

ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH, ATHY

CHURCH NOTES

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

Details of **Confessions** in St. Michael's Church are on the Parish Timetables. **Christmas Eve Confessions** take place for one hour, after 11 am Mass, from 11.30 am - 12.30 pm.

There will be a Family **Mass at 6 pm** Christmas Eve and Christmas **Vigil** takes place at **8 pm**. Vigil will be preceded by Parish Choir **Carol Singing**.

If Parishioners wish to add names of Deceased to the **Christmas Day List** Please contact the Parish Office by 1.30 pm on Friday next.

Parish Office will be **open** for one hour only, 10.30 am - 11.30 am on Saturday next, **Christmas Eve**.

Summary of Pastoral Council meeting available at the doors of the Church.

Parish Dev.: €1,209 (*weekly & Annual*)
St. Vincent de Paul: €7,256
(Barrowhouse & Parish Church)
Thanks to all who contributed.

ATHY MUSICAL & DRAMATIC SOCIETY

present
While Shepherds Watch
on

Tuesday, 20th December, at 8 pm,
in St. Dominic's Church.
Tickets available from the Gem,
Winkles & Dominican Shop.
Donation will be given to Homeless
Services, Mount Offaly, Athy.

DO THIS IN MEMORY (First Holy Communion Programme)

*learning about the Mass with
Kath & Qumen*

Introductory Rites: The Penitential Act

This time in the Mass offers us an opportunity to prepare to receive Eucharist by reflecting in the things we might have done during the week for which we need forgiveness. We are reminded that God always loves us.

One of the ways in which God shows this love is by always forgiving us for those times when we haven't been as good as we might have been. There are different kinds of prayers that the priest can use at this part of the Mass. They remind us of God's love for us.

HANDLES MESSIAH

Rendition will be performed in Pro Cathedral on Tuesday, 20th December, at 8 pm.

Sunday, 18th December, 2011

PARISH SHOP/OFFICE

stock
Christmas cards, & Mass Bouquets,
Candles, 2012 Calendars,
Books, Prayers.

Shop Open
Tuesday - Friday: 9.30am - 1.30 pm
(Christmas Eve: 10.30 am - 11.30 am)
Closed Monday.
Phone: 059 86 38391

SACRED HEART MESSENGER & PIONEER MAGAZINES

Magazines are ready for collection. Subscriptions are now due for 2012. If any new people wish to commence subscribing contact the Parish Secretary.

PARISH WEBSITE

Christmas timetable is posted on
www.stmichaelsathy.net

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

will not take place
on
Monday, 26th December 2011,
Thursday, 29th December 2011,
Monday, 2nd January 2012

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Practice takes place on Tuesday 20th December from 3.15 pm - 4 pm
Choir will sing at the Carol Service, Sunday, 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 then take Christmas Holiday's and resume practice Tues., 10th January,

ST ANNE'S Retreat & Conference Centre,

Kilenard, Portarlinton
Presentation on
"Our Response to Trauma in our Lives"
Contact: The Secretary: 057 8626153

A.A. Meetings

take place
in
Athy CDP, Woodstock St.
Co. Kildare Leader Partnership
(Beside Amber Garage)

NEXT SUNDAYS READINGS

See: www.catholicireland.ie

PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

Recently Deceased:

Christina Byrne, Townspark.
Kathleen 'Kay' O'Brien, Emily Sq.
James Moore, Rheban.
Stephen Fogerty, formerly of the Coneyboro, Funeral on Wednesday in Manchester

Saturday 7 pm:

Month Minds:

Anniversaries:

Brigid Morrissey, Michael Eustace, Christie Dalton, Denis Byrne, Liam Reid, Bertie Doyle, Peggy Phelan, Deceased Members of Phelan Family, Joe McNamara, Ellen Bastable, Peter Fleming, Jack Keefe, Anne Rigney

8.30 am: Lar Curtis

10 am Barrowhouse:

James Davis, Angela & Adam Davis, Bridie Davis, Theo Davis, Bobbie Smithers, Margaret Grufferty
Also *Pray for* Maisie Morgan, Paddy, Nellie, Carmel, John, Pauline & John Ryan, Deceased Members of Dunne Family

10.30 am Shared Mass:

Recently Deceased:

Cecilia Webster, Kathleen O'Brien, Stephen Fogerty,

Anniversaries:

Michael & Annie Dooley, Michael McHugh, Mollie Connell, Niall Dunne, Maura McCauley, Kathleen Lynch, John 'Buzzer' McCormack, Deceased Members of McCormack, Kathleen Kelly, Thomas Fenelon, Paddy Casey, Anne Rigney, Ellen Bastable, James & Kathleen Leigh, Noel Eustace, Nellie & Larry Grogan, Michael & Margaret Byrne, Tom & Sadie Toohey, Jack Maloney, Eamon & Jim Fennell, Deceased Members of Fennell Family,

Monday 9.15 am:

Mary Ellen & Brigid Flanagan

Tuesday 9.15 am:

John & Isobel Donnelly

Wednes. 9.15 am:

Niall Dunne

Also pray for Breda Dunne

Thursday 9.15 am:

Denis Byrne

(8th Anniversary)

Friday 9.15 am:

John Donovan

Saturday 11 am:

Kate Kelly

SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL
Conference of St. Laurence O'Toole
wish to thank all who contributed so generously to their collection last weekend 10th/11th December.