

# ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH, ATHY

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## PARISH NOTICES

Weekday Masses in the Parish Church during Lent will be at 9.15 am & 7 pm.

Archbishop Diarmuid Martin will administer Confirmation to the children of Shanganamore in St. Mary's Church, Barrowhouse on Saturday next.

Tuesday next, we celebrate the Feast of Saint Patrick. It is a Holy Day of Obligation and a Bank Holiday. Masses in the Parish church are 8.30 & 11 am. Mass at 10 am in Barrowhouse. *The 11 am Mass in the Parish church will have Liturgical Celtic dance and music from Parish choir.*

**'Marriage is important - Reflect before you change it'.** Copies of a statement from the Irish Bishops Conference 10th March 2015 are available at the doors of the church. (Extracts printed in box below)

Eucharistic Ministers rotas are available from behind the high Altar.

Last Weekend's collections:  
Share: €685 Parish Dev: €1,001  
(of which €701 weekly env. & €300 annual)

## Extracts from Irish Bishops Statement

*Re: referendum on 22nd May that could change the meaning of marriage in the Constitution of Ireland*

**"Within weeks the people of Ireland will be asked to vote in a referendum"**

**"Marriage is of fundamental importance for children, mothers and fathers and society"**

**"We ask the people of Ireland**

**to consider very carefully the profound implications that this constitutional amendment would have on the family environment and on our understanding of parenthood"**

**"mothers and fathers bring different, yet complementary gifts**

## FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

15th March 2015

In today's Gospel we are told that Christ speaks with authority and conviction.

Christ spoke from the heart and was fired with enthusiasm for the truth. We too are authentic and speak with authority when we live the Christian message.

Resource: Voicing a thought on Sunday by Desmond Knowles

Parish Office closed St. Patrick Day

## PARISH PASTORAL SOCIAL CENTRE

The Architect Design Team are working towards the final design. The Draft Outlines Design is on view on the Church Notice Boards and available at the Parish Office.

Suggestions and comments from parishioners concerning the design are invited until 25th March 2015. These can be given to the Parish Office or to any of the Project Development Group.

Members of Parish Centre Development Team Group:

Jerry Carbery, Vincent Crowley, Elizabeth Fingleton, Fr. G. Tanham,  
Technical Advisor: Cormac Dooley  
(MCD Civil Engineering Consultant Ltd.)

## CLUSTER RETREAT

21st March 2015 from 10 am - 4 pm  
St Mount St. Anne's, Portarlinton.

Speaker: Andrew O'Connor  
*Communications Director Presentation Brothers*

For all involved in Parish ministry.  
Places limited. Please leave your name and contact number with Parish Secretary or with Aine P.P.W.

## MONASTEREVIN SOLEMN NOVENA to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

in St. Peter & Paul's Church  
continues each Wednesday until 1st April.  
Time 7.30 pm (Rosary 7.10 pm)

**CONFIRMATION/COMMUNION**  
emblems, badges, cards, prayers & books are on sale in Parish Office.

**Lenten Masses** 9.15 am & 7 pm weekday

**Normal Weekend Mass Times:**  
Sat 11 am & Vigil Saturday 7 pm

**Sunday Masses:**  
8.30 am, 10.30 am & 12 noon  
10 am Barrowhouse

**Confessions:**  
Saturdays, after 11 am & 7 pm Mass

## PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

### Recently Deceased:

*Hilda Larkin Breslin*, formerly  
McDonnell Drive  
*Anne Casey*, Townspark

### Saturday 7 pm Months Mind:

Elizabeth 'Betty' Farrell, Elizabeth Flood

### Anniversaries:

Breda Cleary, Thomas 'Tommy' Moran, Christopher & Ethna Ludlow, Deceased Members of Ludlow & Brennan Families, Séan "Pinkeen" Maloney, Elizabeth Mangan, Christy Byrne, Margaret Doyle, Margaret Webb

**8.30 am:** Peggy Owens

### Barrowhouse:

James & Mary Brennan

### 10.30 am Share Mass

#### Anniversaries:

Susan Page, Matt, Tena, Paula McHugh, Stan Mullery, Kathleen Staunton, Margaret Hayes, Dominic Harte, Breda Cleary, Frank & Sarah Jane Carolan, Peggy Ennis, Jim Harris, Josephine Harris, Kathleen Gleeson, Jack Dillon, Jack & Anna Perse, Michael, Winifred, William, Peter & Michael Kelly, Michael & Bridget Sullivan, Michael Sullivan Jnr., Jimmy O'Sullivan, Jean Carolan, Mary Foley

#### Recently Deceased:

Rita Keogh, Betty Farrell, Sr. Alphonsus Meagher, Michael Price, Jack O'Rourke, Ellen Byrne, Eilish Healy, Mary Owens, Lil Bohan, Anne 'Nancy' Casey

#### PARISH weekdays:

**Monday 9.15 am:** Anne, Dominic & Sarah Dempsey

**Tue. St. Patrick's Day** no vigil Mass

**8.30 am:**

**11 am:** Matt, Tina & Paula McGrath, Stan Mullery, Kathleen Staunton, Margaret Hayes, Margaret & William Brogan, Jack Brogan, Sheila Mulhall, Leah Walsh, Dec. Members of Brogan & Rainsford Families, Patrick & Mary Murphy, Lil Murphy, John, Mary & Michael Drea, Maura Roberts nee Drea, Yvonne Larkin

**Wednes 9.15 am:** Johnny Keane

**Thurs. 9.15 am:** Special Intention

**Thursday 7 pm:** Kevin Mullery

**Friday 9.15 am:** Edward Myles

**Friday 7 pm:** Sr. Alphonsus