

ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH, ATHY

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PARISH NOTICES

The Feast of The Immaculate Conception which is usually celebrated on the 8th December is moved to tomorrow, Monday. It is **not** a Holy Day. The Second Sunday of Advent is celebrated today.

SVP Church collection takes place at all the Masses this weekend.

It will replace the Share collection. St. Vincent de Paul help people in the local community with food and fuel. You are asked to give what you can afford.

Cross Care appeal for help to build up it's food bank to service the homeless and young people. Crosscare work with local communities and St. Vincent de Paul. You can bring non-perishable food to your Parish Church any Sunday during Advent.

Crosscare will ensure it is received by those most in need at this time.

Do This In Memory Mass takes place in the Parish Church next Sunday at 10.30 am. It takes place at 10 am in St. Mary's Barrowhouse.

If you wish to have your Deceased relatives and friends remembered on Christmas Day at all the Masses you should give their names to the Parish Office before 1.30 pm Saturday, 21st December, so that they can be printed on the Christmas Altar List.

Last Weekend:

Share: €1,059. Parish Dev.: €1,973 (of which €768 was weekly envelopes & €1,205 annual envelopes)

Thanks to all contributors.

BARROWHOUSE G.A.A. MASS

Mass for Deceased Members of Barrowhouse G.A.A. takes place at 7.30 pm Friday next, 13th December, in St. Mary's, Barrowhouse.

BINGO

takes place in Athy G.A.A. every Sunday until the end of December at 3 pm.

PRE MARRIAGE COURSES

You can also contact **ACCORD** Carlow at 059 9138738 Places still available for 7th & 8th February course

Sunday, 8th December 2013

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

In the Gospel today we are told by John The Baptist that God's Kingdom is at our doorstep. The Gospel challenges us to reform our lives and undergo purification. Good deeds should be evident in our lives.

The call to repentance is an invitation to prepare a way for the Lord to come into our hearts.

In remembrance of those people who are away for Christmas **CHRISTMAS PRAYER CARDS** are available in the Church. to insert into Christmas cards. You can write the name and location of the person you are remembering in a book. This book will be on the Altar over Christmas.

COFFEE MORNING IN DOMINICAN HALL

Coffee Morning takes place next Friday at 10.30 am in aid of child suffering from Ehlers-Danlos syndrome.

QUIET PRAYER

God hides himself within us, and silence reveals God to us as nothing else can.

You are invited to explore

"centering prayer"

Meetings are in the Old Baptistery St. Michael's Parish Church (entrance near St. Patrick Statue) every Thursday, 8 pm

NEXT SUNDAYS READINGS

www.catholicireland.ie

Confessions:

Saturdays, after 11 am & 7 pm Mass

Mass Times:

Vigil Saturday 7 pm
Sunday Masses: 8.30 am, 10.30 am
12 Noon, (10 am in Barrowhouse)

Adoration:

Monday: 10 am - 6 pm
Thursday: 10 am - 2 pm

PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

Recently Deceased:

Kay Gannon, Mansfield Grove
Brigid Doyle, St. Michael's Tce..

Saturday 7 pm

Months Mind:

Seán McNamara, James Roche

Anniversaries:

Jim Haughton, Joseph Aldridge, Peter Fleming, Christopher Heffernan, Andrew & Bridget O'Brien, George Aldridge Jnr., David & Mickey Harris, Fintan Lalor, Michael Piert Jnr., Michael Piert Snr., Deceased Members of Piert Family, Dolores Byrne, Jimmy McDonnell, Christina Byrne, Mary, Ned & Paul Perse, Patrick Dooley, Julia Anne Hyland, Tommy & Sadie Toohey, Deceased Members of Maher Family, Paddy 'Skinner' Foley, Deceased Members of Foley Family

8.30 am: Jimmy McDonnell

10 am: Barrowhouse:

James & Elizabeth O'Keefe, William & Ellen Kelly
Pray for Peggy Phelan, Mary Dooley

10.30 am Share Mass

Recently Deceased:

Joe Leigh, Agnes Murphy, Pauline Carty, John Dalton, Bill Lawler, Christy Heffernan, Angela Byrne, Jack Brennan, Denis Fluskey, Kay Gannon, Brigid Doyle

Birthday Remembrance:

Leonard Kane Leigh

Anniversaries:

Mick Murphy, Peggy Luttrell, David & Mickey Harris, Fintan Lalor, Christy Dalton, John & Kathleen Tyrrell, Deceased Members of Tyrrell Family, Rosanna Brennan, William Brennan, Parky Kelly, Chrissie Maher, Joe Morgan, Christina Brennan Byrne, Bernadette Byrne, Dina Walsh, Eileen & James O'Neill, Deceased Members of O'Neill Family, Tyreak Kane, Pearl O'Brien, Joseph Bastable, Stephen Fogerty, Patrick & Elizabeth Murphy, Paul Stafford, Elizabeth & Barney Doyle,

PARISH

Monday 9.15 am:

Kathleen Foley & Deceased Members of Foley Family

Tuesday 9.15 am:

Ron Coates

Wednes. 9.15 am:

Fintan Lalor, Mikey & David Harris

Thursday 9.15 am:

Billy Stewart

Friday 9.15 am:

John Kavanagh