

ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH, ATHY

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Opening Hours: Monday 2.15 -4 pm, Tue-Wednes. 9.30 am-1.30 pm & 2-4 pm
Thursday & Friday 9.30 -1.30pm. Saturday 10.30 am-1 pm

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY 26th JULY 2020

Church notices

Public Mass with congregations has returned

Following HSE guidelines, 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 private prayer and access to shrines to light a candle.

Hand sanitisers are installed at all the doors-please use them.

Please respect social distancing.

At present only 97 people maximum will be allowed in to Athy Church This will be on a first come first served basis. Everyone else is invited to attend Mass in their cars or in the car park tuning in the Parish radio or watching live streaming on mobile phones. Holy Communion will be brought outside.

Saturday Mass will be at the usual time of 6 pm.

Sunday Masses will 10.30 am and 12.30 pm. The later time of 12.30 pm is to allow sufficient time for cleaning and sanitising of the church. Mass in Barrowhouse is at 9 am.

Mass is celebrated every weekday at 9.30 am. Rosary will be prayed at 9 am in St. Michael's Church, Athy. Parish Church will be open until 5 pm every weekday.

Cemetery Masses

It is with regret that it has been decided to cancel all cemetery Masses This summer. This is due to the current government guidelines on Covid-19 limiting outdoor gatherings to 200 people and also accepting the difficulty of social distancing of two meters, even in a cemetery. We hope to proceed with the usual November blessings of the graves subject to government guidelines.

Baptisms

The Parish is now taking bookings for baptisms.

Baptisms take place in Athy on 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month at 2.30 pm starting in August. Because of the number of Baptisms that were postponed the parish will take bookings for extra Sundays if necessary. Because of Covid-19 restrictions, there will be only 4 babies baptized per ceremony. Each family allowed to bring 12 people. There will be no Baptism preparation meetings. A member of the Baptism team will make telephone contact prior to the Baptisms. For Baptisms in Barrowhouse please contact the Parish Office.

The Parish Office/shop opening hours

Parish Office normal opening hours are posted on the office door & top of this page.

Contributions

Thanks to all who have contributed recently your donations are gratefully appreciated. Some parishioners may be in a position to make up for, or part of, the 16 weekends for which the Church could not take up collections. Parish Office has envelopes from the diocese for **Share and Common Fund collections**. You can make your donation at weekend Masses or into the Parish Office.

For **Parish Development Fund** You can contribute in any envelope with you contribution number or your name and address on it.

Last weekend's collections;

Common: €970 Share: €377 Athy Parish Dev: €1,305

ALONE COVID 19 HELPLINE

supports for older people who have concerns relating to the outbreak of COVID-19(Coronavirus) in Ireland. Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary.

The support line will open Monday to Friday, 8am-8pm, by calling 0818222024,

PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

Recently Deceased:

Bernard Barney Whelan, formerly Gouleyduff & St. Josephs.

Christopher Walsh, Kilminchy, Portlaoise late of Paic Bhríde

Paula Core, Carlow

Charlie Holohan, Kent, formerly of St. Joseph's Tce.

Saturday 6 pm:

Month's mind: Mary Cannon, Sean Mullin

Anniversaries:

May & Bobby Batchelor, James Prendergast, Gay Coffey, Paddy & Hanora Deere, Pat Deere, Rosann Price, Esther Pender (anniv. & birthday rem.)

9 am Barrowhouse:

John & Margaret Grufferty, Peggy Lawlor, Dec. members of Lawlor & Carroll families, Christy Barry,

10.30 am Shared Mass:

Anniversaries:

Esther Pender (anniv. & birthday rem.), Christy Barry, Paul Fleming, Mary Fallon, Maureen Poole nee Mulhall

12.30 Noon: Mary Reeves, Kathleen Cullen, Eileen Ostogic, Deceased members of Harran & Sheehan families

Mon: 9.30 am: Patrick Smyth, Jeremiah & Ellen Quinn, Dec mem of Quinn Family, William & Ellen Flynn, Dec. members of Flynn Family, Special Intention

Tues 9.30 am: Special Intention

Wed: 9.30 am:

Thur: 9.30 am:

May & Bobby Batchelor, Claire Dunne, Maeve Smyth

Birthday remembrance: Anne Browne, Ronan Friel, Carrie Robinson, Frank Webb

Fri: 9.30 am: Paddy Cahill (birthday rem.)

Mass available on live streaming on Parish website; www.parishofathy.ie
Also available on radio 107.9 fm

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Meetings return 14th August between 10-11am
All welcome to join for a cup of tea & chat in the Parish Pastoral centre

ACCORD DUBLIN

preparation courses for couples in the diocese via Zoom. For more information contact Ichambers@accordublin.ie

Readings, Sunday, 25th July

FIRST READING:

1 Kings 3:5,7-12

R.PSALM:

Ps.118:57 72, 76-77 127-130

SECOND READING:

Romans 8: 28-30

GOSPEL: Mathew 13: 44-52