

ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH, ATHY

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Sun 23rd December 2012 Advent Week 4 (C)

"If we want to find the God who appeared as a child, then we must dismount from the high horse of our "enlightened" reason. We must set aside our false certainties, our intellectual pride, which prevents us from recognizing God's closeness. We must follow the interior path of Saint Francis – the path leading to that ultimate outward and inward simplicity which enables the heart to see." Pope Benedict XVI, Dec 24, 2011

Income: Parish Dev.: €999; Share: €1271. Many thanks.

Christmas Week: Please note that there will be confessions 9.45 – 11am on Monday. Weekday Masses Wed – Fri will be at 11am.

Unused Christmas Gifts can be brought to church on Sun 6th Jan for distribution of the local needy.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD: This part of the Mass follows the Opening Prayer. It might be helpful to think of this first part of the Liturgy of the Word as the time when we listen to the story of God's love for us as it is written in the Bible. We sit down to listen just like we would listen to any story. During the first part of the Liturgy of the Word we usually listen to three readings from the Bible: (1) The First Reading is usually taken from the Old Testament; (2) The Psalm is a poem or song from the Book of Psalms; (3) The Second Reading is taken from the New Testament.

Parish Shop/Office will open Christmas Eve from 10.30-11.30 am.

Eucharistic Adoration will resume after Christmas on Mon 7th January.

Fr Seerie Writes: 'To wish all the parishioners a very happy Christmas and *Go raibh mile maith agat* for all your goodness to me in the past.'

Ecumenical Carols Service will be held at St Michael's Church of Ireland at 7.30pm on Sunday 23rd Dec. All are warmly invited.

Pope John Paul II Awards: Congratulations to Lauren Fitzgerald, one

of two recipients of *The Papal Cross Award* in Dublin Diocese, and also to Sandra George, Victoria Oyewole and Aoife Lynch who received their Gold Medal awards. The awards are presented to young people (16-18 years) who have taken active part in the life of their church and community, helping them to engage at a deeper level with their faith.

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

Bethany Bereavement Support Group: Call Breda at 059 8632596.

Used Stamps: St Patrick's Mission sends their thanks for your gift. Funds raised supports catechists in developing countries.

Welcome to the Newly Baptised: Lexii Deere-Perse, Caoimhe Owens, William Murphy, Alexander Murphy, Layla Hogan McHugh, Penny Hyland, Mya Whelan, Kara Lawler, Jason Grufferty, Michael Marcis, Jamie McDonald, Harry Kelly, Jaydn Kelly, Niall Kavanagh.

Other Events In Brief: **FATIMA PILGRIMAGE** from 6th - 13th June leaving Portlaoise. Fare to be paid before 1st Feb is €620. Spiritual Director is Fr Jimmy O'Reilly. Call Maura O'Brien 086 334 4722. **BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE** is experiencing difficulty in collecting voluntary blood donations to meet demands. Clinics are being held in the Church of Ireland Hall on Thu 27 Dec 4.30-8pm and Fri 12N-3.30pm. Please consider supporting. **DUBLIN ARCHDIOCESAN EVENTS** diary is posted on the noticeboard. It includes a Tallaght prayer service for the victims of the US school shooting. **ATHY GFC** bingo every Sunday til Christmas at 3pm in GAA hall. To support underage sports development. **CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR** at Mount St Mary's Resource Centre opposite back of Perry's every Thu morning in Dec from 8.30am onwards.

MASS SCHEDULE

Recently Deceased: Frank Eaton, formerly of Convent View, & Gladice, who died in Birmingham. Funeral in Birmingham.

Saturday 7pm

Anniversaries: Kate Kelly, Michael Eustace, Liam Reid, Deceased Members of Reid & Bracken Families, Denis Byrne, Kathleen Archbold, Kathleen Lynch, Patricia Gallagher, Hester Scally.

Sunday

8.30 am: John Donovan

10 am Barrowhouse:

James Davis, Angela, Theo, Adam & Bridie Davis, Bobby Smithers, Margaret & John Grufferty.

10.30 am Share Mass

Recently Deceased: Dick McEvoy, Kathleen Graham, Joe Aldridge, Zolten Zinn Collis, David Molloy, Declan Cardiff, Michael Noonan, Bridie Doyle.

Anniversaries: Michael McHugh, Molly Connell, Christy Dalton, Eddie, Eugene & Seamus Dempsey, Tony Kelly, Deceased Members of Dempsey Family, John & Kathleen Tyrrell, Deceased Members of Tyrrell Family, Kathleen Kelly, Thomas Fenlon, Christy May, Ena May, Tom May, Billy Connell, Kathleen Lynch, Des McHugh, Peg Nolan, Deceased Members of Fingleton Family, Grace Anne Mulhern, Deceased Members of Walsh Family, Noel Eustace, Gladice & Frank Eaton, Anne Farrell, Maura Farrell, William & Annie Hutchinson, Helena Hutchinson, Michael Dargan, Deceased Members of Dargan Family, Raymond Callaghan, Deceased Members of Hutchinson Family, John Foley.

12 Noon:

Monday 9.15am: Christy Dalton

Christmas – Our Saviour's Nativity

Christmas Day Altar List is the intention of all Masses celebrated.

Monday (Vigil): 6pm, 8pm

Tuesday: 8.30am, 10am Barrowhouse; 10.30am, 12Noon

Wed 11am:

Dora Johnson (if no funeral)

Thur 11am:

Friday 11am:

Saturday 11am: