

ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH, ATHY

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Sun 2nd December 2012
Advent Week 1 (C)
(start of the new liturgical year)

The Immaculate Conception is on Saturday 8th and is a Holy Day of Obligation. It celebrates Our Lady's conception without Original Sin in the womb of her mother (St Anne). Masses are at the usual Sunday times - Fri 7pm vigil, Sat: 8.30am, Barrowhouse 10am, 10.30am & 12N.

Income: Parish Dev. €2,702 (inc annual); Share: €979. Many thanks.

MASS BEGINS: The opening parts of the Mass are called the Introductory Rites. When the priest arrives at the altar he kisses it. This is a sign of respect. We all make the Sign of the Cross together. This is the way we begin almost all our prayers. The priest then says, "The Lord be with you" and we reply "And with your spirit". This is a special way of greeting us and reminds us that God is always with us. The priest then introduces the Penitential Act.

Society of St Vincent DePaul (SVP) Diocesan Collection takes place next weekend.

Confirmation Enrolment Mass takes place this weekend at the 7pm vigil Mass. The young people will offer a ritual 'Called by Name'.

Archdiocesan Events taking place currently are on the notice board.

Bishops' Conference Statement (of 19th Nov) on the equal and inalienable right to life of a mother and her unborn child is at the back.

Christmas Cards with overprint 'Greetings from Ireland' and 'Greetings from Athy' are on sale in Parish Office/Shop - opening hours are printed above.

Christmas Prayer Cards are a way to include absent family/friends in our Christmas Masses. See the register next to the sanctuary area.

Advent Preparation: Lectio Divina

on Wed 5th at 9.45am & 7.30pm in baptistery; *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament* on Friday 7th Dec from 9.45 - 10.15am.

Advent Zip Cards with prayers for each Sunday in Advent, are available at the doors of the church.

Parish Glossy Newsletter is at the back for those who did not receive them through their letterboxes.

Other Events in Brief: *PRO-LIFE VIGIL* to witness the sanctity of life from the moment of conception will take place Tue 4th at 4.30pm outside Dáil Eireann. Bus leaves Athy at 2pm. Book with Carmel on 087 913 2950. *ATHY CHRISTMAS LEAFLET* detailing upcoming festivities is on the noticeboard. *CHRISTMAS PARTY* at CKLP Office, Woodstock St. Thu 13th Dec 4-7pm for children up to 12 years. Please see noticeboard. *ATHY COMMUNITY ARTS CENTRE* hosts an evening of reading and music on Fri 7th Dec at 8.00pm by John MacKenna and Brian Hughes to celebrate the publication of John's latest book of poetry. Admission free. *CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR* at Mount St Mary's Resource Centre opposite back of Perry's every Thu morning in Dec from 8.30 onwards. *GOOD NEWS 2 GO* - Thu 13th at St. Teresa's Church, Clarendon St, 7:30pm. A time of prayer, catechesis and music for young adults. Info evangelisation@dublindiocese.ie.

THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS features two of Ireland's leading ensembles Aspiro & The Army No. 1 Band and guests in Askea Church, Carlow on Thu 6th at 8pm. Tickets €10/€8 Family (2+2) €28 available. Call 059-9172400. *MAGIS IRELAND* (Jesus Young Adult Ministry 18-35yrs): Thinking of volunteering overseas in a developing country? Short term openings in South Africa Summer 2013. Visit www.magisireland.com.

MASS SCHEDULE

Recently deceased: Miriam Woods of Gallowshill Court. (Details later)

Saturday 7pm

Month's Mind: Gertie Healy
Anniversaries: Noel & John Kirwan, Patrick Aldridge, Cecilia Webster, Mary, Ned, Paul & Stephen Perse, Christina 'Dean' Byrne, Mikey & Josie Perse, Bobbie Mahon, Joe & Julia Walsh, Tom Walsh, Joe Walsh Jnr., Brendan Walsh

Sunday

8.30 am: Annie Darby Delaney, Mary & Teresa Delaney, Also pray Peggy & Tom Phelan

10 am Barrowhouse:

Ned Whelan, Mountbrook
Also Pray for Bridget Maher

10.30 am Share Mass

Recently Deceased: Ronan Friel, Declan Cardiff, James O'Keefe, Moira Fitzpatrick, Claire Phillips, Mary Stynes.

Anniversaries: Tony Bracken, Andrew & Kathleen Smith, Ellen 'Lal' McKenna, Patrick Bolger, Nancy Buckley.

12 Noon:

Monday 9.15am:

Anne Horgan (4th Anniversary)

Tuesday 9.15am:

Special Intention - Safe Journey

Wed 9.15am:

Ron Coates (9th Anniversary)

Thur 9.15am: Altar List of the Dead

Friday 9.15am: Golden Book

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION of THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Friday (Vigil) 7pm:

Jimmy McDonald (7th Anniversary)

Saturday 8.30am:

Paddy 'Skinner' Foley

10am Barrowhouse: Mary Dooley

10.30am: Share Mass

Christy Dalton (birthday remembrance), Brigid Maher, Joseph Bastable & deceased members of Bastable family.

12 Noon: