

ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH, ATHY

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Parish Office/Shop Opening hours: Tues.-Fri.: 9.30 am - 1.30 pm & Sat: 10.30 am - 1.30 pm.

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PARISH NOTICES

Friday next is the First Friday of the Month.

9.30 am Mass will be offered for those whose names are on the Altar List of the Dead.

6 pm Vigil Mass Saturday next is a *Call by Name* Preparation Mass for Confirmation.

We remind those who pay their Parish Development fund contributions annually that they can make their contributions now.

Anyone who wishes to commence subscribing can contact the Parish Office for envelopes or a standing order form.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL Annual Diocesan Church collection takes place on the weekend of 12th/13th December. Your support is much appreciated.

Eucharistic Minister rosters are behind the high altar. Contact Aine 083 3791366

Children's Choir: Children sing at 10.30 am Mass on Sundays.

Practise on Tuesdays 3 pm – 3.45 pm. Contact Jacinta. 087 2877830.

Altar Servers: If anyone wants to train as an altar server, please collect form in sacristy after Mass and drop back to Parish Office.

Children's Liturgy: 10.30 am Mass. The Gospel is explained in child friendly terms. All children welcome.

Last weekend

Parish Dev: €4,720 (comprising of €800 weekly envelopes and €3,920 Annual)

Thanks to all who contributed.

ATHY LYONS CLUB

present a musical from works of Thomas Kelly in The Methodist church, Woodstock St., Athy today at 3 pm.

All welcome. Free admission

CARLOW CHORAL SOCIETY

celebrate its 50th Anniversary with a special performance of Handel's Messiah by candle Light in Carlow Cathedral on Saturday, 12th December, at 8 pm. For tickets See www.carlowchoralsociety.com

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

29th November 2015

In Advent we celebrate Christ's birth among us.

It is a reminder that life on earth is a preparation for eternal life.

During Advent the church makes an appeal for an improvement in our lives and a new depth of sincerity to our religion.

It calls on us to make a fresh start at building a closer relationship with Christ. Prayer, penance and works of mercy are necessary preparations for the coming of the Lord.

Changes in Mass times in St. Michael's Parish

Commencing tomorrow, Monday, the **weekday 9.15 am Mass** will change to 9.30 am.

There will be no more 11 am scheduled Mass on Saturdays.

Starting next weekend 5/6th December the 7 pm **Saturday Vigil** changes to 6 pm and

10 am Sunday Mass in **Barrowhouse** changes to 9.30 am.

The above changes are due to reductions in the number of priests. We understand that some people may find these changes difficult.

HOLY DAY MASS TIMES

are as follows:

St. Michael's Parish:

8.30 am & 12 noon only (no vigil)

Crookstown: 7 pm Vigil

Moone: 11 am

BAPTISMS

There will be no more Baptisms in St. Michael's Parish on Saturdays. Baptisms take place on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month.

CARERS ASSOCIATION COURSES

QQ1 Level 5 Healthcare Support Award Training starting in January For more information contact 057 9370221

Web: www.carersireland.com

NURNEY CHRISTMAS FAIR

in Nurney G.A.A. Hall on 13th December, from 11 - 4 pm

PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

Recently Deceased:

Billy Hutchinson, Bert Lane. Margaret Delaney, Ashville

Saturday 7 pm

Months Mind:

Frank O'Halloran, Michael Kayes

Anniversaries:

Christie Kelly, John Conway, Finbarr Purcell, Patrick Mulhall, John Dalton, Catherine Seaward

8.30 am: Jimmy Fennelly (Recently Deceased)

10 am: Barrowhouse:

Margaret Delaney (Recently Deceased)

Also pray for Richard Murphy

10.30 am Share Mass

Anniversaries:

Tom Murphy, Tony Bracken, Brian Kelly, Theresa Hickey, Richard 'Dick' Norris, Patrick Bolger, Richard Murphy, Marian Moran, Jim & Kathleen Byrne, Evan Foley,

Recently Deceased:

Jimmy Fennelly, Dickie Flanagan, Jim Coughlan, Margaret Delaney, Sadie Lyons, Marie Mackey, Sinead Harris, Aidan Blanchfield, Agnes Guilfoyle, Michael McDermott, Elizabeth Brennan, Peggy Redmond, Billy Hutchinson, Anne O'Loughlin

12 Noon Shared Mass:

Catherine Seward

Monday 9.15 am:

Margaret McCann (41st Anniversary)

Tuesday 9.15 am:

Patrick Aldridge

Wednes. 9.15 am:

Anne Horgan

Thurs. 9.15 am:

Golden Book

Friday 9.15 am:

Altar List of the Dead

No Saturday morning Mass

BUS TO NIGHT VIGIL TO KNOCK

Monday, 7th December,

Bus departing Athy at 5.30 pm

Phone Eileen, Ballylinan,

059 86 25215

ADVENT CANDLES/CALENDARS

are now on sale in Parish Office/shop.

Also available 2016 calendars

DOMINICAN CHURCH

This weekend, 14th/15th November,
is the last weekend of normal Mass times
in St. Dominic's church.

10 am Mass takes place as normal from next Monday-Saturday.

FIVE EVENINGS OF THANKSGIVING in Honour of the Sacred Heart

for

**St. Dominic's Church, Athy,
commences**

**Monday, 16th November to Friday, 20th November
with Holy Mass at 7.30 pm,
followed by Benediction,
accompanied by Dominican Church choir**

**Saturday, 21st November,
Quiet Prayer & Adoration in Thanksgiving**
from 6 pm - 10 pm
(no 6. 15 pm vigil)

Special Confessions 3 pm-6 pm.

Closing Mass

**Sunday, 22nd November,
Mass at 3 pm**

followed by procession to St. Michael's Church.

Following procession,
a welcoming Service
takes place at the Parish Church,
followed by
light refreshments.

All welcome.