



THE PARISH
OF ATHY

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



SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS, 5TH JANUARY 2025

PRAYER

God of wisdom and light,
send your Holy Spirit into
our hearts that we may
be your children in name
and in fact and thereby
draw others into the
great adventure of faith,
hope and love in you.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.



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

PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

Recently Deceased:

Marjorie Timpson nee Kelly, Offaly Street
Teresa Kealy, formerly St. Patrick's Ave., Athy late of
London. Funeral arrangements later.

Saturday 6pm

Month's mind:

Anniversaries:

Minnie McEvoy, Bridie Richards nee Kavanagh, Jane
Mulvahill, Stefano Colapicchioni (2nd A), William & Mai
Magahran, Eileen Goulding, Elizabeth Kenny, May Doran,
Marcella O'Sullivan, Emma Carbery (1st A), Carmel Murray,
Dec. Sisters of Mercy, Fr. Cathal Hutchinson, Michael Wall,
Mary Morrin (13th A), Mary Lawler, William Lawler, Helen
Lawler, William Lawler Jnr., Special Intention, Charlie & Jean
O'Donnell, Anne Dalton, Esther Maher, Esther Ronan,
John & Josie Maher, Peg & Jack Maher, Kathleen Lyons,
Eileen Brophy, Angela Davis, Theo Davis, Kathleen & George
Roche

Sunday 9am Barrowhouse:

Jim Malone, Barrowlodge (2nd A), Myles & Rose Quinn,
John & Sheila Lacy, Angela Davis, Theo Davis, Martin
McDonald (Anniv)

Sunday 10.30am:

Anniversaries:

Minnie McEvoy, Eileen Goulding, John & Christina Moore,
Willie Delaney, Dec. mem of Dempsey family, Pauline
Brennan, Tom Fitzgerald, Mary Lawler, William Lawler,
Helen Lawler, William Lawler Jnr., John Bracken (1st A),
Dec. members of Bracken family, Sis, Bill & Billy Tierney,
Kate & Charlie Sourke, Elizabeth Kavanagh (12th A),
Esther Ronan, Josie Dooley (Remembrance), Kevin Dooley
Snr. & Jnr., Terry Dooley, Maureen Kerr, Denise Kerr,
Angela Davis, Theo Davis, Kathleen & George Roche,
Dominic Stynes (Anniv), Anne Brennan,

Sunday 12 noon:

Anniversaries:

Minnie McEvoy, Mary Lawler, William Lawler, William Lawler
Jnr., Helen Lawler, Esther Ronan, Angela Davis, Theo Davis,
Joe & Bridie Dwyer, Paddy 'Skinner' Foley (Remembrance)

Monday 9.30am: Feast of the Epiphany

Holy day of Obligation

Michael Wall (A), Kevin Dooley, Deceased members of
Flanagan & Mulligan families, Paddy 'Skinner' Foley
(Remembrance), Peter & Mary Dunne

Tues. 9.30 am: Margaret Cahill

Wednes. 9.30 am: Michael McCormack, Hugh Gaffney,
Michael Callaghan, Donal Chambers (1st A)

Thur. 9.30 am: Frances & John Mugridge, Sheila Heydon
Hughes

Friday 9.30am: Nora & Tim Kelly, Patrick 'Paddy' Kelly (9th
Anniv)

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.

Tomorrow Monday is the Feast of the Epiphany, a
Holyday of Obligation. Mass at **9.30 am**.

There will be Mass at **11 am** in Moone

Parish Office will be closed Monday due to Holy Day.
Reopens Tuesday 9.30 am

Weekend collections;

Common: €1,170

Share: €825

P. Dev.: €1,437 of which **annual donations** €600 &
weekly €837. *Thanks to all who contributed*

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

READINGS Year C

First Reading: Sir 24:1-2.8-12

Psalm: Ps.147:12-15.19-20

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:3-6.15-18

Gospel: John1:1-18 (or * 1:1-5.9-14*)

Athy Parish website www.parihofathy.ie

Parish Radio 107.9 fm

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Athy, Moone & Narraghmore

4 Star Hôtel Padoue

24th June –1st July 2025

€965 pps

Spiritual Director Fr. Francis McCarthy

Further details contact Christopher Rowan 087 2707 182

Have you ever dreamed of **walking the Camino** de Santiago? Breakthrough Cancer Research are taking on the 'Portuguese Way' from the 13th - 20th of June 2025.

Starting in the charming town of Baiona, experience camaraderie and reflection as you walk toward Santiago de Compostela, creating lasting memories on this historic pilgrimage. You can enjoy this amazing adventure with our experienced guide and help Make More Survivors.

For more information, please contact edel@breakcancer.ie or phone 021 422 66 55 for more details.

Athy Homeless Clinic

Kildare County Council Housing Homeless Team will host an information clinic on Wednesday, 8th January in Athy Family Resource Centre (R14 NN97) – 2pm to 4pm.

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.



FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY – Monday, 6th January 2025

Epiphany is a Christian festival that marks the day the three Wise Men went to visit the baby Jesus



Epiphany - also known as Three Kings' Day - is a Christian feast day which falls on 6 January.

It is a special date for many Christians as it's when people celebrate how a star led the Magi - also known as the Three kings or the Wise Men - to visit the baby Jesus after he had been born.

'Epiphany' comes from the Greek word meaning 'to reveal', as it is when the baby Jesus was 'revealed' to the world.

This is why you might hear people say they've had an epiphany, when they've just realised something.

In some countries many families will take off 6 January and exchange presents.

In Spain and Latin America, *El Dia de los Reyes* is just as important as Christmas Day itself.

A bit like how you might leave a carrot and mince pie out on Christmas Eve, the night before *El Dia de los Reyes*, children leave out drinks for the Three Kings and there are parades and fireworks displays to mark the occasion.

Epiphany Prayer

God, as we join together in worship let us not forget your infinite patience and love in dealing with your people, of which we count ourselves. Use us in your service, that we might draw others into your kingdom. To your praise and glory we ask this. Amen.

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*

SACRED HEART MESSENGER MAGAZINE

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

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 – Friday 31st January, 2025.

PARISH OFFICE

Monday: 2.15 pm-4pm

(Closed Holy Days)

Tue & Wednes 9.30-1.30 & 2-4pm

Thur 9.30am-1.30 pm

Saturday: 10.30am-12.30am

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