

## ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH, ATHY

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### CHURCH NOTICES

On 3<sup>rd</sup> May, the government announced the roadmap for reopening society and lifting Covid 19 restrictions.

According to these guidelines:-

**All churches are closed until 20<sup>th</sup> July** Phase 4, on 20<sup>th</sup> July states that 'Places of worship can be opened,' (including for Mass), 'with social distancing measures.' We are planning to open the churches for **private prayer** from **Mon. 8<sup>th</sup> June** on weekdays between 10 am-5 pm. Prior to the opening we need to clean the churches and to make them safe by implementing the HSE guidelines.

**The Parish Office is closed.** However you can contact the Parish Secretary by phoning the usual Parish Office number 059 86 38391 which is diverting to the Parish Secretary who is working from home. Or you can email the parish at [athyparishrc@eircom.net](mailto:athyparishrc@eircom.net) Letters or correspondence can be posted into the Parochial House.

If you want **Mass Intentions or anniversaries** prayed for, you can contact the Parish Secretary. If you wish to have a Mass card for those who are deceased or a Mass bouquet for the living, we can arrange to post these out to you.

All those who had **baptisms or weddings** booked before this date have been contacted and these ceremonies have been postponed. Phase 5 on 10<sup>th</sup> August, will allow some larger social gatherings, such as weddings, to take place. These will be restricted to the risks involved.

All **First Holy Communions** have been postponed until after the summer holidays. A letter from the Parish Team has been sent out through the schools. If you are a parent or guardian of a child who was due to receive their First Holy Communion and did not receive this email from the school, please contact your school.

**Funerals** The current restrictions will remain in place. Funerals, including those who died Covid 19 positive, can hold a funeral Mass in church. Attendance at funerals is kept to a max of 10 people-and only members of the household, close family or close friends. Social distancing and hand hygiene guidelines are adhered to. Phase Two which is on 8<sup>th</sup> June, allows a slightly larger number of people to attend funerals. This number will be announced closer to 8<sup>th</sup> June. A moving tribute to the deceased is when extended family, neighbours and friends line the route respecting social distancing. This is such a show of support to the family of the deceased.

### TROCAIRE BOX DONATIONS

can returned by posted to Trócaire, Maynooth, Co. Kildare  
by phone 1850 408 408 (ROI)  
See: Online at [www.trocaire.org](http://www.trocaire.org)

### ASCENSION SUNDAY Sunday 24TH MAY 2020

#### FIRST READING Acts 1: 1-11

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 46:2-3, 6-9

God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast. or Alleluia!

#### SECOND READING Ephesians 1: 17 - 23

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**  
Alleluia, alleluia! Go, make disciples of all the nations; I am with you always; yes, to the end of time. Alleluia

#### GOSPEL (Year A) Matthew 28:16-20

#### Scripture Summer School 2020

takes place this year online. The topic is "Vision 2020: Faith into the Future." 6 presentations on your chosen topic. The School this year is spread over two weeks, to allow time to "attend" to the pre-recorded Zoom lectures at your leisure. In the week June 22-26, there will be four live Zoom conferences for Q+A and further discussion. The cost per household is €40. To register, all you do is send email to [komahonyl@icloud.com](mailto:komahonyl@icloud.com) make the payment on line.

#### ALONE COVID 19 HELPLINE

ALONE has launched a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. Since ALONE launched the COVID-19 Coronavirus helpline for older people in March, they have received more than 18,000 calls from older people who need support, advice, or sometimes just reassurance. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

**EWTN** catholic channel on sky. click on TV guide, religion, then scroll down to EWTN.  
**Sunday Mass on KClr** at 9.30 am

### PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

#### Recently Deceased:

Josie Fennelly, Willsgrove

#### Saturday 6 pm:

**Months Mind:** Robert Parry, Kathleen Walsh

#### Anniversaries:

Connie Stafford, Kathleen & Steve Stevens, Bernadette 'Bernie' Tierney, Teresa Campbell (1st Anniv) Kathleen Eaton, Stefen Clarke Perse, Thomas & Julia Nolan, Elizabeth Moran, Angela Kelly, Dec mem of Nolan & Phillips Families, Mick English, Denis Timpson, Jer Whelan, Anthony O'Sullivan, Hester & Joseph May & Patricia Fennelly, Bridget Malone, Intention & Staff in St. Anne's Ward, & all patients & staff in St. Vincent Hospital, Athy

#### 10.30 am Shared Mass:

#### Anniversaries:

Catherine & Michael Renehan, Thomas & Julia Nolan, Elizabeth Moran, Angela Kelly, Dec mem of Nolan & Phillips Families, Patrick Robinson, Seamie Hempenstall, Mary Leahy, Hester & Joseph May & Patricia Fennelly, Michael Doogue

**Mon: 9.30 am:** Kathleen Eaton (12th Anniv.)

#### Tues 9.30 am:

Patrick Aldridge (Birthday Remembrance)  
George Aldridge (Remembrance)  
Marie Rainsford, Michael Rainsford Jnr.  
Special Intention (Someone ill)

**Wed: 9.30 am:** John Moore (Anniv)

#### Thur: 9.30 am:

#### Fri: 9.30 am:

Pat Fenelon, Bridie & Joe Dunne  
Martin Donohoe (50th Anniversary) Mary Foley (Remembrance)

**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 text 085 1801 391.

While the Covid-19 restrictions are in place please send post for Parish Office, to Parochial Hs., no1 Stanhope Place., Athy

**Mass is celebrated every weekday at 9.30 am.**

**Rosary** will be prayed on Monday, Wednes & Fri. at 9.00 am.



There will be a Holy Hour on Tuesdays and Thursdays including Rosary, after the 9.30 am Mass.

Mass is **broadcast** on 107.9 fm radio & via streaming on parish website [www.parishofathy.ie](http://www.parishofathy.ie)

#### On line Retreat Days Lough Derg

Join the Lough Derg team during the month of May for on line retreat on [www.loughderg.live](http://www.loughderg.live)  
Retreats will be held on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> & Wednes 27<sup>th</sup> May from 10:30am to 2:40pm each day.