



THE PARISH  
OF ATHY

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



## THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT SUNDAY 6TH APRIL 2025

### PRAYER

God, you alone offer us the freedom which is deep and lasting. Let us know our need of you, that we may be open to your gifts of freedom and forgiveness. Having known your healing hand, let us be bearers of the good news to all we meet. Amen.



### PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

**Recently Deceased:**  
*Ronald Plunk, Chicago*

**Saturday 6pm**  
**Month' mind:**

**Birthday remembrance:** Nicola Keogh Kenny, Thomas McDonnell

**Remembrance:** Nora Mary Gallagher, Tom & Mary Fox  
**Anniversaries:** John Kavanagh, Jack & Elizabeth Fanning, Mary Foley, Eugene O'Brien (1st A), Sean Loughman, Marcella & Michael Loughman, Mick McArdle, Francis Fogarty, John Flanagan, John & Ellen Kirwan, Josephine Casey, Molly & Edward Walsh, Peter & Catherine Bolger, Joseph Caulfield, Richard Tobin, Michael Scally, Joe & Hester May, Ned Wynne, Betty & Johnny Lawlor, Sheila Carton, Patrick Myles, Dec. mem of Myles family, Mary Frances Foley (4th A), Seamus Lynch (2nd A), Ann Kelly Murphy (4th A), David Prendergast (2nd A), Jody Fennelly (5th Anniv),

**Sunday 9am Barowhouse:**

**Birthday remembrance:** Thomas McDonnell  
**Anniv:** Thomas Davis, Michael & May Phelan, Paddy Bolton, Eugene O'Brien (1st A), Jimmy & Annie Kavanagh William Langton (Anniv)

**Sunday 10.30am:**

**Birthday rem.** Thomas McDonnell  
**Anniversaries:** Eugene O'Brien (1st A), Mavis Kinsella, Richard Tobin, Larry Ryan, Sheila Carton, Patrick Myles, Dec. members of Myles family, Seamus Lynch (2nd A), Colin Dunne, Willo Mooney, Michael Piert, Thanksgiving

**Sunday 12 noon:**

**Birthday remembrance:** Thomas McDonnell  
**Remembrance:** Nora Mary Gallagher  
**Anniversaries:** Eugene O'Brien (1st A), Sean Loughman, Marcella & Michael Loughman, Anne Prendergast (2nd A), Peggy Luttrell, Peter Webberley (40th A), Richard Tobin, Seamus Lynch (2nd A)

**Monday 9.30 am:** Jimmy Kelly

**Tues. 9.30 am:** Remembrance: Mary Hickey  
Anniv: Ann Murphy, Teresa & Sean Kelly

**Wednes. 9.30 am:**

Kathleen Whelan, Marie Cummins (5th A) Andrew Bergin, Seamus Lynch (2nd A) **Birthday Rem:** Bernadette Dunne

**Thur. 9.30 am:** Holy Souls

**Friday 9.30am:** Eugene Dempsey (21st A), Paddy & Betty Brennan, Edward & Margaret Brennan, Tony, John & Michael Brennan, Holy Souls

### 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** at the doors of the church.

We congratulate the children from the Gael Scoil who received their Confirmation last Friday.

Children from Scoil Pdraig Naofa will receive Sacrament of **Confirmation** on Friday next 11th April.

**Area Distributors** are reminded that their bundles of Easter Timetables and Due envelopes are ready behind the high Altar for distribution in their area.

Next Sunday is **Palm Sunday**.

A meeting of **All Eucharistic Ministers** will take place on Monday night at 7pm in the church. All ministers are encouraged to attend.

**Youth Mass:** A Youth Mass organised by students from Ardscoil na Trionóide will take place on Saturday next, 12th April, at 7.30pm. Please encourage all young people to come along. Refreshments served afterwards.



If you wish to have your Deceased loved ones remembered during our Easter Masses, please give in their names to the Parish Office by 1 pm on Holy Thursday to ensure their names will be printed on the **Easter List**.

Last weekend

**Common:** €1,300 **Share** €960 **P. Dev.:** €1,208  
*Thanks to all who contributed*

### Final Lenten Prayer Night

Wednes. 9th April in Castledermot 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



### READINGS Year C

**First Reading:**

Isaiah 43: 16-21

**Psalm:** Ps 125

**Second Reading:**

Philippians 3: 8-14

**Gospel:**

John 8: 1-11

### Monster Auction in aid of Church Heating Fund

takes place in Athy GAA Centre on

**Sunday 11th May**

*See flier in church and on notice board*

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

### PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Athy, Moone & Narraghmore  
4 Star Hôtel Padoue

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

Spiritual Director

Fr. Francis McCarthy

Further details

contact Christopher Rowan 087 2707 182



### 32 County Holy Face Public Vigil

Good Friday, 18th April, 2025

12 noon-1.35 pm

at the Marian Grotto, Rathstewart  
(near Parish Church)

All welcome.

Local contact David 085 1323869



### Athy Knitting Group.

The Athy Knitting meets every Wednesday & Thursday morning from 9.15am - 12 noon in the Parish Centre in Mount Hawkins. New members are always welcome. Come along for a chat, a cuppa, to meet new people and maybe even learn a new skill.

### CONFIRMATION

Athy SMN Fri. 30th May at 11 am

### Easter Mass Bouquets & Greeting cards are

available from the parish office

**PARISH OFFICE OPEN;**

**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**

**Phone: 059 86 38391 Email: athyparishrc@eircom.net**

### Deaf or Hard of hearing outreach clinic

Wednes 30th April

Wednes 28th May

Kildare Town library, R51 P403

Contact

**Email: dublinsouth@chime.ie**

No appointment necessary.

### CATECHETICAL CORNER – “It’s harvest time.”

If you were to ask somebody to ‘tell me about yourself’, you will probably hear about their marital status, their children – if they have any, where they live, what they work at etc... . But if you say; ‘No, tell me about you, who you are as a person.’ The conversation might dry up very quickly. Very few of us like talking about ourselves. In fact, we might not know ourselves well enough to have that conversation or just feel too uncomfortable talking about ourselves. It becomes even more difficult when we ask a person about their faults or character flaws. It is not easy to look at ourselves in a ‘negative’ way. Yet, since ancient times it has been known that genuine and honest self-knowledge is good and healthy. The adage: ‘*Know thyself*’ was inscribed over to the entrance to the Adelphi Oracle, the place where the ancient Greeks met their ‘gods’. And the Greek philosopher, Socrates said that ‘*the unexamined life is not worth living.*’

The purpose of Lent is not about making life difficult by denying ourselves. It is about taking time to refocus our attention where it should be. As St Francis de Sales says: “*Lent is the autumn of the spiritual life during which we gather fruit to keep us going for the rest of the year.*” One way to do this is to examine our life in a prayerful and loving manner. Are there aspects of my life that need improving? Am I easily distracted from the things of heaven by the things of this world: my phone, TV, sport or whatever? None of these things are bad in and of themselves, in fact they are good. But if they become our focus, or if they are leading us away from GOD, then we may need to revisit things.

When Jesus was asked, “*what good deed must I do to inherit eternal life?*” HE replied by referring to the Commandments. First of all, by recognising that GOD alone is good and then by keeping the Commandments (See Mt.19: 16-19)

Lent is the time to do that. To examine our lives and look at behaviour, our thoughts, our words. Are they leading me to GOD or away from GOD? We can do this with reference to the Commandments: Do I give GOD first place in my life? Do I use GOD’s name a swear? Do I give Sunday over to GOD and family? Do I honour my parents, even if they have died? Do I ‘kill’ other people by destroying their character through gossip or slander? Do I take, or long for things that are not mine? Do I look lustfully at a person other than my spouse? Taking a good honest look at ourselves in the way that Jesus does, lovingly and compassionately, is at the heart of Lent. After this self-examination it is time to bring what we find to GOD for healing and forgiveness in the Sacrament of Confession.

### ATHY MERCY ASSOCIATE MEETING

Rescheduled to Monday, 7th April at 7.30pm in **Parish Office.** *Exploring the life & charism of Catherine McAuley with music & prayer*



### Preparing for Marriage?

Weekend residential

courses

available. 23-25 May or 19-21 September

**Details:**

[www.grasta.org](http://www.grasta.org) or at [info@grasta.org](mailto:info@grasta.org)

### ACCORD

Accord Carlow Relationship Counselling  
at St. Catherine’s Community Service Centre Carlow  
Phone Mary at 086 4149034 or  
email [accordcarlow@gmail.com](mailto:accordcarlow@gmail.com)

### CALLED TO MORE

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