

ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH, ATHY

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Sun 27th January 2013
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Income: Parish Dev: €842; Share: €1101. Many thanks.

ACCORD – the diocesan agency for Marriage and the Family will hold its annual collection at all Masses next weekend 2nd/3rd Feb. It will replace the Share Collection. Accord offers: Marriage Preparation Courses; Counselling for couples and individuals experiencing relationship difficulties; and a relationship and sexuality programme in schools. Please give generously.

THE LITURGICAL READINGS:

The Gospel - After the second reading, the Minister of the Word will invite us to stand and greet or welcome the Gospel. Before the Gospel is read we sing or say the Gospel Acclamation. For most of the Church year we greet the Gospel with the word "Alleluia", a joyful song of praise. The Alleluia is followed by a verse of scripture from the Bible which reminds us of the theme of the Mass, The Gospel stories tell us about Jesus and we hear what he said to his friends and those who came to listen to him. So the Gospel is different to the other readings. It is the most important part of the Liturgy of the Word.

This Week: St Brigid's day is Friday. Crosses are available from office after Tuesday. These can be blessed on Fri, On Sat we celebrate the feast of the Presentation of the Lord. You can leave candles in the office during the week for blessing on the day.

St Blaise: The traditional blessing of throats will be given next weekend 2nd/3rd Feb at the end of all Masses.

First Communion: A *Do This in Memory* Mass will be held this Sunday at 10am (BH) and 10.30am.

Unite for Life Vigil held Sat 19th attracted almost 30,000 people. If you wish to be put in contact with a pro life group either local or national please contact the Parish Office.

Catholic Schools Week begins Sunday 27th January.

Fr Morty O'Shea will leave the parish at the end of his year of discern-

ment with the diocese – sometime in Feb. We are grateful for his time and service among us. A farewell event will be announced later.

Enrolment for Churchtown School:

Parents who wish to enrol their children for Junior Infants next Sept 2013 may do so by calling to the Office during the week of 4th - 8th Feb. Please come from 10am-2pm and bring child's State Birth cert, baptismal cert and his/her P. P. S. Number.

Athy Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place from 1st to 6th July residing at Hotel Padoue. Cost €699. Details from Maureen Ryan 05986 31987.

Eucharistic Adoration group meets at the revised time of Fri 1st Feb at 4pm in the parish office.

Diocesan Events taking place are detailed on notice board.

Temperance Sunday is the 10th Feb. Now is the time to consider what to do for Lent. If anyone would like to take the Pioneer Lenten Pledge please contact the Parish Office by 6th February.

Annual Memorial Mass for deceased civilian employees of the Defence Forces – including the Curragh Camp, Devoy Barracks Naas, Magee Barracks Kildare, and Coolmoney Camp – will take place on Fri 8th Feb at 10am in St Brigid's Church in the Curragh Camp. Relatives and friends of the deceased are invited to attend. Refreshments after Mass.

Enrich Your Faith is a day retreat taking place at Knock on Sat Feb 2nd to mark the *Year of Faith*. It is ran by the Foyers of Charity - details on the noticeboard. If there is enough interest a bus leaving at 6am will be organised. Call 086 851 6800.

Alpha Follow-up: A 9 week course entitled 'A Life Worth Living' will begin this Thu 31st. A morning session will take place in the Church of Ireland Pastoral Centre at 10am and an evening session at 8pm. Sessions last 90 minutes and include discussion and refreshments. All welcome.

Charity Bingo continues at The Hunting Ground, Athy on Mondays at 8.30pm. €1500 prize fund €800 & €350 jackpot free spot prizes. New players welcome. Transport available

– call Barry 087 687 4096. Well done everyone who helped raise €1150 for Athy Mental Health Association.

MASS SCHEDULE

Recently Deceased: Michael Kane, Kingsgrove, Timothy Scully, Oaklawn, Winifred McCrickard & Patricia O'Prey, Castlewellen, Co Down

Saturday 7pm

Month's Mind: Brigid Howe, Lil Langton, Mary Millar, Seán Doherty
Anniversaries: Kevin Dooley, Jim O'Sullivan, Michael & Stasia McLoughlin, Agnes McLoughlin, Frances, Joe & Josephine Maloney, Johnny Loughman, Marie Kirby, Jack Buckley, Frances Ellard, Margaret Wynne, Jenny Hickey.

Sunday

8.30 am: Paddy Harrington

10 am Barrowhouse:

Joe Michael Dooley (Anniversary) Brigid Howe (Month's Mind) & Lil Langton (Month's Mind)

10.30 am Share Mass

Recently Deceased: Betty Kavanagh, Patricia O'Prey, Winifred McCrickard
Anniversaries: Jeremiah Maloney, Kathleen Gibbons, Kevin Dooley, Bridie Hennessy, Noreen Moran, John Maloney, Bridget Shinkins, Jack Shinkins, Seán Shinkins, Anthony Stynes, Maureen Murphy, Nano & Ed Holt, Nan & Michael Coyne, Mary Anne, John & Joe Comerford, Mary & John Hayes, Deceased Members of Hayes Family, Bridget Kerr, Deceased Members of Comerford & Myles Families, Phil Gorman, Deceased Members of Doogue Family, Michael & Brigid Noonan, Patrick, Gertrude & Eddie Cooke, Deceased Members of Gorman & Redmond Families, Bridie, Charles & Maureen Grenwell

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Mon 9.15am:

Sr. Angela Flanagan (12th Anniv)

Tue 9.15am:

Mary Kate Byrne

Wed 9.15am: Martha Donaghy

Thu 9.15am: John Costello (2nd Ann)

Friday 9.15am: Golden Book

Saturday 11am: Noel Phelan