



THE PARISH  
OF ATHY

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



## THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 10TH NOVEMBER 2024

### PRAYER

God, our provider you are the orphan's hope and the widow's bread. Strengthen our faith, that with simplicity of heart we may come to trust in you alone and hold back nothing in serving you. 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

This weekend we celebrate **60 years** since the opening of St. Michael's Parish Church. We welcome Bishop Paul Dempsey back to Athy.

**This is Share Appeal** Weekend highlighting the important work that is funded by the weekly collection. A letter from Archbishop Dermot Farrell will be read at Masses today. **Share Newsletters** are available at Church doors.

The **Financial statement of the Parish** for 2023 was presented at all Masses last weekend by Mr. Con Ronan. Copies of the statement are available at the doors of the church.

We remind parishioners with parish contribution boxes from area **where there are no area distributors**, that their **boxes are available** from behind high Altar.

**Altar List of the Dead Sheets** and envelopes are available at the Church doors, First Friday of every month will be offered for those whose names are on the Altar List.

**P. Dev.:** €3,565 total last weekend including **annual donations** amounting to €2,320 and **weekly envelope donations** amounting to €1,245  
*Thanks to all who contributed*

### Last weekend Mass collections:

**Common:** €1,194 **Share** €965

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### 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

**Monday:** 2.15 pm-4pm

**Tue & Wednes** 9.30-1.30 & 2-4pm

**Thur** 9.30am-1.30 pm

**Saturday:** 10.30am-12.30am

**Phone:** 059 86 38391

**Email:** athyparishrc@eircom.net



### PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

#### Recently Deceased:

*Paul McHugh,*

*Margaret Hemenstall, Ardscull*

#### Saturday 6pm

Mass celebrating 60th Jubilee opening of St. Michaels Parish Church

**Sunday 9am Barrowhouse:** Patrick O'Meara, Patrick Daly (39th A), Baby Nessa Manley Dooley

#### Sunday 10.30am:

**Month's mind:** Florence Armstrong

**Anniversaries:** Stuart Bowles, Pat McCarthy, Dec. members of McCarthy family, Seán McNamara (11th A), David Molloy, Tommy & Tony Murphy, Baby Nessa Manley Dooley, Bridget & Ned Fitzgerald, Sr. Martha Myles, Alec & Mary Neill, Philomena O'Keeffe, Eileen Prendergast (25th A), Michael & Eileen Bracken, Benny Anderson

#### Sunday 12 noon:

**Birthdays remembrance:** Lorraine Keogh

**Anniversaries:** Rita Dooley, Mary Mulhall (4th A), Nicola Keogh Kenny (8th A), Philomena O'Keeffe, Dina Byrne, Josephine Byrne (6th A), Esther Dooley, Dec. members of Dooley & Murphy families, Owen Bracken (4th A), Kevin Fingleton,

**Monday 9.30am:** Dan & Deirdre Dunne, James Moore, Mary Mulhall (4th A), Special Intention, Seamus Keogh (Birthday rem)

**Tues. 9.30 am:** Special Intention, Owen Bracken (4th A), Donors Intention

**Wednes. 9.30 am:** Special Intention, Donors Intention

#### Thur. 9.30 am:

**Birthdays remembrance:** Margaret Fitzpatrick 90th B. R. Winifred Aldridge, Eliz Moran, Ann La Cumber, Brian & Sheila Kelly, Patrick Donnelly

**Friday 9.30am:** Tony & Margaret Doyle, Declan Cardiff, Jack Phillips (44th A), May Roche, Special Intention, Donor's Intention

### READINGS

#### 1st Reading:

1Kings 17:10-16

#### 2nd Reading:

Hebrews 9:24-28

**Psalm;** Ps 145:7-10

**Gospel:** Mark 12:38-44

**Athy Parish website**  
[www.parihofathy.ie](http://www.parihofathy.ie)

**Parish Radio** 107.9



Children Liturgy Sheets  
available at doors of church

### BLOOD DONATION CLINIC

If you wish to donate blood an opportunity arises in the Clonard Hotel  
Wednesday 13th & Thursday 14th November  
15:45pm-20:00pm  
*See parish notice board*

### 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.

### SACRED HEART MESSENGER MAGAZINE

New subscribers welcome for 2025 subscription €30

for monthly magazine

*Contact the Parish Office*

### CATECHETICAL CORNER –“HELLO, GOD, IT’S ME...”

"Christian prayer is not [man] at one end of the telephone, speaking to God on the other; no, it is God who prays in us! We pray to God through God."

Pope Francis offered this encouragement to the faithful gathered in St. Peter's Square during his Wednesday General Audience. As he continued his catechesis series on the Holy Spirit in the life of the Church, the Pope transitioned from discussing sacraments to discussing Christian prayer.

"The sanctifying action of the Holy Spirit, in addition to the Word of God and the Sacraments," the Pope began, "is expressed in prayer,".

The Pope reminds us that the Holy Spirit is both the subject and object of Christian prayer. "That is, He is the One who gives prayer and He is the One who is given by prayer." "We pray to receive the Holy Spirit, and we receive the Holy Spirit in order to truly pray," the Pope said, noting that in this way we pray as children of God, not as slaves.

First of all, the Pope said, we must pray to receive the Holy Spirit. "In this regard," he recalled, "Jesus has a very precise word in the Gospel: *“If you then, who are wicked, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?”* (Lk 11:13).

The Pope said that our praying is "the only 'power' we have over the Spirit of God, and that the Holy Spirit is He who gives us the gift of true prayer.

It is true, the Pope said, we do not know how to pray. "Yes, the Holy Spirit comes to aid us in our weakness, but He does something far more important," Pope Francis added, "He testifies to us that we are children of God and puts on our lips the cry: *“Abba! Father!”*

In prayer, the Pope said, the Holy Spirit is revealed as the "Paraclete", that is, our advocate and defender. He does not accuse us before the Father, but defends us.

"Even when our heart reproaches us for something," he noted, the Holy Spirit "reminds us that 'God is greater than our hearts.'"

The Holy Spirit, the Pope said, not only intercedes for us, but also teaches us how to intercede for our brothers and sisters. Moreover, he added, "He teaches us the prayer of intercession," a prayer, the Pope said, "is particularly pleasing to God, because it is the most gratuitous and altruistic."

"When someone prays for everyone," the Pope marvelled, "it happens – as Saint Ambrose noted – that everyone prays for someone; prayer multiplies."

Pope Francis concluded by saying to prepare ourselves ahead of the upcoming Jubilee, "to unite ourselves to the Paraclete who "intercedes for the saints according to God's plans."

*Original Article from Vatican News by Deborah Castellano Lubov.*

### DONATIONS TO THE PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND

There are several way to donate to your parish  
If you wish to set up **standing order** at your bank

**Parish Bank account details;**

Name of A/c: Athy Parochial

IBAN: **IE09 BOFI 9009 6511 1988 17**

BIC: **BOFIE2D**

Branch: Bank of Ireland, Emily Sq.

**Or**

See **donate button** on  
parish website: [www.parihofathy.ie](http://www.parihofathy.ie)

**Or**

contact your area distributor/Parish office about  
organising

**weekly boxes Or an annual contribution envelope**

You will get a unique donor ID number



### Anam Cara

**Anam Cara**, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on Monday 11th November at 7:15pm in the Maldron Hotel, Whitestown Way, Tallaght.

This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or how recent their death was. You do not need to register in advance.

### ACCORD

Accord Carlow Relationship Counselling  
at St. Catherine's Community Service Centre Carlow  
Phone Mary at 086 4149034 or email  
[accordcarlow@gmail.com](mailto:accordcarlow@gmail.com)

### Athy Homeless Clinic

Kildare County Council Housing Homeless Team will host an information clinic on Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> November in Athy Family Resource Centre (R14 NN97) – 2pm to 4pm.

Telephone 045 980576

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