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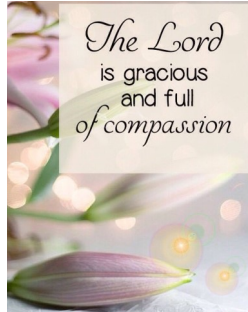
Comprising the Faith Communities
of:
ST MICHAEL'S, ATHY
&
ST MARY'S, BARROWHOUSE



THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT SUNDAY 23RD MARCH 2025

PRAYER

God of salvation, we stand before you on holy ground, for your name is glorified and your mercy revealed wherever your mighty deeds are remembered. Since you are holy and forbearing, turn us from every rash and shallow judgment to seek the ways of repentance. We ask this through Christ, our deliverance and our hope, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, holy and mighty God for ever and ever. Amen.



PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

Recently Deceased:

Ross Kelly, Gallowshill
Desmond Alymer, Mount Merrion, Dublin
Hannah Fennelly nee Byrne, Churchtown

Saturday 6pm

Month' mind: Mary Phillips, Martin Cardiff

Remembrance: Nora Mary Gallagher

Anniversaries: Jean Burrow nee Kavanagh, Roy & Michelle Thomas, Ger Clancy (1st A), Michael Harris, Eileen Brock Nee O'Neill (25th A), Eddie Owens (25th A), Jim Kenny (1st A) Ann Kelly (1st A), Tom Shaw (4th A), Maisie English (7th A), Christopher & Ethna Ludlow, John & Margaret Breen, Eamonn & Peggy Hicks, May & Joe Kane, Nancy, Sean & Jason Dooley, John Hoare, Maggie & Bill Hoare, Pat Hoare, Bill 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. members of Kane & Hoare families, Special Intention

Sunday 9am Barrowhouse:

Sunday 10.30am:

Birthday rem.: Claire Broughal, Maureen Dalton

Anniversaries: Peggy Ennis, Maura Bergin, Eileen Brock nee O'Neill, Eddie Owens (25th A), Michael Mullery, Susan Page, Tom Shaw (4th A), John & Margaret Breen, Eamonn & Peggy Hicks, Jack Kitty & Geraldine Kelly, Kevin Fitzgerald (Anniv)

Sunday 12 noon:

Remembrance: Nora Mary Gallagher

Anniversaries: Eileen Brock nee O'Neill (25th A), Eddie Owens (25th A), Tom Shaw (4th A), Eddie Dempsey, Mary & Dominic Harte, Ken Murphy, John & Margaret Breen, Eamonn & Peggy Hicks, Nancy Murphy nee O'Brien (11th Anniv)

Monday 9.30 am: Philomena Dempsey, Maureen Guidrea, Mikie & May Dempsey, Dec. mem of Dempsey family, George & Mary Robinson, Dec. mem of Robinson family, James & Maria Davis, Dec. mem of Davis family, Stephen Pender, Rosanne Keogh

Tues. 9.30 am: Kevin Fitzgerald (Anniv)

Wednes. 9.30 am: Eddie Dempsey (Anniv)

Thur. 9.30 am: Derry Gannon nee Hamilton (1st A)

Friday 9.30am: Mollie Maher (4th 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.

Do try to attend an extra Mass during Lent or practice extra praying or almsgiving. Perhaps practice some type of self denial.

Trocaire Boxes available at the doors of the church.

Congratulations to the children from Barrowhouse School who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday last.

Last weekend & St Patrick's Day collections;

Common: €1,190 & €790 (St Patrick's Day)

Share €995 & €520 (St Patrick's Day)

P. Dev.: €1,014

of which €664 is weekly & €350 annual

Thanks to all who contributed

Lenten Prayer Night

Wednes. 26th March in Athy Parish Church.
at 7:00pm.

The theme of our Lenten Prayer nights is *The Jubilee of Hope, during this Lent may we find hope in all we see and all we do.* We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us.
All are welcome



EASTER MASS LIST

If you wish to have your deceased loved ones included in Easter Sunday Masses please give their names in to the Parish Office by Holy Thursday 1pm to ensure their names will be printed.

Easter Mass Bouquets cards & Easter cards are available in Parish Office

READINGS Year C

First Reading:

Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15

Psalms: Ps 102:1-4, 6-8, 11

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10.1-6. 10-12

Gospel: Luke 13. 1-9

DAFFODIL DAY

Daffodils will be available on Friday next 28th March in Church car park. All support greatly appreciated for cancer patients, a worthy cause



SOLEMN NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

in St. Peter & Paul Church, Monasterevin W34 KD61

Monday 31st March to Friday 4th April 2025

(5 nights)

Theme: HOPE TIME: 7.30PM

Monday 31st March 2025

Guest Speaker: Bishop Paul Dempsey, Auxiliary Bishop of Dublin & formerly P.P. Newbridge.

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Athy, Moone & Narraghmore

4 Star H tel Padoue

24th June –1st July 2025 Cost  965 pps

Spiritual Director

Fr. Francis McCarthy

Further details

contact Christopher Rowan 087 2707 182



MATT TALBOT WALK

There will be a Matt Talbot walk from Sean McDermott Street Church on Sunday, March 23, at 2pm.

CATECHETICAL CORNER –INDULGE YOURSELF

As we all know by now, Pope Francis has declared 2025 a Jubilee Year. In our Christian tradition the Jubilee has a strong focus on reconciliation and renewal. A plenary indulgence, characteristic of a Holy Year, has also been declared for specific jubilee pilgrimages. Last May, Pope Francis gave details for the Holy Year as well as conditions for the granting of the Plenary Indulgence.

So, what are plenary indulgences and why do we need them? First, a bit of context is needed to answer this question. People often ask: “*If I have made a good confession and then died suddenly, as in hit by a bus for example, will I go straight to heaven?*” While no one can know the state of another person’s soul, the general answer is No. The Sacrament of Confession absolves the guilt of confessed sins and removes the eternal punishment due to mortal sin, it does not eliminate all temporal punishment associated with those sins. This temporal punishment is a consequence of sin that must be purified, either in this life or in purgatory. This is where an indulgence comes in. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church explains, “*An indulgence is a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven*” (CCC 1471).

Analogy to help understand ‘Temporal Punishment’: A child is playing football and breaks a neighbour's window. The neighbour forgives the child, absolving them of blame. However, the window remains broken, and the child must repair or pay for it, addressing the damage caused by their action. A plenary indulgence removes the requirement to fix the window. So how does one gain a Plenary Indulgence? To gain the Jubilee Year plenary indulgence, the faithful are asked, where possible, to:

Visit a Holy Site: Make a pilgrimage to a designated church, such as a cathedral or another sacred place chosen by the local bishop.

While there, spend time in prayer, attend Mass, or participate in devotions eg. Rosary or the Stations of the Cross. In the Archdiocese of Dublin the designated Churches are: St Mary’s Pro-Cathedral, Marlborough Street; St Andrew’s, Westland Row; Our Lady of Lourdes, Sean McDermott Street; Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, City Quay and St Kevin’s Parish Church, Glendalough. If you’re able to travel to Rome, visiting one of the Major Papal Basilicas.

Prepare Spiritually: Go to Confession, receive Holy Communion, and pray for the Pope’s intentions (usually an Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be).

Acts of Mercy: Engage in works of charity, such as visiting someone who is sick, helping those in need, or comforting the lonely.

For Those at Home: If you can’t travel due to age, illness, or other reasons, you can still receive an indulgence by joining spiritually. Pray at home, follow Mass online, or offer your struggles to God

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The stations of the cross will be prayed after 9.30am Mass in St. Michael’s every Friday during Lent

“...You will find rest for your soul...”
Mt. 11:29

HOLY HOUR

ST MICHAEL’S CHURCH, ATHY
EVERY TUESDAY AT 2PM

(INCLUDING ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT, HOLY ROSARY, TIME FOR QUIET PRAYER AND THE DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET)

EVERYONE IS WELCOME



Children Liturgy Sheets available at doors of church

LECTIO DIVINA – SACRED READING

Join for three Thursdays from the comfort of your home to pray with the Sunday Gospel. Please email saule.cameron@dublindiocese.ie for a Zoom link. Dates: Thurs 27th of March & 10th of April & Holy Week Monday, 14th of April. Time: 8-9 pm. Led by Sister Anne & Saule (parish pastoral worker).

All are warmly welcome to join us!

SAVE THE DATE

Monster Auction in aid of Church Heating Fund

takes place in Athy GAA Centre

on **Sunday 11th May**

All clean saleable items are welcome.

For further information

contact: Leon Kenny, Fiona Rainsford



Older Voices Kildare will host a **Chat Cafe** for older persons every **Wednesday from March 26th** for 8 weeks from 2pm-4pm in the Slainte Care Healthy Communities Hub behind Mount St. Mary’s Resource Centre. It would be a drop in space where older people could meet for a chat and a cup of tea.

PARISH OFFICE

Monday: 2.15 pm-4pm

(Closed Holy Days & Bank Holidays)

Tue & Wednes 9.30-1.30 & 2-4pm

Thur 9.30am-1.30 pm Saturday: 10.30am-12.30am

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