

## ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH, ATHY

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### PARISH NOTICES

Parish Dev.: €1,190  
Share: €831  
*Thanks to all contributors.*

Annual Collection for Pope Francis' Pontifical charities, Peter's Pence takes place at all the Masses **this** weekend.

### TAX RELIEF ON DONATIONS

Some parishioners will have received letters re contributions made in 2009/2010/2011

#### PAYE Parishioners

who contributed over €250 are asked to return their

signed CHY2 forms & PPS numbers to the Parish Office

**by Wednesday evening next, 3rd July**

*This will entitle the Parish to reclaim tax if claim is processed within a given deadline.*

*Donations of €250 by someone in the standard category earns €20 approx. & €40 for the Parish, if parishioner is in higher tax category*

*Fr. Morty O'Shea send his good wishes. He is in good spirits, is receiving cancer treatment and is preparing for a bone marrow transplant in September. Side effects are less than expected. He places his trust in the Good Lord. www.frmorty.wordpress.com*

### Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 30th June 2013

#### Pilgrimage Visit to our Nine Churches

You are invited to make a Pilgrimage visit to each of the nine churches of the Parishes of Athy, Castledermot, Moone and Narraghmore **this weekend, 29th/30th June**

*18 Seater Bus available for those with no transport leaving from outside the Parish Church at 2 pm  
Approx return time 5 pm  
Donation can be made.*

#### The Pilgrimage visit involves

- A visit to each of the 9 churches
- Each pilgrim will be issued on arrival with a Route 44 Pilgrimage Passport which is stamped in each of the nine churches with a church Stamp (*This passport will be available in all churches*)
- During your visit to the churches, spend some time in quiet prayer and conclude the visit with the pilgrimage prayers
- The churches will be open to stamp from Mass times until 7 pm

#### Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes

*Sunday, 30th June - Friday, 5th July  
departing from Parish Church car Park at 6 am.*

### PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

#### Recently Deceased:

*Nancy Dooley, Castle Park.  
Marian Prendergast nee Rigney,  
Ballybeg, Ballylinan*

#### Saturday 7 pm

##### Anniversaries:

Deceased Members of Dwyer Families, John Moore, Deceased Members of Power, Byrne, Moore, & Slattery Families, Eamonn McCauley, Elizabeth Redmond, Edward & Mollie Walsh, Peter & Catherine Bolger, Bridgid Bolger, Denis & Catherine Bergin, Patrick & Mary Carr, Carmel Haughton, Martin, Bridget & Michael Quinn, Tom Harris

#### 8.30 am:

#### 10 am: Barrowhouse:

#### 10.30 am Share Mass

##### Months Mind:

John Paul Doyle

##### Recently Deceased:

*Kathleen Donovan, Veronica McConville, Jimmy & Betty O'Brien, Chris Byrne, Nancy Dooley,*

##### Anniversaries:

*Siobhán Kingston, Bill Horgan, Bridie Leigh, Marcella Whelan, Esty Mahon, Kevin Nolan, Percy Pink, Gladys Pink, Deceased Members of Broderick Family, John & Sheila Bradley, Kathleen Haskins, Jean & Charlie O'Donnell, Mary Cooper*

### PARISH

#### Monday 9.15 am:

Kevin Leigh

#### Tuesday 9.15 am:

James & Winifred Cunningham

#### Wednes. 9.15 am:

Susan Page

#### Thursday 9.15 am:

Altar List of the Dead

#### Friday 9.15 am:

1st Friday - Golden Book

### LIFE OR DEATH? CHOOSE LIFE

We value the skill and efforts of our doctors, nurses and other care professionals who have helped to earn Ireland's place as one of the safest countries in the world for mothers and their babies during pregnancy. Catholic Church teaching is clear: where a seriously ill pregnant woman needs medical treatment which may put the life of her baby at risk, such treatments are ethically permissible provided every effort is made to save both the mother and her baby. This is different from abortion, which is the direct and intentional taking of the innocent life of the unborn. No matter what legislation is passed in any country, abortion is, and always will be, gravely wrong. We remain convinced that enhanced medical guidelines, which do not envisage the direct and intentional killing of the unborn, could provide the necessary clarity as well as a morally, legally and medically acceptable way forward. While good health can normally be restored, life, once taken, can never, never be restored.

*Excerpt from the statement by the Catholic Bishops of Ireland 'A time to uphold the right to life', issued on 11 June 2013.*

### ALL Ireland Rally for Life, Dublin takes place next Saturday, 6th July 2013

**Bus leaving from outside Parish Car Park, Athy, at 10 am.** (time for refreshment on arrival) Mass in St Xavier Church, Dominic St. at 12.30 pm. Rally starts in Parnell Sq at 2 pm proceeding down O'Connell St. to Dáil Eireann where 100,000 pledges will be handed in for Enda Kenny's attention. To book your place on the bus, please contact Elaine 059 86 38391 or Carmel 087 9132950. Cost €10 approx.

More signed pledges are still welcome. See tables at doors of church.

*This is the last opportunity to stand up for life and send a clear message to our Government not to legalise abortion. It is vital there is a huge turnout on the day.*

**"All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing."**