



THE PARISH  
OF ATHY

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



## MASS OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS MARY AND JOSEPH 28TH DECEMBER 2025

### PRAYER BEFORE THE CRIB

God, our Father, we praise  
and thank You for sending us  
Your Son Jesus, as a small  
baby:  
so that we might understand  
how much You love us.  
Help us to live our daily lives  
knowing that we share in  
Jesus  
light and life.  
Forgive us for our  
shortcomings  
and draw us closer to You  
daily,  
Holy Mary, who said 'yes'  
that we might have life,  
pray for us all.  
Amen.



The Parish Team wish  
you all a happy and  
holy New Year



### CHURCH NOTICES

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

**Parish office is closed** for Christmas Holidays  
Re-opens Wednes. 31st December at 9.30am

**Thursday next** is New Year's day, Solemnity of  
Mary, The Holy Mother of God. Mass at 9.30 am  
Parish office will be closed.

**Christmas Dues** can be handed in through the baskets  
at Mass or to the Parish Office when it reopens.  
Thanks to those who have already contributed

Last Weekend Collections

**P. Dev.:** €3,052 of which €2,145 annuals & €907 weekly

**Common:** €1,540 **Share** €1,200

*Thanks to all who contributed*

### END OF JUBILEE YEAR

To mark the end of the jubilee year of Hope the Parish  
Partnerships of Athy, Narraghmore, Moone and Castledermot  
will have a 24 hour Adoration in Ss Mary and  
Laurence's Church, Crookstown, commencing with Mass on  
Monday the 5th of January at 7pm and concluding with Mass  
on Tuesday the 6th January at 7pm.

*All are very welcome*

### READINGS Year C

**First Reading:** Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6. 12-14

**Psalms:** Ps 127: 1-5

**Second Reading:** Colossians 3:12-17

**Gospel:** Matthew 2: 13-15.19-23

### PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

#### Recently Deceased:

*Anne Robinson nee Duncan, Kildare Town & late of Avondale Drive*

**Sat. 6pm Vigil: Month's mind:** Freida Hoare

**Birthday remembrance:** Michael Connolly.

#### Anniversaries & Remembrance

Marie O'Meara, Aidrian & Joe Whelan, Dawn O'Brien,  
Eddie Roycroft, Teresa Mealy, Gay Coffey, Annie & Michael  
Dooley, Annie Wright, John Lynam, Denis Byrne, Nora  
Mary Gallagher, Bart & Rose Browne, Tom Mahon, Sheila &  
Brian Kelly, Frank Breen (2nd A), Margaret 'Peg' Moloney,  
Patricia Mahon. Dec. mem. of McPartland &  
Redmond families,

#### Sunday 9am Barrowhouse:

**Sunday 10.30am: Birthday rem.:** Michael Connolly

#### Anniversaries & Remembrance:

Paddy & Bridget Redmond, Teresa Mealy, John Martin  
Finnan, John & Christina Moore, William Delaney, Andy &  
Michael Doogue, Margaret 'Peg' Moloney (3rd A), Elizabeth  
Carroll, Michael & Annie Dargan, Marjorie Timpson

**Sunday 12 noon: Birthday rem.** Michael Connolly

#### Anniversaries & Remembrance:

Teresa Mealy, Denis Byrne, Nora Mary Gallagher, Mary  
Molly Devereux, Eddie Doyle, Margaret 'Peg' Moloney,  
Michael & Annie Dargan, Eugene O'Brien, Dec. mem. of  
Coughlan family, Dec. mem. of O'Brien family

#### Monday 9.30 am:

**Tues. 9.30 am:** John & Josie Maher, Jack & Peg Maher,  
Eileen & Billy Brophy, Kathleen Lyons, Victor Lyons

**Wednes. 9.30 am:** Jimmy Connell, Annie & Michael  
Dooley, John Cahill, Liam Hyland, May & George O'Mara,  
Adrian O'Mara, Mick & Betty O'Mara.

**Thursday:** Margaret & Liam Callan, Eamonn Johnson,  
Charlie & Jean O'Donnell, Bart & Rose Browne, Frank, Phil  
& Margaret Browne, Margaret Blanchfield, Maurice Gannon,  
Sean Byrne, Molly & Edward Hughes, Martin McDonald,  
Charlotte Walsh, Pat 'Hank' Cumins (4th A), Joseph  
Donnelly, Esther & Con Ronan

**Friday 9.30am:** Altar List of the Dead

#### PARISH TEAM

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#### KILBERRY NATIONAL SCHOOL ENROLMENT

Enrol on line at [www.kilberrys.ie](http://www.kilberrys.ie) or  
contact school office 059 8638448 or  
Email: [kilberry.ias@gmail.com](mailto:kilberry.ias@gmail.com) for enrolment forms  
Enrolment closes December 12th.

#### Gael Scoil Átha Í Enrolment

is now open for the 2026/27 academic year. The deadline for  
applications is January 31st.  
No open day -New parents are always welcome to visit and  
have a look around and meet our wonderful staff, just call the  
office or reach out to our social media platforms.

#### SCHOOL ENROLMENT

##### Scoil Naomh Treasa, Ballyroe (R14DX61)

are now accepting enrolments for  
Sept 2026/2027.

Our admissions notice and forms are available at the school or  
by emailing [office@scoilnaomhtreasa.ie](mailto:office@scoilnaomhtreasa.ie)

Please don't hesitate to  
contact us by email or phone 0598632522

#### Enrolment in Scoil Phadraig Naofa - Sept 2026

Enrolments will take place for pupils wishing to com-  
mence in either Junior Infant or Autism Classes for  
September 2026 from Friday 9th January, 2026 -  
Friday 30th January, 2026.

If you wish to enrol your son/daughter you can con-  
tact the school office at 059-86 34811 or  
email [info@spnathy.ie](mailto:info@spnathy.ie) for an Enrolment Form. More  
details can be found at [www.spnathy.ie](http://www.spnathy.ie)

#### ACCORD

Accord Carlow Relationship Counselling  
at St. Catherine's Community Service Centre Carlow

Phone Mary at 086 4149034 or  
email [accordcarlow@gmail.com](mailto:accordcarlow@gmail.com)

#### Communion for the Sick or Housebound.

If you would like to have Holy Communion brought to a  
family member or friend who may be sick or housebound,  
please contact one of the priests or the Parish Office.

Holy Communion can only be brought by a priest or a  
commissioned minister of the Eucharist and a Pyx, which  
has been blessed, is the only means by which the Sacred  
Host can be carried.

Out of respect for the Sacred Host, Holy Communion  
should never be taken home in a piece of tissue or an  
envelope.

#### Online Advent Retreat

*The Priory Institute offer a FREE OF CHARGE*

*Advent retreat*

Visit our website [prioryinstitute.com](http://prioryinstitute.com) or click on this  
link [here](#) to register/find out more.

The Retreat giver, Fr. John Harris OP, The course consists of  
four 15 minute recorded presentations that is available from  
the first Sunday of Advent and each subsequent Sunday.  
Participants can watch the films whenever suits them, It's  
free of charge and people can register to participate at any  
time during Advent.

Please find more information about the retreat and how to regis-  
ter [here](#)

You can view Fr John Harris' welcome here at this link  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=awPULbxRS2g&feature=youtu.be>

#### MANRESA RETREATS

Manresa Jesuit Centre of Spirituality (Clontarf, Dublin) is offering  
New Year Retreat, Monday, 29 December 2025 - Thursday, 1 January  
2026. Welcome the New Year in a spirit of peace and prayer. This  
silent retreat offers time to reflect on the year gone by, seek God's  
grace for the year ahead, and be guided by daily prayer and liturgy.

Bookings can be made online ([manresa.ie](http://manresa.ie)), by email at [reception@manresa.ie](mailto:reception@manresa.ie), or by calling 015529448. Visit [www.manresa.ie](http://www.manresa.ie) for  
more details.

**TheWay.ie** is a new digital platform set up by the  
Irish Bishops' Conference dedicated to sharing the  
Good News and the witness of the Catholic Church  
in Ireland. It is intended to help people discover the  
faith, live the faith and pass on the faith. It is for  
both seekers and followers.

Visit [www.theway.ie](http://www.theway.ie).

#### BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

The Irish Hospice Foundation provides a free Bereavement  
Support Line. This National Freephone Service is available  
from 10am to 1pm, Monday to Friday, by calling 1800 807077.

Visit [www.hospicefoundation.ie](http://www.hospicefoundation.ie) for more information.

#### AWARE – SUPPORT & SELF CARE GROUPS

If you or those with whom you work wish to connect with people  
in relation to your mental wellbeing, consider using Aware's  
phone-in and Zoom support and self-care groups, support line or

#### PARISHES OF ATHY, MOONE & NARRAGHMORE PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2026

7 nights 4 Star Hotel Padoue 22<sup>nd</sup> June – 29<sup>th</sup> June 2026

Cost €995 pps

Spiritual Director Fr. Francis McCarthy  
Saving Club available.

Further details contact - Christopher Rowan 087 2707 182

#### VOCATIONS

Please keep our seminarians and those discerning a vocation to  
priesthood in your prayers. If you know of anyone interested in  
finding out more about becoming a priest, please ask them to  
contact the Vocations team, Fr Séamus or Fr Bill, at

[vocations@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:vocations@dublindiocese.ie) or  
[bill.oshaughnessy@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:bill.oshaughnessy@dublindiocese.ie).

Athy Parish website [www.parihofathy.ie](http://www.parihofathy.ie)

Parish Radio 107.9 fm