



THE PARISH OF ATHY

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



### HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH, 29TH DECEMBER 2024

#### Prayer To The Holy Family

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in you we contemplate the splendour of true love; to you we turn with trust. Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic churches. Holy Family of Nazareth, may families never again experience violence, rejection and division; may all who have been hurt or scandalized find ready comfort and healing. Holy Family of Nazareth, make us once more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family, and its beauty in God's plan. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, Graciously hear our prayer. Amen.



The Parish Team wish you all a happy and holy new Year



#### PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

##### Recently Deceased:

*Denis Dunne, Barrowhouse,*

##### Saturday 6pm

**Month's mind:** Kathleen Meany

##### Birthday remembrance:

**Anniversaries:** Marie O'Meara, Adrian Whelan, Dawn O'Brien, Veronica Bambrick, Pat Kehoe, Joe & Annie Kehoe, Maureen Fanning, Francis Moran, Nancy Rochford, Margaret Hyland, Frank Breen (1<sup>st</sup> A), Annie & Michael Dooley, Cornelius Hogan, Noreen Kenny, John & Martin Fennin, Elizabeth Carroll, Mary 'Molly' Devereux (60<sup>th</sup> A), Christy May, Betty Muckerman nee May, Hans Mathia, Derry Mathia nee May, Special Intention, Ann Patricia Mahon, Brian & Sheila Kelly, Baby Brian Kelly, Margaret 'Peg' Moloney (2<sup>nd</sup> A), Kathleen Brennan (4<sup>th</sup> A), Teresa Mealy, Denis Redmond

**Sunday 9am Barrowhouse:** Bridget Howe (anniv)

##### Sunday 10.30am:

**Anniversaries:** Annie & Michael Dooley, Paddy & Bridget Redmond, Veronica Bambrick, John & Christina Moore, James & Margaret Murphy, Tommy & Tony Murphy, Christy May, Betty Muckerman nee May, Hans Mathia, Derry Mathia nee May, Kathleen Brennan (4<sup>th</sup> A), Jimmy & Lizzie Hutchinson, Bill & Sis Tierney, Rose & Jimmy Doyle, Willie McCarthy, Sheila Moore, Tom & Essie Carroll, Kate & Charlie Sourke, Thomas Prendergast, Phil Murphy, Gerry Harkin, Eugene O'Brien, Addie, Frani & Francis Coughlan, Nell & Jim Byrne, Margaret & Michael Webster, Anne Cahalane, Denis Cahalane, Denis Redmond

##### Sunday 12 noon:

**Anniversaries:** Paddy & Bridget Redmond, Veronica Bambrick, Cora Mooney (5<sup>th</sup> A), Kathleen Brennan (4<sup>th</sup> A) Anne Cahalane, Denis Cahalane,

**Monday 9.30am:** Rosalinda Silacan, Romeo Silacan, ROLLIE Silacan

**Tues. 9.30 am:** Annie & Michael Dooley, Patrick Day, Jimmy Connell (7<sup>th</sup> A), Gay Coffey, Liam Hyland, John Cahill, Mary & Georgie O'Mara, Mick & Adrian O'Mara

##### Wednes. 9.30 am: New Years Day

Liam & Margaret Callan, Bart & Rose Brown, Frank & Phil Brown, Margaret Brown, Margaret Blanchfield, Maurice Gannon, Molly & Edward Hughes, Eamon Johnson, Charlotte Walsh, Josie Dooley ( Remembrance), Charlie & Jean O'Donnell, Geraldine Corcoran nee Hegarty

**Thur. 9.30 am:** Golden Book

**Friday 9.30am:** Altar List of the Dead

#### 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.

**Christmas Dues** should can be handed in through the baskets at Mass or to the Parish Office when it reopens.

Wednesday next is New Years Day. **9.30am** morning Mass time will remain the same.

Weekend 21st/22nd December collections;

**Common:** €1,335

**Share:** €1,025

**P. Dev.:** €2,938

**annual donations** amounting to €2,100 & **weekly** €838  
*Thanks to all who contributed*

#### READINGS

**First** Samuel 1:20-22. 24-28

**Psalm:** Ps.83

**Second:** 1 John 3: 1-2, 21-24

**Gospel:** Luke 2: 41-52

#### CHRISTMAS

Office close for Christmas holidays

##### Re-opening

Tuesday 31st December 9.30-1pm only

**Closed Wednes** 1st January 2025-bank holiday

Normal hours from Thursday, 2nd January



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

**Parish Radio** 107.9 fm

### HOLY HOUR

in Parish Church Tuesday's will be resumes Tuesday 7th January, 2-3pm

### HOLY HOUR

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

### Communion for the Sick or Housebound.

If you would like to have Holy Communion brought to a family member or friend who may be sick or housebound, please contact one of the priests or the Parish Office.

Holy Communion can only be brought by a priest or a commissioned minister of the Eucharist and a Pyx, which has been blessed, is the only means by which the Sacred Host can be carried.

Out of respect for the Sacred Host, Holy Communion should never be taken home in a piece of tissue or an envelope.

### Enrolment in Scoil Phadraig Naofa - September 2025

Enrolments will take place for pupils wishing to commence in either Junior Infant or ASD Classes for September 2025 from

Friday 10th January, 2025 – Friday 31st January, 2025.

### FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

In 1964, while making an apostolic visit to the Holy Land, Pope Paul VI gave a beautiful speech in Nazareth on the Holy Family. This speech is now included in the Office of Readings for the Feast of the Holy Family. He begins by saying, "Nazareth is a kind of school where we may begin to discover what Christ's life was like and even to understand his Gospel. Here we can observe and ponder the simple appeal of the way God's Son came to be known, profound yet full of hidden meaning." In that speech, the Holy Father wanted to help make Jesus' family life, culture, and daily interactions as a child tangible and relatable to all so that His childhood, along with the role of His parents, would be a source of reflection for the strengthening of the family.

In 1981, Pope John Paul II, in his apostolic exhortation *Familiaris Consortio* (The Role of the Christian Family in the Modern World), reinforced the concept of the family as the "domestic church" with its role in fostering prayer, teaching the faith, and nurturing Christian virtues. He highlighted that in the family, the Christian faith is first proclaimed to children, making the family vital to the mission of the Church, and the most fundamental institution in the world.

As we honour the Holy Family, one of the best ways to do so is to prayerfully ponder the daily life that the Holy Family shared. Because Scripture does not record many of their family interactions in Nazareth, much is left to our prayerful imagination. What we do know is that human familial virtue within the Holy Family, especially between mother and Son, was at a level of perfection. The kindness, respect, obedience, unity, charity, and every other Christian virtue that they lived must become the model for Christian living and for family life.

### PRAYER BEFORE THE CRIB

God, our Father, we praise and thank You for sending us

Your Son Jesus, as a small baby:  
so that we might understand how much You love us.  
Help us to live our daily lives knowing that we share  
in Jesus'  
light and life.

Forgive us for our shortcomings  
and draw us closer to You daily,  
Holy Mary, who said 'yes'  
that we might have life, pray for us all.  
Amen.



### 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 have payments enabled on your phone.

**November 2024 tap & Go machine collected  
€785.15 from 65 transactions  
to Share & Common Fund**

### DONATIONS TO THE PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND

There are several ways 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.parishofathy.ie](http://www.parishofathy.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  
If you know it you can use it as a Ref no.*

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