

## ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH, ATHY

**Parish Team:** Fr. Liam Rigney P.P. Parochial Hs., Athy: 087 2607377. Fr. Tim Hannon C.C. 059 8631698, Fr. Francis McCarthy C.C. 087 6978143. Natasha Geoghegan, Pastoral Worker 087 6730300 natasha.curran@dublindioocese.ie **Conor McCann**, Pastoral Worker 086 7905654 conormccann@dublindioocese.ie  
**Fr. Philip Dennehy PE.** 059 8631696.

**Parish Office/Shop** Opening hours: Monday: 2.15 pm - 4 pm. Tues & Wednes.: 9.30 am - 1.30 pm & 2 -4 pm. Thursday & Friday 9.30 am - 1.30 pm. (Phone contact only 2.15 pm -4.15 pm). Sat: 10.30 am - 1.15 pm.  
**Telephone:** 059 86 38391. **email:** athyparishrc@eircom.net

### CHURCH NOTICES

If you wish to have your Deceased loved one remembered at the Masses on Christmas Day. You can call to the Parish Office to add their names to the Christmas Day Altar List. Deadline for inclusion on list is Friday next, 21st December at 1.30pm.

Parish Office closes for Christmas holidays on Saturday next, 22nd Dec. at 1.15 pm.

Area distributors are reminded to collect their Christmas timetables & Christmas Due envelopes from behind the high Altar in the church.

**Barrowhouse Carol Service** today, Sunday, in Barrowhouse Church at 6 pm. Christmas lights will be turned on at 5.45 pm. All welcome

The Athy Parish Bereavement Support Group will meet on Friday, 28th December, from 10 am to 11 am in the Temporary Parish Pastoral Centre (opposite back of Perry's) All welcome.

**Collections** last weekend  
*Parish Dev.* Env. €851  
1st Collection-*Common*-€1,525 (Sun.) & €330 (Holy Day)  
2nd Collection-*Share*-€212 (Holy Day)  
Thanks to all who contribute.

Victoria Oyewole will be speaking about her experiences of past World Youth days and **World Youth Day** in Panama which she will be attending this January 2019 at all the Masses over the weekend. She will give an insight to what it is like and will also be having a gate collection as a way of fundraising.

### CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

We invite you to a birthday party in St. Michael's Church on Christmas Eve starting at 6 pm celebrating the birth of Jesus with word of God, music, drama and Eucharistic celebration. We invite children if they wish to come dressed as angels or shepherds, as part of the celebration. Why not make a birthday card for Jesus which we will place at the crib during the Mass. All welcome.

### CHRISTMAS

Divine Word Missionary Christmas cards, candles, Christmas Mass bouquets, cribs, 2019 Church Art calendars & Christmas gifts are now available from Parish Office

### G.A.A. BINGO

Sunday 16th December at 3pm, final Sunday for bingo before Christmas

### THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT Sunday 16th December 2018

**Today's liturgy is about hope and rejoicing**

### ATHY MUSICAL & DRAMA SOCIETY

presents  
'While Shepherds Watched'  
on Tuesday next,  
18th December, at 8 pm  
in St. Michael's Parish Church.

*Tickets from Gem,  
Winkles or on the door  
on the night.*

### ADVENT FAMILY TRESURE TRAIL

Mullaghreelan Woods today, Sunday, at 2.30 pm. Walk in the woods learning about advent, refreshments afterwards. All welcome

### SVP collection

which took place last weekend raised €7,706 in St Michael's. €1,280 in Barrowhouse. Thanks to all who contributed.

### MERCY ASSOCIATE MEETING

takes place tomorrow, Monday, at 8 pm in Cuan Mhuire

### PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

#### Saturday 6 pm Month's mind:

**Anniversaries:** Rose, Parkie, Chrissie & Johnny Kelly, Joe Morgan, Kitty Mulhall, Dec. Mulhall family, Pat Fingleton, Tadhg & Bunty Brennan, Fintan Brennan, Alan Cramley, Fintan Lalor, Micky & David Harris, Patrick & Elizabeth Murphy, Dolores Connell Costello, Bill Heffernan (1st Anniv.), Mai Heffernan (5th Anniv.), Michael & Delia Connolly, Stephen & Harriet Connolly, Patrick, Mary & Declan Roche, Jack Brogan, Zoltan Edith & Zinn Collis, Bridget Morrissey, John Kavanagh, Eddie & Mollie Walsh, Peter, Catherine & Bridget Bolger, Denis & Kay Bergin, Jim Bolger, Sr. Vincent Bolger, John & Anastasia Mahon, Bill Clinton, Rita Quinn, Niall Dunne, Breda Dunne, Bertie & Bridie Doyle, Sara & John Davis, Christopher & Mary Cleary, Christopher & Margaret Nolan, Dec. mem. of Troy & Nolan families, James Rowan, Rory Mullan, Michael, Rosanna & John Joe Reddy, Mary 'Mollie' Hamilton, Cassie & Jack O'Keeffe, Michael & Annie Dargan, Thomas & Bridget Ayres, Carmel, Declan & Stephen Leonard, Dec. members of Leonard Family.

**9 am: Barrowhouse:** Ned & Betty Whelan, John, Margaret, Billy & Jack Ryan, Andrew, Mary, Michael & Tony Conlon, Mary 'Ciss' & James Brennan, Mary Brennan Jr.,

#### 10.30 am Shared Mass:

Michael Rainsford Snr., Maria Rainsford, Michael Rainsford Jr., Dec. mem of Rainsford & Meehan Families, Michael & Annie Dooley, David & Mickey Harris, Fintan Lalor, John Kavanagh, Mary 'Mollie' Hamilton, Cassie & Jack O'Keeffe, Maurice Kane, Paddy Casey, Eileen & James O'Neill, Elizabeth & John Lawler, Dec. mem. of Lawler & Murphy families, Patrick Stanley, Michael Meenan, Kathleen Day nee Keogh, Irene Keogh, Nannie & Michael Dooley, Joseph & Julia Martin, Bill Kelly, Mick, Mary & Elizabeth Dargan, William, Annie, Helena, Billy & Bridget Hutchinson, Bids Nolan, Raymond Callaghan, Seanie Sexton, Paddy Mahon, John Foley, Eileen Meredith, James Geraghty,

**Birthday Remembrance:** Ethel Keogh,

#### 12 Noon:

**Month's mind:** Josephine Byrne

**Anniversaries:** Nannie & Michael Dooley, Margaret & William Brogan, Jack Brogan, Sheila Mulhall, Leah Walsh, Dec. mem. of Brogan, Mulhall & Rainsford families, Mary 'Molly' Rowan, Paul Stafford (11th Anniv.), Ellen Bastable, Joe McNamara, Daniel & Harriet Keyes, Maura McCauley, Jim & Kathleen Byrne, Martin Conroy, Dolores Connell Costello, Tom & Ber McStay, John & Francis Moran, Mona & Pat McCarthy, Patty & Kevon Belton, Jimmy & Sinead Fennin

**Mon. 9.30 am:** Joe & Kathleen Gibbons, Bridie Murphy, Connie Dormer Lewis

**Tues. 9.30 am:** Niall Dunne, Breda Dunne, Elizabeth & James Lawler, Dec. members of Lawler & Murphy families, Peter Fleming, Special Intention

**Wednes. 9.30 am:** John Donovan, Eileen & James Hanratty, Joe McNamara, Joseph & Ellen Bastable

**Thurs. 9.30 am:** Margaret Doyle, Matt Davis, Mary Moran

**Friday 9.30 am:** Mary Ellen & Brigid Flanagan, Denis Chandlers, Denis Byrne, Angela Brennan (Birthday remembrance)

### MASS TIMES:

**Weekday Mass time:**  
9.30 am.

**Weekends:**

Vigil, Sat 6 pm.

**Sun Masses:** 10.30 am & 12 noon,

9 am Barrowhouse

**Holy Day:** 9.30am & 7.30 pm