

# ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH, ATHY, 11<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2021



THE PARISH  
OF ATHY

Comprising the Faith Communities of:  
ST MICHAEL'S, ATHY  
&  
ST MARY'S, BARROWHOUSE

## NEWSLETTER

15<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus summoned the Twelve

Mark 6:7

### PRAYER

Flood our hearts and lives with love,  
lavish your grace upon us, that we may  
open our lips and praise your name.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.  
Fr. K O'Mahony OSA

Mass available  
on live streaming  
Parish website:  
[www.parihofathy.ie](http://www.parihofathy.ie)  
& on radio 107.9fm.

Readings 11<sup>th</sup> July '21

**1st Reading:** Amos 7:12-15

**Psalm:** 84

**2nd Reading:** Ephesians 1:3-14

**Gospel:** Mark 6:7-13

## CHURCH NOTICES

### Weekend Mass times:

**Athy Church:** Sat. 6 pm Vigil, 10.30 am & 12.30 pm,

**Barrowhouse:** 9 am

**Weekday Mass** in Athy parish is at 9.30 am preceded at 9 am with  
rosary. (Churches open with congregations)

The capacity of 50 people in one pod is to be adhered to.

The government guidelines allow for a capacity of greater than 50  
where the size of the premises makes it possible.

The capacity of Athy church is 90.

### Collections last weekend:

P. Dev €834 Common €865 Peter's Pence €872

*Thanks to all who contributed.*

## PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

### RECENTLY DECEASED:

#### Saturday 6pm Vigil:

#### Anniversaries:

Bobby & Rita Flood, Dec. mem of Flood &  
O'Callaghan families, Elizabeth Kavanagh  
Anna O'Keeffe, Paul Stynes, Ned & Maura  
Farrell, Eddie & Una Purcell, Andrew &  
Bridget O'Brien, Martina Cambie,  
Winnifred Byrne, Elizabeth Carroll,  
Kathleen O'Keeffe, Jane & Robbie Reid,  
Dec mem of Reid & Foley Family, Ellie  
Barry, Nancy O'Connor, Stephen & John  
Leonard, Thomas & Brigid Ayres, Carmel  
& Declan Ayres

**Birthday Remembrance:** John Harris

**9 am Barrowhouse:** John & Gerry Howe

#### 10.30 am Shared Mass

**Anniversaries:** Elizabeth Kavanagh,  
William 'Wag' O'Keeffe, Paul Stynes,  
Jane & Robbie Reid, Dec mem of Reid &  
Foley Family, Kay Byrne, Mai, Georgie &  
Betty O'Mara, Ellie & Willie Kavanagh

**Birthday Remembrance:** Olive Harte

#### 12.30 pm

#### Anniversaries:

Billy Owens, Eddie & Una Purcell,  
Jacqueline Carthy, Special Intention for  
'Faith on Fire'

**Mon. 9.30 am:** Billy Owens (1st Anniv.)

Patrick Troute, Moyra Kenny nee Perse,

**Tues 9.30 am:** Special Intention, Martina

Cambie, Donor's Intention

**Wednes. 9.30am:** Vincent Johnson, Danny

Foy, Michael Smyth, Donors Intention

**Thurs. 9.30 am:** Josie Dayton (1st Anniv.)

Elizabeth Kavanagh

**Fri. 9.30 am:** Ken Crowe, Dora Pearce,

Rose Davis, Ellen Kelly

## HOLY HOUR

takes place in St. Michael's Church each Tuesday from 2:00pm-3:00pm

*All welcome*



## AWARE-SUPPORT & SELF CARE GROUPS

Provide support, coping skills  
and information, most  
importantly help people who  
are in distress to know they  
are not alone in their  
experience.

More information on  
[www.aware.ie](http://www.aware.ie)

## ALONE

Manage a national support  
line  
and additional supports for  
older people who have  
concerns or are facing  
difficulties relating to  
COVID-19. Professional staff  
are available to answer  
queries and give advice and  
reassurance where  
necessary.

The support line is open  
seven days a week,  
8 am-8 pm  
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## PARISH OFFICE/SHOP

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### Call in during the following hours:

Monday - 2.15pm - 4 pm,

Tue - Wednes. 9.30 -1.30 & 2 - 4pm

Thur. & Fri 9.30 - 1.30 pm.

Sat. 10.30 am - 1pm

Archbishop Farrell has established a  
Task Force called Building Hope.

On the Diocesan website –  
[www.dublindiocese.ie](http://www.dublindiocese.ie),

there is a short video message from the  
Archbishop encouraging as many  
people as possible to contribute and to  
have your say by 18<sup>th</sup> July.

You can also access it through our own  
parish website: [www.parihofathy.ie](http://www.parihofathy.ie).

If you have questions please contact  
Natasha, Pastoral Worker.

### TASK FORCE PRAYER

Pilgrim God, we seek your way of  
loving kindness to walk together as  
one family.

Stay with us as we aim to follow  
in the footsteps of your son.

May your Spirit sow seeds of hope  
and new life deep within us as  
we journey. Amen

EUCCHARISTIC  
ADORATION



**HOLY HOUR**  
in St. Mary's  
Church,  
Barrowhouse  
every Tuesday  
from 7- 8 pm  
All welcome

**EIST CANCER SUPPORT CENTRE**

continues to provide emotional & practical help to anyone affected by cancer, their families and carers.  
For more details please contact 0858661499 or email [info@eistcarlowcancersupport.ie](mailto:info@eistcarlowcancersupport.ie).

**PATHWAYS**

Is a two-year, one evening a week, Adult Faith Development course on Thursday evenings. Run by the Archdiocese of Dublin in DCU St. Patrick's Campus (MDCCE), Drumcondra Road.  
Late Sept - May 7 pm-9.30pm  
Application now open for Sept.'21  
Early Application advised.  
Contact *Pathways* Director Eileen Houlahan at 01 8087594 or [pathways@dublindioocese.ie](mailto:pathways@dublindioocese.ie).



We are very aware of the distress, disappointment and even anger that has been caused by the latest postponement of the celebration of the sacraments.

While we await further guidance from diocesan and civic authorities we are sadly postponing baptisms on a rolling week by week basis, in the hope that we can return to celebrating with you as soon as possible.

Those who have requested the Sacrament of Baptism for their child will be contacted by the parish to keep them informed of what is happening.

We thank you for your patience and understanding that this is beyond our control.

**VOCATIONS**

Anyone interested in finding out more about being a priest, Contact: Fr. Séamus or Fr. Bill, from Vocations Team at: [vocations@dublindioocese.ie](mailto:vocations@dublindioocese.ie)

**Wisdom of the Saints**

**"He should first show them in deeds rather than words all that is good and holy."**  
*Saint Benedict*

St Benedict was born at Norcia around 480 AD. After attending 'primary' schools, Benedict went to Rome to broaden his knowledge of literature and law. Unhappy with the lifestyle of his peers and by Rome's difficult political situation, he retired to Affile with a group of priests. At Affile, St Benedict worked his first miracle, restoring to perfect condition an earthenware wheat sifter which had been accidentally broken. The notoriety which this miracle brought drove Benedict to withdraw further from social life. He took shelter in a cave in the ruins of Nero's village, near Subiaco, where he began to live as a hermit. Immersed in solitude, his only contact with the outside world was with a monk called Romanus, whose monastery was nearby. He gave Saint Benedict a monk's habit and provided for his spiritual and material needs. Three solitary years followed. Some shepherds befriended Benedict. They began to follow his teachings and the pastoral and apostolic principles of the Benedictine Order took root. After founding twelve communities of monks at Subiaco, Italy, St Benedict traveled to Montecassino where he established a monastery and wrote "*The Rule*." This simple set of guidelines for how the life of a monk should be lived has become one of the most influential works in all of Western Christendom. Montecassino would become the most famous abbey in continental Europe. Under Benedict's direction, the old acropolis-sanctuary was turned into a monastery. He built a chapel dedicated to St John the Baptist, while the temple of Apollo itself became an oratory for the monks which was dedicated to St Martin of Tours. At Montecassino he displayed prodigious activity. He established a monastic order. He miraculously supplied the monastery with flour and oil in its time of need and displayed the gift of prophecy. St Benedict devoted himself to evangelizing the local population who practiced pagan worship. St Benedict died on March 21<sup>st</sup> 547, his feast day is July 11<sup>th</sup> and he is venerated as the Patron Saint of Europe. **St Benedict - PRAY FOR US.**

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**THE ART OF COMPASSION** There is an ancient saying from the East:  
*"You can search the whole world over, and you will never find anyone more worthy of your love than the one sitting here, yourself"*

The compassion journey begins very close to home with the self and the circle of compassion is not complete without including the self. It is hard to talk about compassion without talking about mindfulness, because they are intertwined like the two wings of a bird. When we learn to practice mindfulness, we learn to deeply listen to ourselves, our lives and to the world. We develop wisdom.

With compassion our heart opens and we lean towards difficulties and challenges within ourselves but also other people. A special 5-week course, starting Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> August- 20th September 2021 from 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm  
**ONLINE For Info: [claire@sanctuary.ie](mailto:claire@sanctuary.ie)**

**JOBSEEKERS**

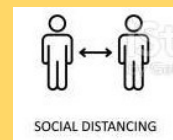
Kildare Local Employment Service is currently offering a free service via telephone, email and video calls to job seekers who are unemployed or in part time employment and wishing to upskill or return to the work force. Now offering online training in manual handling which is free to registered clients. Help with funding towards training, referral to training courses and employment initiatives. (eligibility criteria applies, phone your local office) register online at <https://www.cokildareles.ie/online-registration/> or send a WhatsApp or text message to Teresa at 0877646794 or email [teresacave@cokildareles.ie](mailto:teresacave@cokildareles.ie) Phone: Athy: 059 8632685

Please;

-Wear face masks.

-Hand sanitise on entering the church

-Respect social distancing



-Remain in your pod and not move from one pod to another

-enter by one door and exit by another, following the stewards directions.

**Newsletter** can be brought home as one use only is allowed or see newsletter posted on parish website [www.parihofathy.ie](http://www.parihofathy.ie)