



THE PARISH
OF ATHY

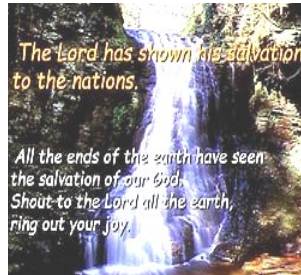
Comprising the Faith Communities
of:
ST MICHAEL'S, ATHY
&
ST MARY'S, BARROWHOUSE



TWENTY EIGHT SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY 12TH OCTOBER 2025

PRAYER

O God, our life, our health, our salvation, look with mercy on your people. Stir up in us a saving faith, that believing, we may be healed, and being healed, we may worthily give you thanks. Amen



PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

Recently Deceased:

Billy Carroll, Levitstown
Tommy O'Halloran, Derryview Kilberry
Rose Hicks, Dunbrin, Barrowhouse
Rose O'Keeffe, Tonlague Lawns. Funeral Monday at 11am.
Burial in New St. Michael's Cemetery.

Sat. 6pm Vigil: Month's mind: Alice Murphy

Birthday remembrance: Michael Keogh, Peggy Hicks

Anniversaries & Remembrance:

Ronan Friel, Nora Mary Gallagher, Ned & Bridget Timpson, Michael & Gertude Ramsbottom, Mary & Joe O'Neill, Micheál, Des & Joe O'Neill, Tim O'Sullivan, Kay Moriarty, Tom Tighe, Trevor Tighe (Rec Dec), Ann Carbery, Neddy Hughes, Elizabeth Moran (6th A), Andrew 'Na' Owens, Ger Davis, Michael May, Esther, Stephen & John Leonard, Carmel & Declan Ayres, Dec. mem of Leonard & Ayres families
Joseph & Mary Murphy, James Maher, Dec. members of Maher family, Mick Doogue, Mollie Doogue, Mick Bolger, Paul Stynes, Pat Stynes, Mary Murphy, Dec mem Murphy Family, Mary & Patrick Donovan, Elizabeth & Peter Delahunt, Johanne Delahunt, William Dalton (4th Anniv)
Dec mem of Dalton Family, Dec mem of Birney Family

Sunday 9am Barrowhouse: Anniversaries & Remembrance.
Christina & William Langton, Joseph & Mary Murphy

Sunday 10.30am:

Months Mind:

Anniversaries & Remembrance:

Thomas Stewart (11th A), David Molloy, Ann Carbery, Neddy Hughes, Ger Davis, Johnny Mulhall, Martin Cunningham, Susan & George McNally, Mathew Davis, Paul Condrón, Margaret Finn, Molly & Dolly Ryan, Mick Doogue, Mollie Doogue, Mick Bolger, John Foley (32nd Anniv)

Sunday 12 noon:

Birthday remembrance: Ger Robinson, Annie Spollen

Anniversaries & Remembrance:

Maureen Robinson, Nora Mary Gallagher, Richard Walsh (12th A), Ann Carbery, Neddy Hughes, Ger Davis, Patrick Stynes, Paul Stynes, Maureen Robinson, Joseph McDermott, Mary & Margaret McDermott, Martina Kilbride, Mary Barry, P.J. Leonard, Mick Doogue, Mollie Doogue, Mick Bolger, Joseph Thazhappil, Philomina Joseph, Chacko Thazhappil, Aleykutty Thazhappil, Sr. Mary Thazhappil

Monday 9.30 am: Ann Carbery, Agnes Donovan (Anniv)

Tues. 9.30 am: Paul Condrón, Special Intention

Wednes. 9.30 am: John Ging (Anniv)

Thur 9.30am: Breda & Niall Dunne, Eugene Mahon, Paddy Kane, Denis Watts

Friday 9.30am: David Molloy, Mary Anne Rowan (Anniv)

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.

Altar List of the Dead sheets and envelopes are available on tables at the doors of the Church. Your deceased loved ones listed will be remembered in Mass on All Souls Day and other Masses in November and then on the First Friday of the month for the next year. Please return to the Parish office or place in the collection bags at weekend Masses.

Mission Sunday collection

Next weekend, we will celebrate World Mission Sunday, the Holy Father's annual appeal to support overseas mission and missionaries. go to www.missio.ie for further information.

A Special collection will replace the Share collection.

We are near the end of the Parish Development collection year. We remind those who make their contributions annually that they can make their payments now.

Last Weekend Collections

P. Dev.: €696 **Common:** €1,160 **Share:** €1,035

Thanks to all who contributed

KNOCK

Dominican pilgrimage to Knock
takes place

Today Sunday

Departing 8.30am

Bus due back 9.30pm approx.



READINGS Year C

First Reading: 2 Kings 5: 14-17

Psalms: Ps 97: 1-4

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 2:8-13

Gospel: Luke 17: 11-19



Every Tuesday
St Michael's Church
2.30pm to 3.30pm

Athy Parish website www.parishofathy.ie
Parish Radio 107.9 fm

We are delighted to invite you and your parish community to the **Pro Life Campaign (PLC) National Conference 2025**, taking place on **Saturday, 18th October 2025**.

□ **Date:** 18th October 2025

□ **Time:** 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm (Workshops from 11:15 am)

□ **Venue:** The Gresham Hotel, 23 O'Connell Street Upper, Dublin 1 (D01 C3W7)

The theme of this year's gathering focuses on *nurturing the encouraging advances already underway, to hasten the revival of a life-affirming culture in Ireland.*

This year's conference promises a **jam-packed schedule**, featuring **inspiring speakers, engaging workshops, and informative stands** — an event not to be missed.

As Saint John Paul II reminds us in *Evangelium Vitae*:

“We are asked to love and honour the life of every man and woman and to work with perseverance and courage so that our time, marked by all too many signs of death, may at last witness the establishment of a new culture of life, the fruit of the culture of truth and of love.”

PARISH OFFICE OPEN;

Monday 2pm-4pm

Tue & Wednes 9.30-1.30 & 2-4pm

Thur 9.30am-1.30 pm & Friday 9.30am-1.30 pm

Saturday: 10.30am-12.30am

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CATECHETICAL CORNER – COMMINGLING

If you've ever watched the priest at Mass just before Communion, you may have noticed something small, an almost insignificant but very important action.

He breaks off a tiny piece of (*the Body of Christ*) the consecrated Host – from the Latin word *Hostia* meaning victim - and drops it into the chalice that holds the Precious Blood. As he does so, he prays, often softly: “*May this mingling of the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ bring eternal life to us who receive it.*” This ancient and sacred gesture is called the *commingling*, and in the early Church, it was known as the *fermentum*. It was this action that gave the Mass one of its earliest names – ‘The Breaking of the Bread’.

But why does he do it and why is it so important? At the consecration, the Body and the Blood of Jesus are blessed separately. Showing that His death really happened, that His Body and Blood were separated on the Cross. But when the priest puts that little piece of the Host into the chalice, he is silently saying, by this action: *Jesus rose from the dead! His Body and Blood are now reunited, He is alive again.* That's what we receive at Communion: not a dead Christ, but the living, risen Jesus! Resurrected but unrecognisable. Think of Clopas and his companion on the road to Emmaus (*Lk.24:13-35*) or Mary of Magdala on the morning of the resurrection (*Jn. 20:11-18*). They did not recognise Jesus in His resurrected body.

In the early Church, the *fermentum* was a real piece of the Eucharist that bishops, and especially the Pope, would send from their Mass to nearby parishes and the priest, or titular bishop in the case of the Pope, would put it into the Chalice at the *commingling*. It was a sign that, although physically apart, they were united, one faith, one Church, one Eucharist. Today, that unity is preserved symbolically in the *commingling*. As Christ's Body & Blood are restored to unity, so too the Church is united in receiving this reunited Body of Christ. To receive the smallest amount of one, either Host or Precious Blood, is to receive the fullness of Christ. It is this expression of unity with the Pope, with our Bishop, with the universal Church that is central to the *commingling*. It is also why non-Catholics are not permitted to receive the sacred host, as they do not share this bond of unity.

The fraction, or the breaking of the bread, takes place as the congregation prays the Lamb of God (*Agnus Dei*), which concludes with the words, ‘grant us peace’. So the *commingling* is also a prayer for peace.

This simple gesture of breaking the Host and placing a piece in the chalice is a declaration of faith in the Resurrection, statement of the unity that exists between the Pope, Bishops and the entire church and a prayer for peace. May it bring us to eternal life.

SACRAMENTS DATES IN THE PARISHES OF ATHY, NARRAGHMORE & MOONE



SCHOOL CONFIRMATION DATE

Kilmead	March 26th
Crookstown	March 20th
Athy-SMN	May 29th
Athy-SPN	March 27th
Barrowhouse	March 13th
Gaelscoil	March 6th
Churchtown	March 13th
Ballyroe	March 13th
Kilberry	March 13th
Model	March 13th

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Moone	May 22nd
Kilmead	May 7th
Crookstown	May 28th
Athy-SMN	May 1st
Athy-SPN	May 15th
Barrowhouse	May 16th
Gaelscoil	May 28th
Churchtown	May 22nd
Ballyroe	May 22nd
Kilberry	May 22nd
Model	May 22nd



MICHAEL ENGLISH In Concert with Monasterevin Gospel Choir
Friday 31st October 2025 St. Peter & Paul's Church
Monasterevin. 8pm Sharp
Tickets €30.00
Tickets on sale from: Parish Office 045 525346,
& Earley's Fashion Shop 045 525395
In aid of St. Peter & Pauls Church
& Monasterevin Senior Citizens

NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCE MASSES 2025

ATHY

Monday, 17th November

CROOKSTOWN

Wednes. 19th November

MOONE

Thursday, 20th November

KLMEAD

Monday, 24th November

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Children Liturgy Sheets
available at doors of church

