a mother say to her children: 'Your father and I...,' as Mary said to Jesus when they found Him at the age of twelve in the temple, and to hear a father say: 'Your mother and I,' as if they were one."

The Holy Father went on to lament how much children suffer when there is a lack of this unity between their parents, and how greatly children are impacted when their parents separate.

"No-one says that such unity is an easy task, least of all in today's world," the Pope acknowledged. However, he continued, "this is the truth of things as the Creator designed them, and it is therefore in their nature."

Certainly, Pope Francis recognized, it may seem easier and quicker to build "on sand than on rock."

However, he added, "the consequences of marriages built on sand are, unfortunately, there for all to see, and it is mainly the children who pay the price."

The Holy Father concluded by offering an observation about the spiritual preparation couples should embrace before their wedding.

"It would not be a bad thing if alongside the information of a legal, psychological and moral nature that is given in the preparation of engaged couples for marriage, this 'spiritual' preparation was studied more deeply," he said.

As Pope Francis recalled an Italian proverb which says, "Never place a finger, never intervene, between husband and wife."

Yet, he said, "There is in fact a 'finger' to be placed between husband and wife, the 'finger of God': the Holy Spirit!"

Original Article from Vatican News by Deborah Castellano Lubov

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.](#)

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