

ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH, ATHY

CHURCH NOTES

Congratulations to the children of the Parish who **enrolled** for **Confirmation 2012** at 7 pm Mass on Saturday, 3rd December.

Thursday next is a the **Feast of the Immaculate Conception**. It is a Holyday of Obligation. Masses times will be the same as Sundays.
Wednes. 7 pm Vigil,
Thursday: 8.30 am, 10.30 am & 12noon.

Congratulations to the new **Altar Servers** who began serving at Masses this weekend.

Annual Collection for St. **Vincent de Paul** takes place **next** weekend 10th/11th December. It will replace the Share collection.

Ecumenical **Carol Service** takes place in the Parish Church on Sunday, 18th December at 7.30 pm

Share.:€1,021
Parish Dev.: €2,318 total
€ 963 (*Weekly donations*) &
€1,355 (*Annual donations*)
Thanks to all who contributed.

DO THIS IN MEMORY What the Priest Wears

The special clothes that the priest wears for Mass are called vestments. There are three different pieces which he needs to put on.

Over his ordinary clothes the priest puts on a white or cream coloured tunic called an **alb**.

Then he puts on long piece of coloured clothes which looks like a **scarf** and is called a **stole**.

Over the alb and the stole he puts on his **chasuble**.

The colour of the stole and the chasuble is very important

The colour of the stole and chasuble tells us what season we are celebrating in the Church year.

learning about Mass with Kath & Qumen

PENNY BANK

St. Dominic's Church

Savers are asked to hand in their Penny Bank Cards immediately for preparation of payment next Thursday.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

in Mount St. Mary's Resource Centre opposite back of Telford's Hardware on Saturday, 10th December, 10 am - 5pm

Good luck to Athy Senior Footballers in the Leinster club semi-final against Garycastle, Co. Westmeath which takes place in Newbridge at 2 pm

Sunday, 4th December, 2011

CASTLEDERMOT PARISH

We offer prayers for Fr. Brendan Cantwell P.P., who died during the week. Our own Fr. Paul O'Driscoll has been appointed Administrator of Castledermot Parish for the time being. Fr. Paul O'Driscoll will remain on as a curate in our Parish.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Adoration will not take place on Holydays or Bank holidays. There will be **no** Adoration in the Parish Church on Thursday, 8th December 2011, Monday, 26th December 2011, Thursday, 29th December 2011, Monday, 2nd January 2012

PARISH SHOP/OFFICE

stock Advent Calendars & Candles, Christmas cards, candles & Mass Bouquets, Cribs & crib figures, 2012 Church Art calendars

Advent eGood News

from The Office of Evangelisation & Ecumenism can be sourced on website www.evangelisation.ie

CHRISTMAS YOUTH RETREAT

Youth 2000

16th - 18th December 2011

Catholic Youth Retreat (16 - 35 yrs)
Newbridge College, Co. Kildare
No cost. Donation only.
Bring a sleeping bag. Free Buses
Contact Office 01 6753690
See: www.youth2000.ie

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Practice takes place on Tuesday 6th, 13th & 20th December from 3.15 - 4 pm
Choir will sing at the Carol Service, Sunday, 18th December, at 7.30pm.
Children's Choir will also join the Gospel/Folk Choir at the Family Mass Christmas Eve, at 6 pm, but will not sing Christmas Day.
Choir will take Holiday's and resume practice Tues., 10th January, at 3.15 pm.

NEXT SUNDAYS READINGS

See: www.catholicireland.ie

NIGHT VIGIL TO KNOCK

takes place on Wednesday next, Eve of *Feast of the Immaculate Conception*
Bus leaves Athy at 5.30 pm
Contact Annie at 057 86 25323
Booking essential *All welcome*.

PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

Recently Deceased:

Fr. Brendan Cantwell P.P. who died in Castledermot

Saturday 7 pm:

Anniversaries:

Jim Flanagan, John & Juliann Hyland, Christina Byrne, Mary, Ned & Paul Perse, Joseph, Julia & Tom Ward,

8.30 am: Matthew Kelly & Thomas Dunne

10 am Barrowhouse:

Ned Whelan (27th Anniversary)

10.30 am Shared Mass:

Anniversaries:

Jimmy McDonald, Richard Norris, Elizabeth Doyle, Patrick Murphy, Deceased Members of Gray, Brennan & Mackey Families

Monday 9.15 am:

Michael & Margaret Byrne

Wednes. 9.15 am:

Jimmy McDonnell

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Wednes. 7 pm:

George Aldridge Jnr.

Thursday 8.30 am:

Mary Dooley (3rd Anniversary)

10 am Barrowhouse:

Elizabeth & James O'Keeffe

Pray for Mary Dooley

10.30 am Share Mass

Birthdays Remembrance:

Christie Dalton, Mattie Maloney

Anniversary:

Joseph Bastable, Dinah Walsh, George Donaldson, Michael Curtis

Friday 9.15 am:

Kathleen Foley & Deceased Members of Foley Family

CHRISTMAS TIMETABLES

will be available to distributors from next weekend.

CHRISTMAS DUES

Parishioners who have boxes of Parish Envelopes are reminded that there is a white Christmas Due Envelope in their box dated *18th December*. Christmas Contribution can be made this way. Each envelope has Parishioners number for ease of data entry. The normal style Dues envelope is available for contributors who don't contribute weekly.