

ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH, ATHY

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Office can be contacted during the following hours: Monday 2.15pm -4 pm, Tue-Fri. 9.30 am-1.30 pm. 2.15 pm -4 pm
Saturday 10.30 am-1 pm (Parish Office doors closed to the public during level 5 restrictions)

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 6th December 2020

CHURCH NOTICES

Advent is a time of preparation for Christmas, a time of waiting, conversion and of hope

MASS & RESTRICTIONS

Masses now open to the public Weekend Masses Sat Vigil 6 pm, Sunday 10.30am and 12.30 pm & 9am in Barrowhouse. Weekday Mass is at 9.30am.

Similar restrictions on gathering sizes that were in place before the lock down are in place. Weekday Mass 9.30 am with rosary prayed at 9 am available by live streaming on the Parish webcam on Parish website www.parishofathy.ie and on Parish radio 107.9 fm.

A number of restrictions will be in place - enter by one door exit by another door, with a one way system in operation. A section of the church will be opened allowing access to shrines to light a candle. Hand sanitisers are installed at all the doors-please use them. Please respect social distancing. Wear of masks is required.

Tuesday next is the **Feast of the Immaculate Conception**. Vigil Mass Monday evening in Crookstown at 7pm. Mass in Athy at 9.30 am & 7.30 pm Tuesday. Mass in Moone at 11 am. Parish Office closed Tue.

Christmas Altar List

If you would like to have your departed loved ones remembered in our Masses over the Christmas, please hand in their names to the Parish office by 1.30pm on Tuesday 22nd December in time for printing Christmas Altar List.

Area Distributors are reminded that we hope to have their bundle of Christmas timetables & Due envelopes ready from next weekend.

Last weekend; Common: €86 **Share** €68
Parish Dev: €1,320 (of which €810 were annual subscriptions)
Your contributions are very much appreciated.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Scoil Phadraig Naofa: Friday, 11th Dec 11am & 1 pm
Friday, 18th Dec 11 am & 1 pm
Kilberry: Saturday 12th December at 11 am
Gael Scoil: Saturday, 12th December, at 1 pm
Ballyroe: Thursday, 17th December, at 1 pm

SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL ANNUAL APPEAL 12th/13th December 2020

A member of SVP will speak at the Masses next weekend. You can make a donation at the door of the church. Collection boxes will be placed at the entrance and exits during Mass. You can also leave a donation into the Parish Office before next weekend. You can leave donations into the Vincent charity shop, Duke St. You can post to head office SVP House, 91-92 Sean McDermott St., Dublin 1, Freepost F3507 or donate online "Donate now" SVP. SVP society would like to thank all who donated over the years and ask again for your support.

PARISH OFFICE/SHOP

Advent candles, Children's advent calendars, 2021 calendars, Christmas cards and Mass bouquets are now in stock.

KILBERRY NATIONAL SCHOOL

Are now accepting enrolments for Sept 2021. Applications can be submitted online through website kilberryns.ie or phone the school office on 059 86 38448 or email kilberry.ias@gmail.com
Closing date for applications 8th December

Sunday, 6th December 2020

1st READING: Isaiah 40: 1-5.9-11 **PSALM** (Ps 84)
2nd READING: 2 Peter 3:8-14 **GOSPEL:** Mark 1:1-8

Please take home a copy of Newsletter

PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

Recently Deceased:

Bridie Moloney, Clonmullion
Emily McEvoy, Upper St Joseph's Tce
Mary O'Shaughnessy, Kilberry

Saturday 6 pm:

Month's mind: Mary Mulhall, Patricia Kelly, Pat McCarthy, Arsenio Alero
Anniversaries: Bridget Doyle, Dec. mem. of Doyle family, Joe & Margaret Carty, Eugene Joseph Dempsey, Fr. Ailbe O'Connor, Eilish O'Neill, Canice Bergin, Billy Delahunt, Dec. mem. of McCarthy family, Cecilia & Jack Webster, Dec. mem. of Webster & Reid families, Kathleen Cusack, Andrew & Bridget O'Brien, Thomas, Bridget, Carmel & Declan Ayres, Stephen Leonard, Dec. mem. of Leonard family, Mary & Ned Mulhall, Joe & Paul Perse, Joe, Joseph & Ger Walsh, Wayne O'Neill, Mickey & Josie Perse, Martin Casey, Cole Jones, Ken Workman, Stephen Clarke, Joe, Julia & Tom Walsh

Barrowhouse 9 am:

Peggy & Tom Phelan, Theo Davis

10.30 am Shared Mass:

Month's mind: Patricia Kelly
Anniversaries: Baby Brian Kelly, Brian & Sheila Kelly, Elizabeth & Barney Doyle, Dec. mem. of Athy G.F.C. George Higginson, Kevin & Peg Merlehan, Andrew & Bridget O'Brien, Brendan Murphy, Mary & Jim O'Mara, Jack & Margaret Murphy, John Kilfeather, Nonie Heatherley, Christy Kelly (23rd Anniv.) Angela Gallagher, Margaret Bracken,
Birthdays remembrance: Tom Heskin, Celia Fox (80th birthday rem.)

12.30 am: Month's mind:

Patricia Kelly
Anniversaries: Anne Browne (1st Anniv.), Kathleen Cusack, Christy Kelly (23rd Anniv.) Matthew Farrell, Emmet Corcoran, Mary & Patricia Donovan, Theo Davis
Rec. Dec.: Emily McEvoy, Liam Dunne

Mon: 9.30 am: George Aldridge Jnr. Jimmy McDonnell

Tues 9.30 am: Feast of the Immaculate Conception
9.30am: George Aldridge (14th Aniv.) Special Int., Margaret Peg Moran, Mary Donnelly (Birthday Rem), Joseph Bastable
7.30 pm: Mick Murphy, Margaret 'Peg' Moran

Wednes. 9.30 am: Kitty Foley, David Hammon, Dec. mem. of Hammon & De Campo Families
Thurs: 9.30 am: Nellie O'Neill (1st Anniv.) Bridie Foy (Anniv.), Michael Piert Jnr. Michael & Alice Piert, Zoltan Zinn Collis, Michael Byrne, Ann & James Mulhall

Fri. 9.30 am: Fintan Lalor, Micky & David Harris, James Haughton

Mass available on live streaming on parish website; www.parishofathy.ie & on radio 107.9 fm.

ALONE COVID 19 HELPLINE

supports for older people who have concerns our queries relating to COVID-19. Professional staff available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line will open Monday to Friday, 8am-8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

To Volunteer your help visit www.alone.ie