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

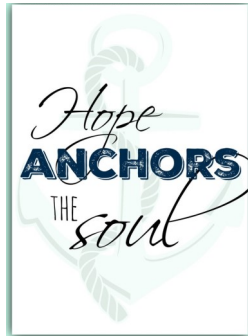


NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY 10TH 2025

Prayer

Lord Jesus, let me know
myself and know you, and
desire nothing, save only you.
Look upon me, that I may love
you. Call me, that I may see
you, and for ever enjoy you.
Amen.

St Augustine



PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

Recently Deceased:

*John Dooley, Ballynasculloge
Pat Delaney, The Bleach. Funeral arrangements later*

Sat. 6pm Vigil

Month's mind: Gabriel O'Byrne

Birthday Remembrance: Robbie Robinson, John Watchorn

Anniversaries & Remembrance:

Nancy Myles, Maureen Cunnane (8th A), Joan Smithers nee Davis, Michael 'Gunner' Connolly, Nora Mary Gallagher, Michael Scally (7th A), John Murphy, Johnny Hickey, Bridgid Byrne, Fr. Sean Conaty, John Flanagan, John & Ellen Kirwan, Chris Kirwan, Mary Desmond, Joe May, Pat Callanan, Maura Mulhall, John Anderson (5th A), Paddy & Mary Foley, Dec. mem of Foley Family, Margaret & Francis Foley, Margaret McDaid, Frank & Sarah Carolan, P.J. Bowden, Mary Luttrell

Sunday 9am Barowhouse: John O'Brien (1st A)

Sunday 10.30am: Month's mind: Billy Browne

Birthday remembrance: Robbie Robinson,

Anniversaries & Remembrance:

Ena & Kevin Riordan, Michael Joyce (Snr.), Michael 'Gunner' Connolly, Maisie Candy (1st A), Maureen Cunnane (8th A), Maura Mulhall, Patrick 'Paddy' Moran, Pat Callanan, John Anderson (5th A), Denis & Mary Ann Rowan, Patsy, Janie & Lily Rowan

Sunday 12 noon: Birthday remembrance: James Fleming

Anniversaries & Remembrance:

Nora Mary Gallagher, Michael 'Gunner' Connolly, Maureen Cunnane (8th A), Maura Mulhall, Patrick 'Paddy' Moran, Pat Callanan, John Anderson (5th A), Denis & Mary Ann Rowan, Patsy, Jamie & Lily Rowan

Monday 9.30 am: James Prendergast, Fr. Sean Conaty, Mary Desmond

Tues. 9.30 am:

Wednes. 9.30 am:

Michael 'Gunner' Connolly, James Hutchinson, Lizzie Hutchinson

Thur 9.30am:

Birthday rem: & Anniv: Ann Molloy

Anniversary: Patrick Maher

15th August Holy Day- Feast of the Assumption

Friday 9.30am:

Birthday remembrance: Patrick Nolan

Anniv: Betty Goulding, James O'Neill, Mary O'Neill (1st A)

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.

Summer Dues, Please support your priests, sick priests, and those in poorer parishes. Dues envelopes can be placed in collection bags or handed into parish office during office hours.

Friday next is as **Holy Day** of Obligation. Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady.

Mass in the Athy Parish Church Friday at 9.30am

Vigil Mass Thursday, 14th in Crookstown at 7pm

On Friday 15th Aug Mass at 9.30am in Crookstown & in Moone Church Mass at 11am.

Last Weekend Collections

P. Dev.: €578 **Common:** €1,230 **Share** €965

Thanks to all who contributed

PIGRIMAGE TO OUR LADY'S ISLAND, Wexford

Friday, 15th August 2025

Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady

**Mass, Procession, Rosary,
Confession & Adoration**

Bus departing from Parish Church at 11am
(return time 7.25pm approx.)

Pre booking essential

If you left your name at the Parish Office please follow up
as someone else may want your place.

Advanced payment required of €22 per person

CEMETERY MASS

Fr Vincent Dempsey
will celebrate Mass in
Fontstown Cemetery
on

Sunday 24th August 2025 at 3pm.

READINGS Year C

First Reading: Wisdom 18:6-9 **Psalms:** Ps.32:1.12.18-20.22

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:1-2.8-19 **Gospel:** Luke 12: 32-48

Pilgrimage to Fatima

Pilgrimage to Fatima - an escorted group pilgrimage with excursion to Eucharistic miracle of Santarém. The pilgrimage is 4 nights, flying from Dublin 10th - 14th of September 2025

Cost €799pps. Single room supplement €200.

Spiritual Director: Fr. Francis McCarthy

For further information please contact Lily O'Mara on 0863190742.

There will be no Holy Hour in the month of August.
Adoration resumption on Tuesday, 9th September.

Preparing for Marriage? Weekend residential courses available. 21-23 November 2025.

Details: www.grasta.org or at info@grasta.org

CHILD CAR SEAT SAFETY-Kildare

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CATECHETICAL CORNER – CRAW THUMPERS.

You have probably heard it said, it may even have been said to you or about you. You may even have said it yourself. It usually goes something like *'I can't stand crawl thumpers'*. Or, *'He's a real crawl thumper'*. A crawl thumper is somebody who usually goes to Mass, says their prayers, and is, outwardly at least, a good Catholic, whatever that is. But then, after Mass proceeds to live a life that is anything but good. Perhaps they talk about others, or are mean to others, or judgemental, or intolerant, or lacking compassion. The list goes on.

The phrase itself comes from the fact that as Catholics, during Holy Mass, we are supposed to strike our breast, or crawl as it is sometimes called – *'I have something stuck in my crawl'*. But why do Catholics strike their breast during Holy Mass?

Catholics strike the breast during the Confiteor ("I confess...") as a physical expression of interior repentance and humility. This gesture - done at the words "through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault" - has deep biblical and spiritual meaning.

Firstly, it is a sign of personal responsibility. The action corresponds to the triple "mea culpa" (Latin for "through my fault"), emphasising personal accountability for sin. It says: *"I acknowledge that I have sinned - no one else is to blame."*

Secondly, it is a gesture of contrition. In the Bible, striking the breast is a sign of sorrow. For example:

"But the tax collector stood at a distance... and beat his breast saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!'" (Luke 18:13) *"And all the crowds... returned home beating their breasts."* (Luke 23:48, after witnessing the death of Jesus)

Thirdly, it is a call for GOD's mercy. By striking the heart, we acknowledge that sin resides in the heart, and we beg God to cleanse and transform it, pleading with GOD for inner healing and grace.

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM), the document which details the 'mechanics' of Mass - specifies that the faithful strike their breast during the Confiteor at the words "through my fault..."

In addition, it reflects an attitude of both humility and reverence, reminding us that we approach the Eucharist not as perfect people, but as forgiven sinners in need of GOD's mercy.

The significance of this small but powerful gesture helps us to participate in the Mass more deeply, with heart and body. We are incarnate beings and we worship GOD with our body, heart, mind and soul. It is for this reason that we also, kneel, sit, stand, bow, and genuflect during Mass, so enter more fully, more reverently into the sacred mysteries. Furthermore, it helps us to recognise our need for reconciliation with God and others.

When we consider the action of striking our breast in light of all of this, perhaps being considered a 'crawl-thumper' is no bad thing.

New bus service 888 Athy-Allenwood-Athy TFI Local Link Kildare South

Via Athy Train station, Bert, Kilberry, Kildangan

Operates 7 days a week with 5 daily return services Mon- Sat and 3 return services on a Sunday.

Part of The Connecting Ireland programme and it connects the towns of Athy, Monasterevin, Rathangan, and Allenwood. This new 888 service will have many benefits for the local communities along the route providing long awaited connections between these towns. Tel: 045 980 281

Email: kildaresd@locallink.ie

Web: www.locallinkkildaresouthdublin.ie



Note Kilberry Mass Goers: Route 888 facilitates user from Kilberry to arrive in Athy for 11.44am for 12 noon Sunday Mass & departs from Athy (opposite Sam Sunderland) at 12.47pm.

Recollection Weekend

22nd - 24th August 2025 in Cluain Chiarain Prayer Centre, Clonmacnois. A retreat for adult Catholics seeking to deepen their spiritual life and grow in holiness. A time for silence, reflection and fellowship with talks from various guest speakers. €180 - all meals and accommodation provided with custom welcome pack. For more details and booking visit www.thecollect.ie

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

Phone: 059 86 38391 Email: athyparishrc@eircom.net

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

ROSARY & PRAYERS

at Our Lady of Fatima Grotto, Kilkenny Rd
every Sun at 7.30 pm. All welcome

MANRESA RETREATS

Looking to pause and reconnect with God? Manresa Jesuit Centre of Spirituality (Clontarf, Dublin) is offering the following retreats:

Oasis Day. Saturday, 16 August. Take time to pause with an Oasis Day – a gentle, one-day retreat of reflection and guided prayer, offering quiet space for prayer, rest, and renewal.

Visit www.manresa.ie for more details.

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