

## ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH, ATHY

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### THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER Sunday 26th April 2020

**Praying for our Frontline Workers:** Next Thursday at 7pm the Parishes of Athy, Narraghmore & Moone will hold a prayer service for our frontline workers. This prayer service will be streamed on Parish Social Media and on the Athy Parish Website via the Webcam. Please join us spiritually, as we thank and offer prayerful support to all those who are working to keep us safe and supplied with the necessities of life

### First Holy Communion 2020 postponed

All the First Holy Communions 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 Communions 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.

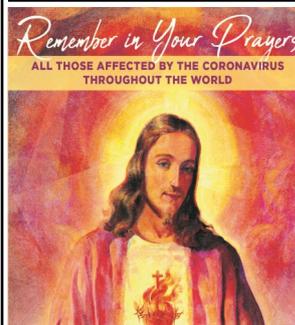
### FR FRANK CAFFREY C.S.Sp RIP

Fr Frank Caffrey was a curate in the Parish of Athy from 1996 to 2003. He died in Kimmage Manor in Dublin on 14<sup>th</sup> April. Fr Frank was ordained a Holy Ghost Father in 1963. His first mission was to Nigeria where he experienced the ravages of the Civil War and the consequent famine in Biafra. He worked with colleagues in relief work until they were arrested, imprisoned, and deported. He was sent to Kenya where he was based in Mombasa, teaching, and serving nine outstations. After thirteen years of his mission in the Kenyan capital of Nairobi, for health reasons he returned to Ireland where a year later, in 1996 he appointed to the Parish of Athy. He is well remembered as a quiet, friendly good-natured priest. After seven years in Athy, he was appointed to Bayside Parish in North Dublin. He was later sent to the Spiritan Provincial House where he was the Bursar. He returned to Kimmage Manor where he lived until his death on 14<sup>th</sup> April. We pray for the repose of this soul and for his sisters, May and Rita, his brother Brendan, his extended family, and his Spiritan Community. May he rest in Peace

### 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,



### Emmaus story.

“And it happened that, while [Jesus] was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight”

See Luke 24:13-35

**Luke's account of the disciples on the road should speak to us today in a special way: one of the big challenges for us is handing on the faith, helping people encounter the Risen Lord.**

**The challenge is deeply felt by grandparents and parents, by all in ministry and by catechists. We all know that our faith is not first of all a book of doctrines or worse a 'deposit'; it is rather a way and an encounter. Easter faith is the very topic explored by the Emmaus story.**  
Fr. Kieran O'Mahony OSA [www.tarsus.ie](http://www.tarsus.ie)

### PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

#### Recently Deceased:

*Robert Parry*, Ardrew Meadows,  
*Elizabeth 'Betty' Watchorn nee Fenelon*, Bert Lodge, *John Dunne*, Duke St.  
*Gerald Moriarity*, Leinster St.  
*Fr. Francis Caffrey C.S.Sp*, Kimmage Manor, former Curate in Athy, who died in Dublin.  
*Fr. Philip O'Driscoll*, Blackrock,  
*Mairead Dennehy nee O'Sullivan*, Cabinteely (Sister in Law of Fr. Philip Dennehy)  
*Kathleen Walsh*, Convent View. Funeral Mass in the Parish Church at 11 am tomorrow, Monday. Followed by burial in St. Michael's New Cemetery.

#### Saturday 6 pm:

**Months Mind:** Noreen Whelan, Betty Collins

#### Anniversaries:

James Roycroft, Danny Flanagan, Attracta Kenny, Christy 'Mutt' Myles, Desmond Flynn, Thomas, Margaret & John Flynn, Dec. Johnson & Flynn & Phillips Families, Nan Davis, Tom Davis, Ger Davis, Jane Davis, May Murray, Mollie & Eddie Walshe, Seamus McEvoy, James 'Jim' McEvoy, Mary Hayes, John & Margaret Breen, Peggy Hicks, Peg English, Kitty O'Meara, Special Intention for some one seriously ill

#### 10.30 am Shared Mass:

#### Anniversaries:

John Cosgrave, Seamus McEvoy, James 'Jim' McEvoy, Pat Nolan, John Lynam, John, Margaret Breen & Peggy Hicks

#### Birthday Remembrance: Michael Ryan

Special intention for some one seriously ill

#### Mon: 9.30 am:

Staff & patients in St. Vincent's,  
Special Intention

#### Tues 9.30 am:

Bernadette Dunne, Dec mem. of Dunne Family

**Wed: 9.30 am:** Lar Harrington, John Lynam

#### Thur: 9.30 am:

Deirdre Mulhall Reynolds

#### Fri: 9.30 am:

Altar List of the Dead

**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 send Parish office post to Parish Office, Parochial Hs., no1 Stanhope Place., Athy

### 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**