

# ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH, ATHY

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## PARISH NOTICES

Weekday Masses during Lent will be at 9.15 am & 7 pm. Stations of the Cross take place on Fridays after 7 pm Mass.

Congratulations to the children of Shanganamore, Barrowhouse, who were Confirmed yesterday from Archbishop Diarmuid Martin.

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday. Blessed Palms will be distributed at all the Masses.

A Reconciliation Service takes place in the Parish Church on Monday, 30th March at 7.30 pm after evening Mass.

For details of all Easter Ceremonies in the Parish church see Easter timetables which are being distributed to parishioners this week.

Would Envelope distributors please collect your timetables and Easter Due envelopes from behind the high Altar after Mass today or during the week.

Last Weekend's collections:  
Share: €703 Parish Dev: €940  
*Thanks to all who contributed.*

## 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 from Catholic Bishops Statement

*Re: referendum on 22nd May which would 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 and strengths into a child's life"

**We cannot support an amendment to the constitution which redefines marriage and effectively places the union of two men or two women on a par with the marriage relationship between husband and wife which is open to the procreation of children.**

See [www.dublindiocese.ie](http://www.dublindiocese.ie)

## FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

22nd March 2015

**In this Sunday's gospel Christ speaks out loud about the ordeal before him. He is troubled at the prospects of Calvary.**

**Christ on a cross shows us the depth of evil of which humans are capable and the heights of love to which we are called.**

**Christ talked about the grain of wheat going down into the ground to produce new life.**

**We are asked to die to our selfishness. One comes to a greater life after dying to a lesser one.**

Resource: Voicing a thought on Sunday by Desmond Knowles

## 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 Wednesday next, 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.)

## CARE OF THE ELDERLY

Committee Meeting takes place Tuesday next in Day Care Centre, St. Vincent's Hospital, at 8 pm

## Bus to Clonfert

for a Day of Prayer and Healing on Saturday, 28th March.

Bus leaves Athy at 8 am.

To book phone Eileen 059 86 25215

## 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)

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:

*Peggy Delaney*, Avondale Drive. Reception of remains at 6 pm today, Sunday. Funeral Mass at 11 am Mass Monday.  
*Mary 'Madge' O'Neill*, formerly of Leinster St.  
*Stephen Fitzgerald*, Pairc Bhríde.  
*Michael Walsh*, formerly of The Rower, Co. Kilkenny, who died in Melbourne, Australia

### Saturday 7 pm

#### Anniversaries:

Michael Harris, Sarah Graydon, Paddy Flynn (1st Anniversary) Betty Kelly, James Archbold, Deceased Members of Brennan Family, Deceased Members of Gray Family, Deceased Members of Mackey Family, Rose Kelly

**8.30 am:** Anne Casey (Recently Deceased)

**Barrowhouse:** John Dooley, Joe & Michael Dooley

### 10.30 am Share Mass

#### Anniversaries:

Patsy O'Neill, Michael Harris, Sean Bowden, Ted Murphy, Michael Carolan, William Owens, Jack Kelly, Eileen Brock, Eddie Owens, Tony Poole

#### Recently Deceased:

Mary Owens, Betty Farrell, Sr. Alphonsus, Michael Price, Ellen Byrne, Hilda Breslin, Laura Hunt, Gerald Shortt, Madge O'Neill nee May, Stephen Fitzgerald, Jack O'Rourke,

## PARISH

### Monday 9.15 am:

Nancy Whelehan (Rec. Deceased)

### Monday 7 pm:

Stephen Fitzgerald (Rec. Deceased)

### Tuesday 9.15 am

Special Intention

### Tuesday 7 pm

Stephen Fitzgerald (Rec. Deceased)

**Wednes. 7 pm:** Special Intention

### Thursday 7 pm:

Michael Walsh (Rec. Deceased)

### Friday 7 pm:

Mossie O'Reilly, George & Margaret O'Reilly, Theresa O'Reilly

Couples getting married this summer or early autumn are reminded there will be no ACCORD courses in July & August so please book your course now.