



THE PARISH
OF ATHY
Comprising the Faith Communities
of:
ST MICHAEL'S, ATHY
&
ST MARY'S, BARROWHOUSE



MASS OF THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 18TH MAY 2025

PRAYER

God of the good news of salvation, you entrust us with the word of life. As we meet indifference and opposition, open the door of faith for all in need of your love and compassion. Show us how we can be true apostles not only in word but also in deed, so that many may be drawn to the beauty of the Gospel vision. We ask this through Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.

*Love each other
as I have loved you.
John 15:12*

CHURCH NOTICES

Weekend Mass times: 6pm, 10.30am & 12 noon & Barrowhouse Sunday at 9 am
Weekday Mass times: 9.30 am. Rosary at 9.10 am.

Lay Ministry Appeal collection will be taken up today at all Masses. It replaces the usual Share collection. Through your support training is now provided to build up active lay servant leaders to work in a co-responsible way with priests, deacons and pastoral workers in parishes and partnerships of parishes.

Common: €1,250 **Share** €895 **P. Dev.:** €569
Thanks to all who contributed

Thanks to those who organised and supported the Auction, in aid of the parish, last Sunday, 11th May, €8,085 was raised for the parish funds.

Annual Famine Commemoration Ceremony

The annual Famine commemoration ceremony will take place in St. Mary's Cemetery (opposite St. Vincent's Hospital) on Sunday, 18th May at 3pm. The service will remember the 1,200 or more inmates of the Workhouse who died during the Great Famine. All are welcome.

ROSARY AND PRAYERS

at Our Lady of Fatima Grotto, Kilkenny Road
every Sunday at 7.30 pm All welcome

Charity Auction

(remembering the late Fr. O'Shea)

in aid of Bothar and The Franciscan Missionary Union in St. Anne's Hall, Ballylinan on Sunday 18th of May at 2.30pm. See posters in Church Porches and shops for details or ring Mags Brennan on 086 3254931 for details

READINGS Year C

First Reading: Acts 14: 21-27
Psalms: Ps 144:8-13
Second Reading: Apocalypse 21: 1-5
Gospel: John 13: 31-35

PARISH OFFICE

Monday: 2.15 pm-4pm
(Closed Holy Days & Bank Holidays)
Tue & Wednes 9.30-1.30 & 2-4pm
Thur & Fri: 9.30am-1.30 pm **Sat:** 10.30am-12.30am
Phone: 059 86 38391 **Email:** athyparishrc@eircom.net

PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

Recently Deceased:

Noel Walsh, Plewman's Tce

Saturday 6pm:

Rem; Nora Mary Gallagher

Birthday remembrance: Chris Byrne, Mary Harris (100th B) Winifred Ingram, Michael & James O'Connor,
Anniversaries: Paul Fanning (1st A), Edward Myles, Mary McCarthy, Deceased members of McCarty family, Dan Foley, Dec. members of Foley family, 'Lily' Elizabeth Quinn (2nd), Tony Stephen Quinn, Kathleen Shiel, James Shiel, Mary Shiel, Serge Pacos, Martin & Mary Gorman, Patrick Moran, David Kavanagh (1st A), Rose Doyle (1st A), John Browne, Simon Ludlow, William Lawler Jr., Helen Lawler, Michael & Mary Jane Flynn, Richard & Shay Anderson, Gay Coffey, Gerard Watchorn, Paddy Delaney

Sunday 9am Barrowhouse: William & Mary Ann Whelan

Sunday 10.30am:

Anniversaries: Peter McEnroe, Mary Anne Williams, Mary McCarthy, Dec. members of McCarthy family, Patrick Delaney (40th A), Michael, Andy & Paddy Doogue, Anne Redmond (6th A), Christopher & Mary Cleary, Dec. mem of Cleary & Troy families, May Leahy, Billy & Pauline Owens, Lily Quinn (2nd A), Martin & Mary Gorman, Sarah Brennan, Rose Doyle (1st A), John Browne, William Lawler Jr., Helen Lawler, Mary Morrin, Mary Foley (19th A) Josephine Fennelly, P. Conlan, Paddy Delaney, Kathleen Buckley, Rita Brennan, Mary Geraghty

Sunday 12 noon: Rem: Nora Mary Gallagher

Anniversaries: Pauline Owens (2nd A), Frances Rowan, Dec. mem of Rowan & Loughman families, Mary Leahy, Lily Quinn (2nd A), Rose Doyle (1st A), Mary & Jimmy Sweeney, Noelle Sweeney, Jim Prendergast, James Prendergast, Dec. mem of Prendergast, Sweeney & Keating families, John Browne, Ellen & Gerry Quinn, Ellen Galvin, Dec. mem of Quinn family, Catherine McCarthy (20th A), William Lawler Jr. Helen Lawler, Josephine Fennelly, P. Conlan, Paddy Delaney

Monday 9.30 am: Birthday rem.: Mary O'Sullivan

Tues. 9.30 am: Mary Foley (19th A)

Wednes. 9.30 am: Teresa Campbell, Seamus Dempsey (38th A)

Thur 9.30am: Ellen & Gerry Quinn, Ellen Galvin, Dec. mem of Quinn family, Elizabeth Donnelly, Mary Keyes, Mossy O'Reilly

Fri 9.30am: Donors Intention

First Communion &
Confirmation cards &
Rosary beads & prayer
books now available

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Athy, Moone & Narraghmore

4 Star Hôtel Padoue

24th June –1st July 2025 Cost €965 pps

Spiritual Director Fr. Francis McCarthy

Further details contact Christopher Rowan 087 2707 182



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Athy Mercy Associate Meeting

Monday, 19th May at 7.30 pm in Parish Centre Mount Hawkin

Athy & District Care of the Elderly Committee Meeting

Monday, 19th May, at 8 pm in Parish Centre Mount Hawkin

CATECHETICAL CORNER - RENT FREE ZONE

It's a shame that we cannot collect rent from all the people that we let live inside our heads. Those people who have hurt us, upset us, insulted us, humiliated us. All those people by whom we have been offended in some way and we are still carrying around with us.

After the Resurrection Jesus said three times: *"Peace be with you."* (John 20:19, 20:21, and 20:26). Earlier in John's Gospel we read: *"I have said this to you, that in me you may have peace..."* (Jn.16:33). In this sense the peace that Jesus is offering is not the absence of conflict, because in the same verse of chapter 16 He goes on to say: *"In the world you have tribulation..."*. Rather, the peace that Jesus is offering is a peace despite the tribulation. Peace in the midst of tribulation. He continues: *"but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."*

Achieving this peace requires of us that we stay close to HIM through prayer and the sacraments – *"in Me you may have peace..."*. The Catechism of the Catholic Church says this: *It is impossible to keep the Lord's commandment by imitating the divine model from outside; there has to be a vital participation, coming from the depths of the heart, in the holiness and the mercy and the love of our God. Only the Spirit by whom we live can make "ours" the same mind that was in Christ Jesus. Then the unity of forgiveness becomes possible and we find ourselves "forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave" us.* (CCC # 2842). In other words, living as Jesus asked us to, forgiving those who have offended us.

Forgiveness is not about the other person, it is not about letting them off with something, it is not even about forgetting what they did. That's not possible. Rather, it is about us choosing to not carry the pain around anymore. It is about us choosing to evict those non-rate paying lodgers that we have allowed to take up residence in our heads.

For Catholics, forgiveness of others is not an optional extra. It is not a nice aspiration, but if we fall short that's ok. Forgiveness of others is linked to our forgiveness from GOD; *"Forgive us our trespasses AS we forgive those who have trespassed against us."* So, we can see in the Lord's prayer the two are linked. However, this link is not confined to the Lord's Prayer: *"You, therefore, must be perfect, AS your heavenly Father is perfect"* – (Mt 5:48); *"Be merciful, even AS your Father is merciful"* – (Lk 6:36); *"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even AS I have loved you, that you also love one another."* – (Jn 13:34). Forgiveness gives peace of mind. It lightens the load.

Deaf or Hard of hearing outreach clinic

Wednes 28th May

Kildare Town library, R51 P403

Contact **Email:** dublinsouth@chime.ie

No appointment necessary.

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PADRE PIO'S GLOVE

in Fitzpatrick's House, Kilberry

on

Saturday, 14th June 2025 at 11 am -5pm

Items of St Pio will be available on the day

For info call -Ann 085 1696189. Everyone welcome

CEMETERY MASSES 2025

ST MICHAEL'S NEW

Monday, 9th June @ 7.30 PM

ST MICHAEL'S OLD

Wednes. 11th June @ 7.30 PM

BARROWHOUSE

SUNDAY 8TH JUNE @ 9:00 AM

CROOKSTOWN

SATURDAY 7TH JUNE @ 7:00 PM

MOONE

SUNDAY 8TH JUNE @ 12 NOON

KILMEAD

SUNDAY 8TH JUNE @ 10:30 AM

CHURCHTOWN

FRIDAY 6TH JUNE @ 7:30 PM

KILBERRY

THURSDAY 12TH JUNE @ 7:30 PM

FONTSTOWN

Date to be decided