



THE PARISH  
OF ATHY

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



## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER 27TH APRIL 2025

### Prayer Let us pray,

God of peace, source of mercy, Plant in us seeds of tenderness and generosity that will bear fruit in the unfolding days ahead.

Water the roots of forgiveness and green the arid areas of our lives with gentle drops of compassion.

Pour your living grace into our hearts so that we can be an oasis of mercy wherever we are. We ask this through Jesus Christ. Amen.



### 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.

**Easter Dues** can be handed into the Parish Office during opening hours or put in collection bags at the weekend. *Thanks to all those who have contributed.*

Last weekend collections;

**Common:** €1,145 **Share** €876 **P. Dev.:** €304

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### READINGS Year C

**First Reading:** Act 5:12-16

**Psalm:** Ps 117: 2-4.22-27

**Second Reading:** Apocalypse 1:9-13.17-19

**Gospel:** John 20: 19-31

### Mourning for Pope Francis-Reflection

The Risen Jesus greets the disciples with wishes of peace on three occasions in the one day, according to John. The power to forgive is granted to them in their reception of the Holy Spirit. Pope Francis in *Evangelii Gaudium* (2013) wrote: "Let me say this once more: God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy ... Time and time again he bears us on his shoulders. No one can strip us of the dignity bestowed upon us by this boundless and unfailing love." This continuous affirmation of God's forgiveness has been a hallmark of this Papacy.

The Jubilee of Mercy followed in 2015 with its many graces and encouraging words.

'From the heart of the Trinity, from the depths of the mystery of God, the great river of mercy wells up and overflows unceasingly. It is a spring that will never run dry, no matter how many people draw from it. Every time someone is in need, he or she can approach it, because the mercy of God never ends.' *Misericordiae Vultus*, 22

'The Church's first truth is the love of Christ... wherever the Church is present, the mercy of the Father must be evident, in our parishes, communities, associations and movements, in a word, wherever there are Christians, everyone should find an oasis of mercy.' *Misericordiae Vultus*, 12

### PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

#### Recently Deceased:

*The Holy Father, Pope Francis,*

**Saturday 6pm Month' mind:** Tom Fennelly

**Remembrance:** Nora Mary Gallagher, Charles Pearce

**Birthday remembrance:** Edward O'Beirne, Harry & Gerry O'Beirne

#### Anniversaries:

Tony Doyle, Michael Carolan, Ellen Moloney, Tom Fogerty (1st Anniv), Patrick Joseph Fogerty, Julia Nolan, Christy 'Mutt' Myles, Kathleen & Patrick Donnolly, AC Molloy, Thomas Byrne Snr., Josephine Byrne, Thomas Byrne Jnr., Jim Lawler (7th Anniv), Norman Glynn, Cora Harkin (1st Anniv), Thomas & Margaret Flynn, Des & John Flynn, Bill & Mary Phillips, Joseph & Rose Phillips, Judy & Johnny Connell, Dec mem of Phillips & Flynn Families, Dec mem Johnson Families, Jack Kelly, Lily Cleary, Marie Bridgette, Kathleen Stynes (4th Anniv), Michael Quinn Snr., Caroline Prendergast (8th Anniv), John & Margaret Breen

#### Sunday 9am Barowhouse:

Patrick & Ellen Ryan, Carmel Haughton, Pauline Ryan

#### Sunday 10.30am:

**Birthday rem.:** Margaret & Josie Delaney

#### Anniversaries:

Tom, Syl & Brian Kelly, Pat Harris (1st Anniv), Anthony & Mary Kirwan, Christopher & Mary Cleary, Christopher & Margaret Nolan, John Dalton, James Vernal, Cora Harkin (1st Anniv), Theresa Kinsella, John Myles, John & Margaret Breen

#### Sunday 12 noon:

**Month's mind:** Tom Fennelly

**remembrance:** Nora Mary Gallagher,

**Anniversaries:** Richard 'Dickie' Kelly, Anthony & Mary Kirwan, William & Bridget Connell, Bridie Morre, Patrick Deenihan, John Mahan, Cora Harkin (1st Anniv), John & Margaret Breen

#### Monday 9.30 am:

**Birthday rem.:** Dom Moloney

**Anniversaries:** Vincent Lyne, Michael McMorrough, Seamus O'Brien, Mary 'Maisie' Kelly, Jimmy Bradbury (12th Anniv)

#### Tues. 9.30 am:

Nora Ging ( Anniv)

#### Wednes. 9.30 am:

**Birthday rem.:** Mary Jo Gray nee Mulhall

**Anniversaries:** Dierdre Reynolds nee Mulhall, Dec mem of Mulhall Family, Delia Connolly

**Thur 9.30am** Golden Book

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

### 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



### 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)

### Monster Auction

in aid of Church Fund

takes place in Athy GAA Centre on

**Sunday 11th May**

*Please support*

*See flier in church and on notice board*

**March For Life**, organised by the Pro Life Campaign which will take place on **Bank Holiday Monday, 5th May** in Dublin city centre @ **2pm**

This year, the event is being held to draw attention to the need to offer support to women in unplanned pregnancy and ensure that they are not kept in the dark about positive alternatives to abortion. At present, all roads seem to lead to abortion for any woman facing an unplanned pregnancy. For every six babies born in Ireland today, one baby has his or her life ended through abortion - a truly horrifying reality. Ireland's abortion rate has risen from 2,879 in 2018 to 10,033 in 2023, highlighting the total lack of resources and commitment to addressing women's needs.

By having a significant turnout at the March For Life, we will be in a much stronger position to push for changes at governmental level that focus on supporting women in unplanned pregnancy rather than promoting abortion.

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



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### PARISH OFFICE OPEN;

**Monday:** 2.15 pm-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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### Deaf or Hard of hearing outreach clinic

Wednes 30th April

Wednes 28th May

Kildare Town library, R51 P403

Contact

**Email:** [dublinsouth@chime.ie](mailto:dublinsouth@chime.ie)

No appointment necessary.

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## CEMETERY MASSES 2025

### St Michael's New

**TUESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> JUNE @ 7:30 PM**

### St Michael's Old

**THURSDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> JUNE @ 7:30 PM**

### BARROWHOUSE

**SUNDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> JUNE @ 9:00 aM**

### Crookstown

**SATURDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> JUNE @ 7:00 PM**

### MOONE

**SUNDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> JUNE @ 12 NOON**

### KILMEAD

**SUNDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> JUNE @ 10:30 AM**

### CHURCHTOWN

**FRIDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> JUNE @ 7:30 PM**

### KILBERRY

**THURSDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> JUNE @ 7:30 PM**

### FONTSTOWN

Date to be decided