

## ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH, ATHY

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### Sun 21<sup>st</sup> October 2012 29<sup>th</sup> in Ordinary Time (B) World Mission Sunday

**GROWING IN COMMUNION** is the theme for this *World Mission Sunday*. Here are extracts from Pope Benedict XVI's accompanying letter. The celebration of World Mission Day has a very special meaning for the year 2012. The 50th anniversary of the beginning of the Second Vatican Council and of the opening of the Year of Faith and of the Synod of Bishops, on the theme of the New Evangelization contribute to reaffirming the Church's desire to engage with greater courage and zeal in the mission to bring the Gospel to the very ends of the earth.

*The Missionary Mandate.* The number of those awaiting Christ is still immense. The Second Vatican Council and the subsequent teaching of the Church insist in a very special way on the missionary mandate, which Christ entrusted to his disciples. This must be a commitment of all the People of God, bishops, priests, deacons, men and women religious and lay people.

*Mission of Witnessing.* Today the mission to the ends of the earth must be part of every Church endeavour. The identity of the Church herself is constituted by faith in the Mystery of God who revealed himself in Christ to bring us salvation, and by the mission of witnessing and proclaiming him to the world until he comes. We must be attentive to those who do not yet know Christ.

*Faith is to be Shared.* The concern to evangelize must never remain on the margins of Church activity and of the personal life of Christians. Rather, it must strongly characterize it. Faith is a gift that is given to us to be shared. It is a talent received so that it may bear fruit. It is a light that must never be hidden. It is the most important gift that has been given to

us in our lives and which we cannot keep to ourselves.

*Today's second collection is for the missions.*

**Parish Development:** The current Year will end October 31<sup>st</sup>. New collection boxes should be ready by Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> October. The collection weekend for new boxes is the 4<sup>th</sup> November. We remind those who pay their contributions annually to check when they last paid.

**Altar List of the Dead** sheets and envelopes are available at the doors of the church. Those on the List will be remembered at 9.15 am Mass on All Souls Day and at 9.15 am Mass on the First Thursday of every month for the next year.

Parish Dev.: €532

Share: €935

Thanks to all contributors.

**Tax Relief on Donations:** Letters will arrive by post very shortly to those who contributed over €250 to the Parish in 2008. Please sign and return the relevant form by 24<sup>th</sup> October if possible in order for us to process our claim.

**First Penance/Communion 2013:** *Do This in Memory* Masses will commence next weekend at the 10am (B'house) & 10.30am Masses.

**Quiet Prayer:** You are invited to seven Thursday evenings to explore "centering prayer" with the aid of CDs by the Cistercian monk, Fr. Thomas Keating. Meetings are in the Old Baptistery St. Michael's Parish Church starting from Thursday, 18th Oct, 8.10pm.

**Newsletter layout** has been altered to a more compact format and slightly bigger text. Feedback welcome. Please have articles in for Thursday.

**Youth 2000** will be hosting retreats for 18 - 35 year olds (16 - 18 year

olds can attend with special provisions) in Wicklow Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Nov - Sun 11<sup>th</sup> and in Newbridge Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Dec - Sun 16<sup>th</sup>. Contact Fr Morty if interested.

**Community Arts for Children** (aged 6 - 14 years) starting on Tue 6<sup>th</sup> Nov at Woodstock Street. See notice board or call 32277.

### PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

**Recently Deceased:** John Cusack (St Michael's Court), Noel Gilmore (Co Down).

#### Saturday 7pm

**Month's Mind:** Mary Stynes, Clare Phillips.

**Anniversary:** Betty & Paddy Brennan, Alicia Prendergast, Tony Healy, Julia Lammon, Dec' members of Lammon family, Mary 'Mollie' Hyland.

**8.30 am:** Margaret McCormack

#### 10 am: Barrowhouse:

Thomas Gibson (22<sup>nd</sup> anniv)

#### 10.30 am Share Mass

##### **Recently Deceased:**

Claire Phillips, Ronan Friel,  
**Anniversaries:** Elizabeth Luttrell, Mary Stynes, Geraldine O'Rourke, Lee Dalton, Mary Anne & Denis Rowan, Dec members of Rowan family, Paddy Lanigan, Edward & Kathleen Loughman, Michael May, Michael & Rosanna O'Connor, Dec'd members of O'Connor family.

#### Monday 9.15 am:

Ronan Friel (Rec dec)

#### Tuesday 9.15 am:

Patrick Dunne

#### Wednesday 9.15 am:

Jimmy Hickey (Bert Cross, 20<sup>th</sup> anniv.), John Merins (20<sup>th</sup> anniv).

#### Thursday 9.15 am:

Jack Deegan

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**Friday 9.15 am:**  
Paddy Lanigan (Nicholstown)