



THE PARISH
OF ATHY

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



THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT SUNDAY 16TH MARCH 2025

PRAYER

Faithful God of the covenant, like Abraham, without seeing, we believe. You hold out your promise to us, and like our father in faith, in you we place our absolute trust. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

Recently Deceased:

*Esther Mulhall nee Corcoran, St Dominic's Park
Fr. Tom O'Shea, Ballylinan, Harry Bailey, England*

Saturday 6pm Rec Deceased: Nora Mary Gallagher,
Birthday rem: Derek Donohue, Ann Patricia Mahon, Michael Mulqueen,
Anniversaries: Sean 'Pinkeen' Moloney, Mary Scally (1stA) Andy Doogue, Madge O'Neill, John Joe Murphy, Seamie Lawler (3rd A), Rita & Jerry McGrath, Kathleen Gleeson, Ann Mulhall, Paul McHugh, Paddy Fennin, Lil Murphy, Breda Cleary (14th Anniv), Bill 'Skinner' Chanders, Dec mem of Chanders Family, Kathleen & Manix Thompson, Bernadete Thompson, Maureen Bowden (1st Anniv), Betty Collins (5th Anniv), Special Intention

Sunday 9am Barowhouse: Birthday rem: Denis Dunne
Anniv: Annie & Michael Dowling, Alan Langton (1st A) Elizabeth Dunne, Maureen Bowden (1st Anniv)

Sunday 10.30am: Birthday rem.: Ann Patricia Mahon
Anniversaries: Andy Doogue, Matt, Tena & Paula McHugh, Stanley Mullery, Kathleen Staunton, Margaret Hayes, Alan Langton (1st A), Elizabeth & Michael Bride, Aileen Drennan, Jim Harris, Josephine & Pat Harris, Dec. mem of Harris Family, Paddy Fennin, Elizabeth McConville, Jack Dillon, Lil Murphy, Bridget Murphy, Kathleen & Manix Thompson, Bernadete Thompson, Breda Cleary (14th Anniv), Bill 'Skinner' Chanders, Dec mem of Chanders Family, Rizalina Gimena

Sunday 12 noon: Rec. Dec. on 21st Feb: *Connie Wynne nee Carey, Dominic's Pk. Athy & late of London.*
Funeral arrangements later. Also Nora Mary Gallagher.
Birthday rem.: Ann Patricia Mahon, Anthony Poole Jnr.
Anniversaries: Stephen Fitzgerald, Matt, Tena & Paula McHugh, Stanley Mullery, Kathleen Staunton, Margaret Hayes, Alan Langton (1st A), Mary Stynes, Brendan Lalor, Paddy Fennin, Michael Dowling, Breda Cleary (14th Anniv), Bill 'Skinner' Chanders, Dec mem of Chanders Family, Kathleen & Manix Thompson, Bernadete Thompson,

Monday St Patrick's Day

9.30am:

Birthday rem. Daniel Butler, Pat Harris, John Shaughnessy
Anniversaries: Alan Langton (1st A), Patrick O'Connor, Patrick McArdle, Mary Carbery, Philomena, Anna Mai & Jack Perse, Claire Troute, Patrick Cooney (22nd Anniv)

12 noon

Birthday rem.: Daniel Butler Pat Harris, John Shaughnessy
Anniv: Matt, Tena & Paula McHugh, Stanley Mullery, Kathleen Staunton, Margaret Hayes, Alan Langton (1st A), Lil Murphy, Patrick & Mary Murphy, Josie Dooley (3rd A), Dominic & Anne Dempsey, Sarah Dempsey, Patrick 'Pat' McArdle, Mary Carbery, Frank Byrne

Tues. 9.30 am: Rec Dec: Connie Wynne, nee Carey, funeral today in London, Kevin Mullery, Roseanne Delahunt, Josie Dooley (3rd A)

Wednes. 9.30 am: Martin & Margaret Fox & Martin Fox Jnr.

Thur. 9.30 am:

Friday 9.30am: Month's mind: Nora Mary Gallagher

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 e.g. reducing junk food, alcohol or smoking.

Trocaire Boxes available at the doors of the church.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY MONDAY, 17TH MARCH 2025 is a Holyday of Obligation and a Bank Holiday. Mass in St. Michael's Church at **9.30 am & 12 noon**
The 12 noon Mass will be mostly in the Irish language with Irish music from the parish choir

Parish Office will be closed Monday, 17th March.

Last weekend collections;

Common: € 940

Share €1,225

P. Dev.: €644.

Thanks to all who contributed



Lenten Prayer Nights

Wednes, 19th March in Crookstown Church and
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

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Athy, Moone & Narraghmore

24th June –1st July 2025

4 Star Hôtel Padoue €965 pps

Spiritual Director Fr. Francis McCarthy

Further details

contact Christopher Rowan 087 2707 182

READINGS Year C

First Reading:

Genesis 15:5-12. 17-18

Psalm: Ps 26:1.7-9.13-14

Second Reading: Philippians 3:17-4:1

Gospel: Luke 9:28-36

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



Share & Common Mass collections

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 in 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.

December 2024 tap & Go machine collected

€614.00 from 54 transactions to Share & Common Fund

January 2025 tap & Go machine collected

€295 from 40 transactions to Share & Common Fund

February 2025 tap & Go machine collected

€659 from 53 transactions to Share & Common Fund

There is also a Tap & Go machine in church to **donate to Parish**

MATT TALBOT WALK

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

CATECHETICAL CORNER – A rebel with a cause!

In the first letter of St John we read: "...if we acknowledge our sins, HE is trustworthy and upright, so that HE will forgive our sins and will cleanse us from all evil." (1 Jn. 1: 9). So if we acknowledge our sins before GOD so that HE will forgive and cleanse us, why do we need confession? In other words, can GOD forgive my sins without me going to confession? Yes, of course HE can, HE is GOD and can do whatever HE wants. So why then do we need to go to a priest? Because it is how GOD chooses to act. GOD has chosen to act incarnationally. Grace ordinarily flows through human hands, word and gestures.

When, in Jesus, GOD became man for our sake, HE left us a plan of how HE was going to continue to work in and through the Church. The sacraments are the usual means by which GOD communicates grace (favour). In the Catechism we read: "*The sacraments are efficacious signs of grace, instituted by Christ and entrusted to the Church, by which divine life is dispensed to us. the visible rites by which the sacraments are celebrated signify and make present the graces proper to each sacrament. They bear fruit in those who receive them with the required dispositions.*" So Confession is not to be understood as an obstacle to be overcome but rather a vessel for repentance, that, in the divine plan, is necessary in order to receive GOD's forgiveness. The Church is not just the assembly of the people of GOD, it is a conduit of grace. In John 20:22-23 we read: "...He breathed on them and said: Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven; if you retain anyone's sins, they are retained." Going to Confession is a radical, counter cultural, almost rebellious act. The antidote to a world dominated by autonomy and individualism. Where the manufactured perfect is lauded and faults are air-brushed out. Confession demands that we drop the mask. That we confront our shadows, our faults and our vulnerabilities, not as a sign of weakness but rather as a defiant show of strength. Where we can admit, without fear of judgement or criticism, that I have fallen and am in need of help and forgiveness.

Confession goes further than talking to a therapist or counsellor. Confession is a communion where the souls admission meets GOD's absolution. Acknowledging our sins privately, confessing directly to GOD, opens the heart. Confession seals it with certainty. It is where we hear, 'I absolve you, go in peace, you are forgiven'. Confession is about freedom, freedom from the sins that bind us. Confession and restores us to the Church. This Lent are you brave enough to be a rebel with a cause, the cause of reconciliation?

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 13th, 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!

"St. Ignatian Spiritual Exercises for Men -

Fri May 2nd to Mon May 5th (bank holiday) in An Tobar Retreat Centre, Ardbraccan Navan, C15 T884. Cost €190 - includes all meals and en-suite single rooms. Call 087 - 348 2148 or iveireland@ive.org

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.

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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