

ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH, ATHY

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PARISH NOTICES

Today is Temperance Sunday.

Wednesday next is **Ash Wednesday**, a **Day of Fast and Abstinence**. Catholics are requested to eat only 3 meals and abstain from eating meat. **Blessed Ashes**, a sign of our sorrow for our sins and awareness of our mortality, will be distributed at 9.15 am & 7 pm Mass in the Parish Church.

The three strands of Lenten observance are prayer, fasting (self control) and almsgiving (charity)
Trocaire Boxes are available at the doors of the church.

Lenten weekday Mass times are at 9.15 am & 7 pm. You are encouraged to attend Mass more frequently during Lent.

Copies of a letter which Pope Francis has written to Christian families in light of the upcoming synod of bishops are available at the doors of the church.

First Penance takes place as follows;
Scoil Mhichil Naofa: Tue, 4th March.
Churchtown/Kilberry: Wed. 5th March.
Scoil Pádraig: Thursday, 6th March.
Each penance service is at 2 pm.

Last weekends collections:
Par. Dev: €699. Share €813
Thanks to all who contributed.

SCHOOLS ENROLMENT

Scoil Mhichil Naofa, Athy
for Junior Infants boys and girls
Application forms from the school office from Monday 3rd March at 9 am - Friday, 7th March, at 3 pm.

Scoil Phádraig Naofa
Enrolment for junior infants boys and girls takes place in the school on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 3rd, 4th, 5th March from 1-3 pm.
Required on the day:
2 passport photos, long Birth cert, Baptismal cert, PPS number,
Forms available from school office.

SOLEMN NOVENA

to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
in St. Peter & Paul's church,
Monasterevin for 6 Wednesday night
from 5th March - 9th April
Time: 7.30 (Rosary 7.10 pm)
Theme: *My Faith Story*

Eight Sunday of the Year
2nd March 2014

The Gospel tells that we cannot serve two masters. When we spend too much time in pursuit of worldly possessions we forget God and push him into the background. We must put our trust in God.

Those taking the Lenten short term pioneer pledge will be contacted before Wednesday.
Pledges can be taken after 9.15 am and 7 pm Mass with Fr. Kealy.

International World Day of Prayer takes place on Friday, 7th March, at 8 pm, in St. Michael's Church of Ireland, Carlow Rd., Athy.

Ministers of the Word

An evening of prayers and reflection for all involved in this ministry takes place on Thursday, 20th March, 8 pm - 10 pm in Mount St. Mary's
Speaker: *to be confirmed.*

Ministers of the Eucharist

An evening of prayers and reflection for all ministers of the Eucharist takes place on Tuesday, 11th March from 8 pm - 10 pm in Mount St. Mary's
Speaker: Deirdre McDermott PPW

Baptism Team

The Parish Team are seeking new members for the Baptism team
Full training provided
Contact a member of the Parish Team.

Weekday Mass time during Lent:

Monday to Friday 9.15 am & 7 pm

Weekend Mass Times:

Sat 11 am & Vigil Saturday 7 pm

Sunday Masses:

8.30 am, 10.30 am, 12 Noon,
(10 am in Barrowhouse)

Confessions:

Saturdays, after 11 am & 7 pm Mass

Anniversary Mass for Deceased **Civilians employees** of the Dept of Defence takes place on Friday, 7th March at 10 am in St. Brigid Church, Curragh Camp

Athy counselling services for sexual violence and rape Ph. 1800 727737

PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

Recently Deceased:

Peg O'Gorman, Dublin Rd.
Michael Whelan, Barrowhouse
Mary Roche, Castle Park

Saturday 7 pm

Anniversaries:

Gerry Conroy, Frank 'Addan' Lyons, Joe Doyle, Marie Hayden Clancy, Michael Kelly, Mary & James Eaton, Declan Murphy, Martin Hughes, Patrick English, May & Ambrose McConville, Joe & Blathnaith O'Neill, Denis Farrell, Maureen Guidera, Lucy Bannon nee Harris

8.30 am: Noel Robinson

Barrowhouse

Elizabeth & Dan Digby

10.30 am Share Mass

Months Mind:

Margaret 'Pearl' Cooke

Recently Deceased:

Esther Maher nee Dempsey, Paddy Keogh, Florrie Pender, Mary Heffernan, Roisin Walsh, Michael O'Kelly, Evelyn Eager, Peg O'Gorman, Mary Roche

Anniversaries:

Paddy Mullery, Joe Doyle, Tim Kelly, Rosanna & Michael O'Connor, Vivienne Anderson, Mary & James Eaton, Fr. Leopold Kelly, Seán May, Annie & Willie Hutkinson, Anthony Nolan

Parish

Monday 9.15 am:

Theresa Roycroft

Tuesday 9.15 am:

Mary McDermott

Wednes. 9.15 am:

Dickie Kelly (14th Anniversary)

Wednes. 7 pm:

Patrick Towell nee Harris & Seán Kavanagh

Thursday 9.15 am:

Altar List of the Dead

Thursday 7 pm: Jeremiah,

Michael & William Byrne

Friday 9.15 am: Golden Book

Friday 7 pm:

Sheila Stynes (1st Anniversary)

Talk on the Life & Works of John Paul II in Dominican College, Newbridge, on 6th April, at 4 pm. Ph. 085 8303381
Admission free.