

ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH, ATHY

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PARISH NOTICES

Christmas **Penitential Service** takes place on Friday next, 20th December, at 7.30 pm in the Parish church. Visiting priests will be present.

An **Ecumenical Carol Service** takes place next Sunday, 22nd December, at 7 pm, in the Parish Church. Light refreshments will be served afterwards.

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

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 the Parish Church each Sunday during Advent. It will be distributed in this area through the local St. Vincent de Paul.

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

Eucharistic Ministers rosters are behind the High Altar of the Church.

Last Sunday's **S.V.P.** Church collection amounted to €8,462.80
€7,544.30 (Parish Church)
€918.50 (St. Mary's, Barrowhouse)
Sincere thanks to all who contributed.

Last Weekend:
Parish Dev.: €2,829
(of which €1,226 was weekly envelopes & €1,603 annual envelopes)
Thanks to all contributors.

ATHY TOASTMASTERS

Meet on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month in the Clanard Hotel at 7.50 pm.
For information
phone 087 2105746
All welcome

BINGO

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

Sunday, 15th December 2013

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

In this week's Gospel John The Baptist asks the question of Jesus 'are you the one that is to come or are we to wait for some one else?' Jesus replied that his ministry is one of healing and life giving. We should allow Jesus to do his work in us. Advent is an opportune time to assess the impact he has on our behaviour.

CHANGES IN TAX RELIEF TO CHARITY

Donations from all individual donors both PAYE and Self Assessed be treated the same with the tax relief being repaid to the charity in all cases. The refund will be given at 31% Donors can sign a CHY3 valid for 5 years or a CHY4 valid for one year.

These rules apply to contributions made in 2013. Parishioners will be contacted before the end of February in relation to donations exceeding €250 made in calendar year 2013.

MERCY ASSOCIATE MEETING

takes place in Cuan Mhuire tomorrow, Monday, at 8 pm.

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.

NEXT SUNDAYS READINGS

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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:
Brigid Fitzpatrick, formerly of Geraldine Rd.

Saturday 7 pm
Months Mind:
Anniversaries:
Niall Dunne, Breda Dunne, Deceased Members of Brogan & Rainsford Families, Jack Brogan, Sheila Mulhall nee Brogan, Leah Walsh, William & Margaret Brogan, James Rowan, Martin Conroy, John Kavanagh, Marie Heffernan, Kitty Mulhall, Joe McNamara, Ellen Bastable, Patrick Stanley, Kathleen O'Brien,

8.30 am: Lar Curtis

10 am: Barrowhouse:
Edward Whelan
Also pray for Ned Whelan, Mary Brennan

10.30 am Share Mass
Recently Deceased:
Caroline Robinson, John Dalton, Bernard Hackett, Kay Gannon, Bridie Foy, Billy Higgins, Emily Macintosh, Barney Bassi
Anniversaries:
Bridget Morrissey, Bridie Doyle, Jack Brogan, Michael & Annie Dooley, Deceased Members of Brogan & Rainsford Families, Sheila Mulhall, Leah Walsh, William & Margaret Brogan, Margaret, Joseph & Kevin Murphy, J.J. Leonard, Oliver Davis, Martin Tynan, John Kavanagh, Nicholas & Christina Phelan, Noel Lawler, Sarah & John Davis, Michael & Marie Rainsford, Michael Rainsford Jnr. Michael & Margaret Byrne, Eileen Doyle, Paddy Casey, Kay O'Brien, Mary Dunne

PARISH

Monday 9.15 am:
Jack Brogan
(6th Anniversary)
Tuesday 9.15 am:
Bertie Doyle (28th Anniversary)
Wednes. 9.15 am:
Niall Dunne (12 anniversary) & Breda Dunne
Thursday 9.15 am:
Special Intention
Friday 9.15 am:
Mary, Brigid & Ellen Flanagan