



THE PARISH OF ATHY

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



TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 6TH OCTOBER 2024

READINGS

1st Reading:

Genesis 2:18-24

Psalm: Ps127

2nd Reading:

Hebrews 2: 9-11

Gospel: Mark 10:2-16



PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

Recently Deceased:

Florence Armstrong, Ardreich

John Alcock, New Zealand & formerly Dooley's Tce.

Rita Lammon, Carbery Park

Saturday 6pm

Month's mind:

Birthdays remembrance: Paul Fanning, Michael Scally, Mary Francis Foley, Rose Doyle

Anniversaries: Jim Bolger, Bill Clinton, Con Goulding, Ronan Friel (12 A), Tommy Dalton (1st A), John Martin Finnan, Tim O'Sullivan, Bernard McCabe, James Maher, Deceased members of Maher family, Ann Wall, John Wall, Eddie Kenny, Mary & Christopher Dunne, Fr. Michael Conaty, Mary, Eimear & Carmel Haughton, John Murphy, Jimmy Flynn, Peter Luttrell, Michael Godfrey, Carmel Ayres, Dec. mem of Ayres family, Esther Leonard, Dec. mem of Leonard family, Mary & Patrick Donovan, Peter & Elizabeth Delahunt, Joanne Delahunt, Emmet Corcoran,

Recently Deceased: Michael Wall, Matt Wall

Sunday 9am Barrowhouse: Donor's Intention

Sunday 10.30am

Birthdays remembrance: Rose Doyle

Anniversaries: Con Goulding, Ronan Friel (12th A), Mary O'Sullivan (4th A), Philomena Molloy, John Foley (31 st Anniv), Edward Doyle, Joseph & Margaret Delaney, Ned & Bridget Fitzgerald, Michael Godfrey

Sunday 12 noon:

Birthdays remembrance: Theresa Campbell, Rose Doyle

Anniversaries: Con Goulding, Ronan Friel (12th A), John Martin Finnan, Michael 'Spock' Fennell, Henry Kelly, Dec mem of Mulhall family, John & Catherine Fleming

Monday 9.30am

Ronan Friel (12th A), Special Intention, Donor's Intention,

Tues. 9.30 am: Peter McCann, Fr. Michael Conaty

Wednes. 9.30 am:

Ronan Friel, Tim O'Sullivan, Moya Gordon, Henry Kelly, Dec mem of Mulhall Family

Thur. 9.30 am: Special Intention, Helisa Wipple (Rem), Paddy Ryan formerly of Woodstock St., Funeral in Brisbane, Australia

Friday 9.30am: Special Intention, Paddy Ryan (Recently Deceased)

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.

Some of today's Share collection will be used towards Synod in Rome. See Synod prayer on reverse.

P. Dev.: €474 **Common:** €1,325, **Share:** €945
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

ATHY PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

Dominican Sunday, 13th Oct 2024

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.



Advanced booking & payment required. Places still available

Contact the Parish Office Ph: 059 86 38391

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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WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Sunday 20th October, A special collection will be taken up and it replaces the Share Collection.

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.

Relics of St. Bernadette

Carlow Cathedral

Monday, 7th October

Contact

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Beginning Experience - Separated, Divorced, Widowed Are you coping?

Few people are able to cope alone with the pain and loneliness following the loss of a life partner. Do you find that you need more support than family and friends can provide? Beginning Experience is a peer support group dedicated to helping those who are navigating life alone whether through death, separation or divorce. A team of trained facilitators, who are themselves widowed, separated or divorced share with you how they coped with their loss. A Three Day Coping with Life Alone Programme will take place on: Saturday 5th, 12th and 19th October, 2024 (Advance Booking Essential) Carmelite Community Centre, Whitefriar Street, Dublin 2. For further information contact Beginning Experience 086 0877379, or email: bedublin@gmail.com

Athy Parish website www.parihofathy.ie

Parish Radio 107.9 fm

Pope Francis has asked the whole Church to **pray and fast for peace** on **Monday October 7th**, the Feast of our Lady of the Rosary.

There will be a Holy Hour for peace in St Michael's Church, Athy, beginning at 7pm on Monday. You are invited to come and pray for peace, please bring a friend.

CATECHETICAL CORNER - .CATECHETICAL CORNER - 7 SURPRISES

October 7th is the Feast of our Lady of the Rosary. If you ever find to commit to pray the Rosary regularly, here are some of the surprising things that happen in your life when you start to pray the rosary more often!

1. You Become Less Selfish: Even though something is good for us it can be hard to act on it. That is how I feel about the rosary, it requires me to sacrifice and give up some time and energy for myself, and ponder on the Mysteries instead. Praying the rosary helps re-orientate ourselves to Christ, who teaches us again and again the discipline of refraining from indulging our selfishness.

2. You Become More Disciplined: The more you pray the rosary, the more you want to pray the rosary but it requires discipline. Discipline is like exercise, you build up to it bit by bit. The rosary helps you make those baby-steps towards making God a greater priority in your life. Even those times when you are not 'feeling it' sticking to the Rosary is a wonderful way to remain faithful, fulfil a duty to God and Our Lady.

3. Our Lady Reveals Insights: Praying the rosary often, hidden depths are revealed. In mediating on each of the Mysteries regularly, Our Lady, with Christ, has something to give you: an insight into an area of your life that you are struggling with, an epiphany over a particular moment in Christ's life. Maybe it is the experience that can happen deep in prayer that you feel you are actually there in the moment of the Mystery itself. There is always something new to be explored, and always something good to be revealed.

4. You Have More Courage: When you start to place your trust and your life into the hands of Mary through the rosary, you realise She only wants to get us to Christ. You can have huge amounts of courage when you know that Mary is by your side! St Maximilian Kolbe said: "I see Mary everywhere. I see problems nowhere."

5. Your Day Proceeds Calmly: A spiritual writer wrote: "It makes my whole day more peaceful...I'm more aware of God's presence." Praying the rosary doesn't wipe out suffering in your life, but it does give you a much stronger weapon to battle it with.

6. You Get an Extra Awareness Before the Moment of Temptation: One of the 15 Promises of the Rosary is that: "it will destroy vice, decrease sin, and defeat heresies." In my experience, when I have prayed the rosary often, I find that the moment before I sin slows down. By that I mean, if I want to gossip for example, I don't do it automatically. I recognise that those actions begin with a conversation in my head. I have more of an awareness of the temptation before the action, and there is more time for me to consider whether I want to actually do it or not.

7. You Start to Live Out the Incarnation: The power of the rosary lies in its simplicity. It is so deceptively simple that it can seem stupid to the intelligent mind. We stare into the abyss of our issues and wonder how we will find the fix to such a gaping wound. We don't need to. God came to earth as a tiny, weak and helpless baby born into poverty. The rosary, so deceptively simple that it can be prayed in any circumstances, next to the Mass, it is the most powerful weapon of prayer that we have.

"There is no problem...that cannot be solved by the Rosary." Sr. Lúcia of Fatima.

2025 SACRAMENT DATES PARISHES OF ATHY, NARRAGHMORE & MOONE

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Athy SMN Fri 9th May
Athy SPN Fri 23rd May at 11am
Gaelscoil Fri 16th May at 1pm
Ballyroe Fri 16th May at 11am
Churchtown Fri 16th May at 11am
Kilberry Fri 16th May at 11am
Model School Fri 16th May at 11am
Barrowhouse Sat 24th May at 11am
Kilmead Fri 9th May at 11am
Moone 23rd May at 11am
Crookstown Fri 16th May at 11am



CONFIRMATION

Athy SMN Fri. 30th May at 11 am
Athy SPN 11th April
Barrowhouse Fri. 21st March at 11 am
Gaelscoil Fri. 4th April at 11am
Moone Fri. 14th March 11 am
Kilmead Thurs. 13th March 11 am
Crookstown Fri. 28th March 11 am

Jesus said:

"Let the children come to ME and do not stop them, for it is to such as these that the kingdom of Heaven belongs." Mt.19:14

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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.

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