



THE PARISH
OF ATHY

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



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE 24TH NOVEMBER 2024

PRAYER

O God, our king and our rock, in you we place our trust, knowing that your rule is an eternal rule. You have sent your Son as Emmanuel, God with us, till the end of time. May we never lose heart but always place our faith in your. We make our prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen



PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

Recently Deceased:

Phyllis Farrell, New Ross Nursing Home, formerly Ardreigh
Michael Kelly, Enniscorthy, formerly Athy

Saturday 6pm

Month's mind:

Birthday remembrance:

Eddie Roycroft, Anne Prendergast

Anniversaries: Anne Marie Kelly nee Smyth (2nd A), Annette Kelly nee Lawler (3rd A), Michael Myles, Mary 'Bridie' Maloney, Dec. members of Maloney family, Paul Perse (33rd A), Esther Supple, Patrick & Brian Kelly, John Hickey, James Birney, Annie 'Bids' Nolan (8th A), Billy Hutchinson, Helena Hutchinson, Judy Mahon, Tony Doyle, Bridget Mulqueen, Peg & Dan Perse, Oliver Callaghan, Tommy Brophy, Margaret & Patrick Doyle, Daniel & Harriette Keyes, Elizabeth & Thomas White, George White, John & Mary Dunne (14th Anniv), Katie & Bill Morrin, Theo Davis

Sunday 9am Barowhouse: Theo Davis (anniv)

Sunday 10.30am:

Anniversaries: Deceased members of Athy GFC, Michael Myles, Eamon Gray, Margaret Delaney (9th A), Kieron Woods, Gerry & Ellen Quinn, Dec. members of Quinn family, Christy Hickey, Peg & Dan Perse, Kathleen Walsh (2nd A), Sean Brennan, Katie & Bill Morrin, Theo Davis

Sunday 12 noon:

Birthday remembrance: Noel McLoughlin

Anniversaries:

Carrie Robinson, Michael Myles, Eamon Gray, Dec. members of Athy GAA, Christy Hickey, Peg & Dan Perse, Katie & Bill Morrin, Theo Davis

Monday 9.30am: Betty Fogarty (14th A), Fredesvindo Fabian (anniv), Special Intention

Tues. 9.30 am: Cathrina Flood, Gerry & Ellen Quinn, Dec. mem of Quinn family, Anne Kane (1st A), Joe Kane, Peggy McDonagh (7th Anniv)

Wednes. 9.30 am: Michael Myles, Annie Nolan Special Intention

Thur. 9.30 am: Anne Spring

Friday 9.30am: Monica Price & Leia Scully

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.

Next Sunday is the **First Sunday in Advent.**

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

Last weekend Mass collections:

Common: €1,155 **Share** €945

Thanks to all who contribute

P. Dev.: €1,495 total last weekend

including **annual donations** amounting to €530 and **weekly envelope donations** amounting to €966
Thanks to all who contributed

SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

Annual appeal will take place in all the Parish Churches over the weekend of the 7th and 8th December. The collection will take place during all Masses or if you wish to choose one of the following

You can also drop your donation into the Parish Office where there is a collection box.

Leave it into our Charity shop Vincents, on William St. You can also post it to head office by using the blue envelope available in church.

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

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READINGS

1st Reading: Daniel 7:13-4

Psalm; Ps 92:1-2.5

2nd Reading: Apocalypse

Gospel: John 18:33-37

Athy Parish website
www.parihofathy.ie

Parish Radio 107.9 fm



Children Liturgy Sheets
available at doors of church

Statement on the General Election 2024 Archbishop Dermot Farrell

“It has been said that politicians campaign in poetry and govern in prose. It is certainly true that extravagant promises and self-promoting claims are the order of the day. That said, there are two slogans you will hear in these days, whose cynical falsehood is not only dis-energising, but more importantly risks degrading our democracy and political health: they are: ‘voting doesn’t make any difference’, and ‘they are all the same’.

First of all, voting does make a difference. Every vote counts. Your vote counts. Imagine living in a society with no elections, no democratic accountability, no contest of ideas, programmes, or vision. History shows that such societies are run by the powerful for their own benefit, while freedom of belief and expression are restricted, or even suppressed. Voting matters because it is how we hold our leaders to account and mandate what we believe to be important.

Voting also matters because all politicians are *not* the same: individual politicians, and political parties, differ in their values and beliefs, their ideas and priorities, their capabilities and judgement. It is true that powerful forces may constrain some policy choices. But governments exercise influence and control over vast areas of community life, and of the land we share. Their judgements and priorities do make a difference, through the legislation and policies they choose to pursue”.

Let us pray too that our society will vote into office leaders who will govern the people with integrity and wisdom and serve the common good with dedication and commitment.

ACCORD

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

CATECHETICAL CORNER - THE SERVANT KING

Our Celtic ancestors referred to this time of year around November, or Samhain, especially at the start of the month, as a ‘thin time’. It was a time, they believed, that the veil which separates this world from the next was at its thinnest and that our deceased loved ones were, at this time of year, very close to us. It was this belief that gave rise to the practice of Halloween and also to the practice of praying for our dead, most especially, in November.

But for Catholics, the veil that separates this world from the next, or earth from heaven, is not only at its thinnest it is in fact ripped asunder every time we attend Mass. At Mass we not merely get a glimpse into Heaven, we are brought into Heaven and into the very presence of the King. We are present at the marriage feast of the Lamb (*Rev. 19:7-8*). We are permitted to join with the hosts of Heaven as they worship GOD crying “*Holy, Holy, Holy*”. (*Rev. 4:8 & Is. 6:3*)

As we come to the end of the Church’s liturgical year we are reminded of the start of the year, we are reminded of the birth of the King. We are also reminded of His death. And we are reminded of the life that He lived. The Kingship that He espoused was not one that, as citizens of the world, we would be familiar with, “*My kingdom is not of this world...*” (*Jn.18:36*) The kingship, the leadership that He espoused was something very different: “*Do you know what I have done to you?*” He asked after performing the most menial of tasks, foot washing, “*...I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you.*” (*Jn.13: 12-15*). Although He is a great King, “*...the Ruler of the kings of the earth.*” (*Rev. 1:5*). He is also the servant king who washes His disciples feet and commands us to do likewise. As the song goes: “This is our God, the servant King, He calls us now to follow Him...”

ATHY MERCY ASSOCIATE MEETING

Monday, 25th November at 7.30pm
in Parish Centre, Mount Hawkins



HOLY HOUR

in Parish Church Tuesday’s from 2-3pm

HOLY HOUR

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

ALBUM LAUNCH

Joseph Gorman

Sunday 24th November, Clonard Court at 8pm

Free ticketed event,
tickets can be collected beforehand at reception in Clonard

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS STOCK

Christmas cards & Bouquets

AVAILABLE FROM

PARISH OFFICE



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



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