

ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH, ATHY

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PARISH NOTICES

Today is the third Sunday in Advent.

Do This In Memory Mass takes place today at 10.30 am Mass in St Michael's Parish Church and 9.30 am in Barrowhouse.

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul wish to thank all who contributed to their Collection last weekend. Amounts raised in the area is as follows:

St. Michael's €10,391
Barrowhouse €1,041.50
Ballylinan €660.
Kilmead €566.
Ballymount €146.50
Crookstown €990

Area Distributors are reminded that their area bundles of Christmas timetables and Dues envelopes are ready for collection from behind the high Altar in the Church.

If you would like your Deceased loved ones remembered on the Christmas Day Altar List please give their names into the Parish Office before 1.30 am Thursday next and they will be placed on the Christmas Day List and remembered in Christmas Day Masses.

Parish Office **closes** on Saturday next at 11 am for Christmas Holidays. (Open 10 am -11 am)

Christmas Timetables will be distributed to homes during the week. If you do not receive a timetables some will be available at the church during the week. Timetables will be printed on notice boards.

Confessions take place in Saturday next in St. Michael church from 10.30 am-12 noon

Christmas Dues can be handed into the Parish Office during the week or placed in the collection bags at Masses around Christmas.

Collections last weekend: amounts raised;

Parish Dev. -Envelopes- €2,038 (€ 868 (weekly) & €1,170 (annual))
1st Collection -Common-€1350
Thanks to all who contribute.

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday 17th December 2017

This Sunday's readings and Gospel have a message of hope and encouragement urging us to rejoice because the Lord is near and to radiate joy and happiness.

We should not confuse joy with pleasure. Christian joy is something deeper.

Some of the happiest people are those doing most for others.

*Voicing a thought on Sunday-
D. Knowles*

WHILE SHEPHERDS WATCHED

Athy Musical Society present 25th Anniversary performance While Shepherds Watched on **Tuesday, 19th December, 8 pm**, in St. Michael's Parish Church
An evening of Christmas Carols, songs and readings.

Tickets from the Gem or Winkles or at the door on the night. Proceeds going to Darkness into light/Pieta House

PARISH EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Finishes for Christmas recess on Thursday 21st December at 2 pm and resumes in New year on Monday, 8th Jan, at 10 am

GOOSE CLUB DRAW

takes place in Castlemitchell Hall today at 2.30 pm

PARISH BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

A Confidential support group where you can find help and healing for the hurt of losing a loved one. For more information
Contact Anne 086 7810456

MASS TIMES

Weekdays 9.30 am
Weekend Masses
Sat 6 pm vigil,
Sunday; 10.30 am, 12 noon.
9.30 am St. Mary's,
Barrowhouse

PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

Recently Deceased: *Bill Heffernan, Cloney East Matt Hanley, Dublin. Jimmy Maher, formerly of Coneyboro died in Coventry, burial in England.*

Saturday 6 pm Month's mind: P.J. Campbell
Anniversaries: Roseanne Price, Veronica Bradley, Dinah Kavanagh, Kathleen Bowden, Michael & Annie Dooley, Brigid Morrissey, Niall Dunne, Molly Hamilton (1stAnniv.), Michael Byrne, Roseanna & Michael Reddy, Dec. Friends of Athy Young Heart, Joe McNamara, Helen Bastable, Anthony Kelly, James Rowan, Mary 'Mollie' Rowan, Dec. mem of Reid family, Kitty Mulhall, Dec. mem of Mulhall family, Katie & Joseph Gumley, Patsy & Padraig Gumley, Peter, Hughie & Jim Boylan, George & Ellen Waugh, Rosie Smyth, Helen O'Reilly, Matt Davis, Michael Rainsford Snr., Marie Rainsford, Michael Rainsford, Dec. Rainsford & Meehan Families, Patrick & Rose Kelly, Una Gaule, Paddy Murphy, Liam Reid, Zolta Zinn Collis, Noel Scully, Cassie & Jack O'Keeffe, Mary & Joe Kane, Nancy, Sean & Jason Dooley, John, Maggie & Bill Hoare, May, Noel & John Murphy, Kathleen Mackey, Ted Ward, Martin Holohan, Pat Fitzsimons, Dec. Kane & Hoare families, Dolores Connell Costello, Tomas Ayers, Stephen Leonard, Dec. mem of Leonard family
9.30 am: Barrowhouse: James, Angela, Theo & Bridie Davis, Bobbie Smithers, Mary Davis, John & Margaret Grufferty *also pray for* Andrew Conlon, John Ryan.

Month's mind: Betty Whelan
!0.30 am: Anniversaries: Michael McHugh, Molly Connell, Ted Pierce, Rita Quinn, William, Margaret & Jack Brogan, Sheila Mulhall, Rory Mullan, Maurice Kane, Elizabeth & John Lawler, Dec. Lawler & Murphy families, Bernadette McStay, James & Sinéad Fennin, John Cummins, Joseph & Julia Martin, Bill Kelly, Ellen Fingleton, Patrick Stanley, Eileen O'Neill, Andrew Conlon, John Ryan, Paddy & Jane Reid, Bridget Talbot, Dec. mem of Reid family, Mick & Mary Elizabeth Dargan, Dec. Dargan family, Annie, Willie, Helena, Billy & Brigid Hutchinson, Bid Nolan, Raymond Callaghan,, Paddy Mahon, John Foley

12 Noon: Maura McCauley, Michael, Delia Harriett & Stephen Connolly, Patrick, Mary & Declan Roche, Tom & Bernadette McStay, John & Frances Moran, Sinead & Jimmy Fennin, Dec. mem. of Moran & McStay families, Dec. mem. of McHugh family, Martin Conroy, Dolores Connell Costello

Mon. 9.30 am: Niall & Breda Dunne, Pat Dunne, Dec. mem. of Dunne family, Jim Bolger
Tues. 9.30 am: Eileen & James Hanratty, Joe McNamara, Ellen Bastable, Elizabeth & John Lawlor

Wed. 9.30 am: Mary Ellen & Bridget Flanagan, Kathleen Kelly, Marie Costello, Mary Moran, Margaret Doyle, Bill & Ann Doyle
Thurs. 9.30 am: Denis Chanders, Joe & Kathleen Gibbons, Paddy Harrington
Fri. 9.30 am: John Donovan, Michael Eustace, Denis Byrne