

ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH, ATHY

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Sun 18th November 2012 33rd in Ordinary Time (B)

Year of Faith: Last Wed 14th Nov we celebrated the feast of our patron St Laurence O'Toole and the formal beginning of our diocesan year of faith. There is a handout on the tables at the back about the significance of this event in the life of the universal Church. Please consider attending the Advent Lectio Divina & Rosary/Benediction services as per last week's bulletin. Another way to deepen our faith is to sign up for a daily excerpt of *The Catechism of the Catholic Church*. Visit <http://flocknote.com/catechism>.

Income: Parish Dev.: €2410 (inc annual); CYC: €1238. Many thanks.

HOW DOES MASS BEGIN? Mass usually begins with a song or hymn and if we know the song we should join in the singing. We stand to greet the priest who will lead us in prayer: in this way we are also greeting Jesus who is present among us.

THE OPENING PROCESSION. Mass always begins with a procession. There are different kinds of processions. Sometimes there are lots of people: sometimes it is the priest on his own. Usually the procession includes the priest and the servers. In some places the people who are going to read and help to give out communion will also be in the procession. You might see one of the readers carry the book from which the Gospel will be read. This book is called the *Book of Gospels*.

Annual Mass for the Deceased takes place Mon 26th Nov at 7.30pm.

Parish Pastoral Centre News: The Parish Pastoral Council last year asked a group of parishioners with relevant experience to research, plan and develop a Parish Pastoral and Social Centre. This group researched the options and recommended purchasing the Carlton Hotel Leisure

Centre. The Parish Pastoral Council, Parish Finance Committee and Archdiocese approved and the purchase of the building has been agreed a few days ago. A benefactor is providing the money to buy and convert the building for our use.

Church Acoustics: After much deliberation we have decided to install a hi-tech intelligent p.a. system by Christmas which will substantially improve sound quality in church.

Pilgrimage Bus for Knock vigil will depart Athy 5.30pm, Fri 7th Dec (eve of Immaculate Conception). Also for Clonfert Day of Prayer & Healing on Sat 24th Nov – bus leaves Athy 8am. Booking essential, call Eileen 05986 25215 / 25902.

New Altar Servers: A warm welcome to Clare, Rory, Tara, Dearbhla, Ciara, Joshua, Jordan, Shawn, Kasia.

Parish Shop: Advent & Christmas stock is now available which include Advent calendars and candles. 2013 calendars with pictures from June Eucharistic Congress are available. Proceeds to Pioneer Association.

Mercy Associate Meeting takes place in Cuan Mhuire Mon 19th Nov at 8 pm. It is an opportunity to renew a 1 year commitment for those who have not done so already. New members welcome.

The Newly Baptised: We welcome among us Sophie Byrne, John Wynne, Jack Walsh, Zoe Quinn, Tiffany Stynes, Nicholas Byrne, Rosalinda Rafaelove, Cillian Chambers, Claire McDonnell, Daniel Boland.

Other Events in Brief: *WORLD REMBRANCE DAY* for road crash victims takes place today. *PETTITTS'* Senior Citizens Christmas Party is on Tues 27th Nov, 6-8pm. Music & light refreshments - all welcome. *ST LEO'S COLLEGE*, Carlow is holding a 30th reunion for the class of 1977-82 on Fri 28th December. See notice board. *ST*

VINCENT'S HOSPITAL bingo evening will be held in Athy GAA Hall on Sun 18th Nov at 3pm All welcome. Guaranteed prize money of €1300. *VOCATIONS* Weekend on Sat. 24th Nov - Sun. 25th at Presentation Brothers, Glashule, Dun Laoghaire. Call Br Anthony at 021-4304975

MASS SCHEDULE

Recently deceased: Ena May, Woodstock St. Funeral Mass at 12 noon Sunday.

Declan Cardiff, Ashville. Remains arriving at Parish church before 11am Mass this Monday. Burial in New St. Michael's Cemetery.

Saturday 7pm

Anniversaries: Patrick Eaton, Matthew Farrell, Christopher Hefernan, Assumpta Mulaniff, Patricia Mulhall, Louise & Kathleen Mulhall, Deceased Members of Mulhall Family, John Phillips, Lucy Rowan, Aggie Callan, James Rowan.

Sunday

8.30 am: Special Intention

10 am B'house: Boysie Mulhall (3rd Anniversary)

10.30 am Share Mass

Recently Deceased: Claire Phillips, Ronan Friel, Mary Stynes, Grace Mailes, Tom Wilkinson, Declan Cardiff
Anniversaries: Michael Lanigan, Bridget Owens, Michael Conlon, Kate Selby, Deceased Members of Hutchinson & Nolan Families, John Phillips, Lorna Donnelly, Larry & Kathleen Cullen, Deceased Members of Cullen Family, Kevin Fingleton,

12 Noon: Funeral of Ena May

Monday 9.15am: John Joe O'Keeffe

Tuesday 9.15 am: Dan Boland

Wednesday 9.15am: Edward & Bridget Kerr

Thursday 9.15am: Michael Conlon

Friday 9.15am: Ted Curtis