

ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH, ATHY

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Sun 4th November 2012
31st in Ordinary Time (B)

Month of the Holy Souls.

As we observe the annual cycle of nature come to an end, it is fitting that we reflect on our mortality, that of our loved ones and our intuitive sense of praying for our dead. The following hymn from Morning Prayer of the *Divine Office* for Nov 2nd expresses this poetically.

Remember those O Lord / Who in your peace have died, / Yet may not gain love's high reward / Till love is purified.

With you they faced death's night / Sealed with your victory sign. / Soon may the splendour of your light / On them for ever shine.

Sweet is their pain, yet deep / Till perfect love is born; / Their lone night-watch they gladly keep / Before your radiant morn.

Your love is their great joy; / Your will their one desire; / As finest gold without alloy / Refine them in love's fire.

For them we humbly pray: / Perfect them in your love. / O may we share eternal day / With them in heaven above.

Parish Development: This is the collection weekend for new boxes. Those who pay their contributions annually may consider doing so now. *Parish Dev.*: €1331; *Share*: €879
Thanks to all contributors.

WHO DOES WHAT AT MASS?

At Mass some members have different jobs or "Ministries". These are:

THE PRIEST: At Mass the priest leads us and encourages us to play our part in the celebration. He leads us in prayer; invites us to listen to God's Word; helps us to understand and make sense of the Word of God in our daily lives through the homily; takes our gifts - the bread and wine - offers them to God and prays that by the power of the Holy Spirit they will become the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.

THE SERVERS: Servers are normally boys and girls who have received their First Communion. Their job is to help the priest during Mass. They bring water and wine, wash the priest's hands and ring bells.

MINISTER OF THE WORD: The readings of Mass come from the Bible. They are the Word of God and so we can say that we hear God speaking to us through the voice of the Minister of the Word (Reader).

Confirmation: This year we have 125 young people in preparation. We will be including these young people in a special way in a number of weekend Masses during the coming months. By doing this we hope to show them our support and encouragement as they approach a deeply important religious moment in their lives. We also hope that this will provide parishioners generally with a better understanding of what the young people are learning in their school Religious Programme. The first of these Masses will be at 7pm on the 1st Dec and all are welcome.

Christmas Prayer Cards will be available from mid-Nov which can be slipped into your Christmas cards. Just a message to let people who are away for Christmas know that they will be remembered and prayed for at all the Christmas Masses in the parish. There will be a book on hand in the churches where the name and location of the person receiving these cards can be written. This book will be on the altar over Christmas.

Beginning Experience is a support group for those coping with the pain of loss of their life partner, through Death, Separation or Divorce. Next residential weekend will be held on 9th - 11th November in All Hallows, Drumcondra, For further information please contact 01-6790556.

Pre-Marriage Course takes place in Carlow Fri/Sat 16th/17th Nov. 2012. This is the last for the year.

Local Events in Brief: *Athy GAA* auction taking place Sun 11th Nov from 2pm in the Complex; *Athy JPC Annual Meeting* takes place at the Community Arts Centre, Tue 6th at 7.30pm; *Cap. Robert Scott Exhibition* re 1910 Terra Nova expedition taking place in the Heritage Centre until 14th Dec; *Bingo* - Monday night's event raised €700 for the Cancer Society of Ireland. Further events for 2012 will benefit Kildare Mental Health; *Art for Children & Food Classes* start this week at CKLP Woodstock St. Please see notice board.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 7pm

Months Mind: Ronan Friel

Anniversaries: Michael Ryan, Patrick Nolan, Dec'd members of Nolan family, Esther Dooley, Dec'd members of Dooley family, Brendan Byrne, Ellen & Owen Scully.

Sunday

8.30 am: Joe & Jane Keefe

10 am B'house: Patrick Daly

10.30 am Share Mass

Recently Deceased: Ronan Friel, Rita Fingleton, Gertie Healy.

Anniversaries: Michael Ryan, Clare Phillips, Esther Dooley, Dec'd Members of Dooley Family, James & Maura Anthony, Joe Maher, Thomas, Marie & Margaret Bracken, John, Willie & Tonner Bracken, Dec'd Members of Bracken Family, Dec'd Members of O'Hara Family, Minnie, Jim & Seán Browne, Aileen & Paddy Keating, Dan Boland, Thomas & Brigid Fleming, Barry Donnelly, Jane Carolan.

12 Noon:

Monday 9.15am: Thanksgiving.

Tuesday 9.15 am:

Denise & Maureen Kerr

Wednesday 9.15am:

Ned McCormack

Thursday 9.15am: Sp. Intention

Friday 9.15am: Golden Book

Saturday 11am: