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CHURCH NOTICES

Tomorrow, Monday is a Bank Holiday, Mass in the Parish Church is 9.30am (not 11am)

Holy Hour today in Parish Church from 5-6pm

Vocations Sunday Notice

"The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice."

On this Good Shepherd Sunday we celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life, especially for our diocese, that God will raise up good shepherds in our midst.

Do you hear the voice of the Lord, the Good Shepherd calling you to a particular way of life?

If you think God is calling you to serve the Church as a priest or in the consecrated life, contact the National Vocations Office

email: info@vocations.ie or your local Diocesan Vocations Director.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Sunday 5TH MAY 2020

*"Let your
words teach
and your
actions speak"*

-ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

ALONE COVID 19 HELPLINE

is a supports line for older people who have concerns relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 in Ireland. Professional staff will be available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line open Monday to Friday, 8am-8pm, by calling 0818222024,

EWTN

is a catholic channel on sky. Click on TV guide, click heading Religion, then scroll down to EWTN

SUNDAY MASS ON RTE

Today, 3rd May, at 11 am

SUNDAY MASS ON KCTV

Today Sunday at 9.30 am

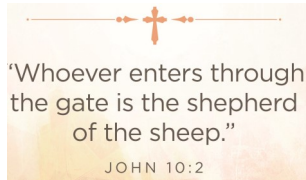
THIS SUNDAY LITURGY

Acts 2:14a, 36-41;

Psalms 23;

1 Peter 2:20b-25;

John 10:1-10



First Holy Communion 2020 postponed

All the First Holy Communion celebrations that were due to be celebrated in the Parishes of Athy, Narraghmore and Moone during the months of April and May will not go ahead on the dates planned. The First Holy Communion celebrations are postponed until after the summer holidays at least. This decision was made by the Parish Team in consultation with the School Principals. We are fully aware that this is very regrettable, especially for the children who were so looking forward to the celebration.

The First Holy Communion celebration will go ahead. When this will happen is currently out of our hands, as we are obliged to adhere to HSE guidelines for the health and safety of all concerned. When it is possible to hold gatherings again in our churches, the Parish Team intend to consult as much as possible with the schools and with the parents and, adhering to HSE guidelines, decide on when and how to proceed.

A letter from the Parish Team was sent out through the schools to all the parents/guardians of the children who will be making their First Holy Communion. If you have not received your letter, please contact your school.

We encourage all the children with their families to continue to pray and to prepare for First Holy Communion. At this time of the Coronavirus, prayer is immensely powerful, especially the prayers of children.

A group of **I.T.** people have come together from across Ireland to volunteer and offer free tech support to Irish seniors who are cocooning as a result of the Covid19. Tablets, phones, PCs, Skype, smart heating, any other smart gadgets, routers, Wifi and any other IT issues.

This is a **free** service, and as such, no-one will be asked for any personal details such as access to their bank details, cards etc. or more information :visit our website:

<https://covid19tech.ie/about/> and Twitter: @covid19_tech

PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

Recently Deceased:

Kathleen Walsh, Convent View.
Neddy Brennan, formerly Stradbally, who died in London

Saturday 6 pm:

Anniversaries:

Eddie Mulhall, Tom Kelly, Kay Murphy, Marie Johns, Eileen 'Nellie' Dooley, John Walsh (3rd Anniv), Caroline Prendergast (3rd Anniv), Anthony Bowen

10.30 am Shared Mass:

Months Mind: Nan O'Rourke

Anniversaries: James 'Jim' McEvoy, Delia & Michael Connolly, David Hoffman, Stephen Lynch, Anthony Furlong, Kathleen Fingleton, Dec. mem of Fingleton & Murphy Families, Pat Pender (36th Anniv), Cathleen O'Sullivan, Martina Kilbride, Dec. mem of Roche & McDermott Families, Jim Murphy, Tommy Donohoe, Anthony Bowen, Tommy & Kathleen Knowles, Stephen Taylor
Jack O'Rourke (Remembrance),

Mon: 9.30 am:

Mary Dempsey (Birthday Remembrance)

Tues 9.30 am:

Special Intention, Cathleen O'Sullivan (Anniv)

Wed: 9.30 am: Special Intention

Thur: 9.30 am: Golden Book

Fri: 9.30 am: Donors Intention

Although Church doors will be closed at the above Mass times, Masses will be offered for the named Intentions

If you would like your deceased loved one remembered contact the parish office number 059 86 38391 or call/text 085 1801 391 While the Covid-19 restrictions are in place please send to Parish office post to Parish Office, Parochial Hs., no1 Stanhope Place., Athy

**Mass will be broadcast on 107.9 fm radio & via streaming on parish website
www.parishofathy.ie**

CORONA VIRUS PRAYER

Compassionate and Loving Father,
In the face of confusion and concern impart to us the calm of Your presence.
In You allow us to find hope and healing.
Be with those who serve the sick and give them Your caring hands.
Be with those who lead and give them your spirit of wisdom.
Be with those who have fallen ill and give them Your comforting heart.
Wrap Your arms around our world and hold us in Your love.
Allow us at this time of trial to then serve as instruments of that love to all we meet.
We ask this in Your Name. Amen

May is the month of the Holy Rosary.

In Fatima Our Lady said
"Pray the Rosary everyday
in order to obtain
peace for the world."