



THE PARISH
OF ATHY

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



THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 17TH NOVEMBER 2024

PRAYER

Your creation, O God, runs its appointed course; as far as the ends of the earth you gather a people you call your own. Confirm us in the strength of your abiding word. Steady our hearts in the time of trial, so that on the day of the Son of Man, we may without fear rejoice to behold his appearing. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Athy Parish website
www.parihofathy.ie

Parish Radio 107.9

PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

Recently Deceased:

Phyllis Farrell, New Ross Nursing Home formerly Ardreich Funeral Tuesday at 11am. Burial in St. Michael's New Cemetery

Saturday 6pm

Month's mind: Thomas Tighe, Frances O'Donoghue, Marie Murphy, Sean Fitzsimons, Mary Doyle
Birthday remembrance: Elizabeth Moran (90th B)
Anniversaries: Denis `Bertie` O'Rourke (10th A), Christopher Byrne, Maeye Batchelor (20th Anniv), Maggie Kelly, Sheila Moore (10th A), Paschal Malone (2nd A), Assumpta Mullaniff, Jack Phillips (44th A), Dolly & Martin Phillips, Ned Harty, John Harty, Magalisha Knee, John & Josephine Harty, Daniel Delaney, Gay Coffey, Richard & Shay Anderson, Thomas Hyland, Mary Keegan (8th A), Josie Tierney, Dec. mem. Tierney family, Margaret Callaghan, Paddy Callaghan, Joe Birney, Dec. mem. of Birney & Dalton families, Dec. mem. of Kinsella & Hickey families, May & Joe Kane, Nancy, Sean & Jason Dooley, John Hoare, Maggie & Bill Hoare, Pat Hoare, May Noel & John Murphy, Ann Murphy, Rita & Ted Ward, Kitty Byrne, Mary Hyland, Betty Cusack, Kathleen Mackey, Kathy Brown, Pat Fitzsimons, Martin Holohan, David Whittle, Maureen Coyle, Frank Honer, Marjorie Austin, Doris Pratt, Joe Carstairs, Dec. mem. of Kane & Hoare families

Sunday 9am Barowhouse: Kathleen Walsh, James Brennan (Chapel Lane) Mary Brennan (remembrance)

Sunday 10.30am:

Month's mind: Francis O'Donoghue, Sean Fitzsimons
Anniversaries: Jack Phillips (44th A), Dolly & Martin Phillips, Denis `Bertie` O'Rourke (10th A), Robert Brennan, Nancy Quinn (19th A), Kieron Woods, Michael Conlon, Matthew Farrell

Sunday 12 noon:

Month's mind: Frances O'Donoghue
Anniversaries: Declan Cardiff, Jim Coughlan, May Roche Matthew Farrell

Monday 9.30am: Anne `Nancy` Quinn, Sheila Moore (10th A)

Tues. 9.30 am: Birthday remembrance: Denis Chanders Denis `Bertie` O'Rourke (10th A), Michael Conlon John Joe O'Keefe (40th A)

Wednes. 9.30 am: Anna Brady, Christy Hickey (5th Anniv)

Thur. 9.30 am:

Friday 9.30am: Kieron Woods, Eamon Gray

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.

Today is World Day of the Poor.

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.: €33,286 total last weekend including **annual donations** amounting to €32,247 and **weekly envelope donations** amounting to €1,038
Thanks to all who contributed

Last weekend Mass collections:
Common: €1,435 **Share** €1,220
Thanks to all who contribute

READINGS

1st Reading: Daniel 12:1-3

Psalms; Ps 15:5.8-11

2nd Reading: Hebrews 10: 11-14.18

Gospel: Mark 13:24-32

ANNUAL MASS FOR THE DECEASED OF OUR PARISHES

Athy: Monday, next 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



Children Liturgy Sheets
available at doors of church

SACRED HEART MESSENGER MAGAZINE

New subscribers welcome for 2025 subscription €30
for monthly magazine
Contact the Parish Office

ACCORD

Accord Carlow Relationship Counselling
at St. Catherine's Community Service Centre Carlow
Phone Mary at 086 4149034 or email accordcarlow@gmail.com

ATHY MERCY ASSOCIATE MEETING

postponed from 3rd Monday of the month to
Monday, 25th November at 7.30pm
in Parish Centre, Mount Hawkins



PARISH CHOIR SING SUNDAYS AT 12 NOON

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME
Just come up to the gallery

HOLY HOUR

in Parish Church Tuesday's from 2-3pm

HOLY HOUR

St. Mary's Church Barrowhouse
Tuesday's from 7pm-8pm

CATECHETICAL CORNER - "USE IT OR LOSE IT"

Next week we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King, commonly called the Feast of Christ the King. It is the last Sunday in the Church's liturgical year, the following Sunday being the first Sunday of Advent, is the beginning of a new liturgical year. At this time of year, the readings at Holy Mass can all seem quite scary and a little bit daunting. They are all about the end times and the terrible suffering that is supposed to take place.

The prophet Daniel tells us: "There is going to be a time of great distress, unparalleled since nations first came into existence." The Gospel tells us "...the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken..." That all seems quite scary. And indeed, if that is our focus, then it is scary and we should be very worried. But if we keep our focus on GOD "Like the eyes of a slave on the hand of her master" (Ps. 123:2) we have nothing to worry about. Again, Daniel tells us not to worry, "your own people will be spared, all those whose names are found written in the Book." The Gospel reaffirms that "...He will send the angels to gather His chosen from the four winds." We are being called to have faith. To trust GOD that HE will be faithful to HIS promise to us. We are "His chosen", our names are "written in the book" by virtue of our Baptism.

Faith is hard, especially in the face of adversity, when there is war and so much suffering. Some will say that "faith is a gift and I just don't have it." And that is true, faith is a gift given by GOD, which we were all given at our baptism. And while faith is a gift it is also a virtue, one of the three great gifts, the Cardinal Virtues, of Faith, Hope and Charity/Love (see 1 Cor. 13), and as such, it requires nurturing. If we don't nurture something it dies. Virtues are no different, the law of atrophy applies. What does that mean? Well put quite simply: "Use it or lose it." If we don't foster, practice and use the virtues we will lose them, they will become swallowed up by whatever it is that we do practice; doubt, fear, selfishness. Think about it for a moment. If you are a person of Faith, then say things like: "I trust GOD, everything will be ok." If you are a person of Charity/Love, then practice that love towards others. St James says: "that faith without good works is quite dead." (Jas. 2:17). Practice Faith, practice Hope, practice Charity. If we do not practice them, then, just like our physical muscles, by the scientific law of atrophy, we will lose them.

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

Or

contact your area distributor/Parish office
about organising

weekly boxes

Or

an annual contribution envelope

You will get a unique donor ID number

Share & Common Mass collections

A choice as to how you donate

The Archdiocese of Dublin have a
"Tap and Go" contactless donation method to enable
people to donate directly to the

First Collection (Common Fund Priest Collection)

and the **Second Collection (Share Fund)**

Card machines are in place at the back of the Church for
this purpose.

You can use your Debit/Credit Card or indeed your
mobile phone if you it payments enabled on your phone.

**October 2024 tap & Go machine collected
€432 from 41 transactions**

An Evening of Music & Song
Sunday, 1st December, 2024
Concert starts 5pm
Concert in aid of:
SAFE HOME IRELAND
DIASPORA SUPPORT SERVICE
Church of the
Immaculate Heart of Mary
City Quay, Dublin, D02 A090
Doors: 4pm
Tickets: €32 (includes booking fee)
From eventbrite
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