



THE PARISH
OF ATHY

Comprising the Faith Communities of:

ST MICHAEL'S, ATHY

&

ST MARY'S, BARROWHOUSE



NEWSLETTER 25TH JULY 2021

PRAYER

O God, you open wide your hand, giving us food in due season. Out of your never-failing abundance, satisfy the hungers of body and soul and lead all peoples of the earth to the feast of the world to come. We make our prayer through your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

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Mass
available on live
streaming on
Parish website:
www.parihofathy.ie
&
on radio 107.9fm.

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or
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on parish website
www.parihofathy.ie

17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1st Reading: 2 Kings 4:42-44

Psalm: 144

2nd Reading: Ephesians 4:1-6

Gospel: John 6: 1-15

PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

Recently Deceased:

David Tully, Rheban Manor.

Thomas 'Tos' Quinn, Carlow Rd.

Liam Hughes, Woodstock St.

Noleen Whelan, Ballinree, Barrowhouse

Edward O'Keefe, formerly Dooley's Tce, who died in New Zealand

Saturday 6pm Vigil:

Month's mind: Dan Harrington, (Dublin)

Mary Conway

Anniversaries:

Clare Daly, John Leonard, Annie & Michael

Tuohy, Honoura Deere, Paddy Deere,

Deceased members of Deere family, Jim

Prendergast, Gay Coffey, Eddie & Mollie

Walsh, Bridget Bolger, Catherine Bergin,

Roseanne Price, Judy Mahon, Peggy Hicks,

John & Margaret Breen, Patricia & Niall

Fennelly, Christy Barry, Esther Pender (5th

Anniv. & Birthday remembrance)

Pat Leggett, Tom & Edith O'Connor

9 am Barrowhouse:

Clare Daly (5th Anni.), Christy Barry

10.30 am Month's mind: Harry Mulhall

Anniversaries:

Paddy Bergin, John Leonard, Rosann Price,

Seamus Keogh, Mick Connell, Hugh Owens,

Annie & Michael Tuohy, Peggy Hicks, John

& Margaret Breen, Margaret & George

Robinson, Liam Robinson, Mary Fallon nee

Hickey, Mary Fallon nee Hickey, Christy

Barry

12.30 pm Month's mind: Mary McMahon

Anniversaries: Paul Fleming, Dan Meany,

Deceased members of Meany family, John &

Annie Nolan, Deceased members of Nolan

family, Dec. members of Connolly family,

Mary Reeves, Teresa & Michael Nolan,

Christy Barry

Mon. 9.30 am: Special Intention

Tues 9.30 am: Patrick Smyth,

Rec. Dec: Edward O'Keefe,

Wednes. 9.30am:

Esther Pender (Anniv. & Birthday rem)

Thurs. 9.30 am: Carrie Robinson, Frank

Webb, Anne King, Maureen Poole nee

Mulhall (7th Anniv.)

Fri. 9.30 am: Claire Dunne, Maeve Smyth,

Paddy & Betty Brennan, Edward & Margaret

Brennan, Tony & John Brennan

Birthday rem: Ronan Friel

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 Athy church is 90 spread over pods of 3 following government guidelines.

Parish Office will be closed Saturday next 31st July.

Monday 2nd August is a Bank Holiday Parish office will be closed and will reopen Tuesday 3rd August with normal hours.

Holy Hour takes place in St. Michael's Church each Tuesday from 2:00pm-3:00pm. Spend an hour in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. We are looking for volunteers to lead the holy hour each week. *All welcome*

Collections last weekend: P. Dev €645 Common €870 Share €395
Thanks to all who contributed.



Pope Francis has established a
World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly,
which will take place today on the theme 'I am with you always' (Mt 28:20).
A great opportunity for younger people to visit their local church and spend
some time in prayer or perhaps light a candle for a grandparent or elderly
friend or relative.

A video of Pope Francis message for the first World Day for Grandparents
and the Elderly can be viewed at <https://youtu.be/bFUSwj3fjLA>

DUBLIN ARCHDIOCESE - BUILDING HOPE TASK FORCE

The Consultation form is now closed

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the work of the Task Force

PRAYER FOR THE FIRST WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

I thank You, Lord,
for the comfort of Your presence:
even in times of loneliness,
You are my hope and my confidence,
You have been my rock and my fortress since my youth!

I thank You for having given me a family
and for having blessed me with a long life.
I thank You for moments of joy and difficulty,
for the dreams that have already come true in my life and for
those that are still ahead of me.
I thank You for this time of renewed fruitfulness to which You
call me.

Increase, O Lord, my faith,
make me a channel of your peace,
teach me to embrace those who suffer more than me,
to never stop dreaming
and to tell of your wonders to new generations.

Protect and guide Pope Francis and the Church,
that the light of the Gospel might reach the ends of the earth.
Send Your Spirit, O Lord, to renew the world,
that the storm of the pandemic might be calmed,
the poor consoled and wars ended.

Sustain me in weakness
and help me to live life to the full
in each moment that You give me,
in the certainty that you are with me every day,
even until the end of the age.

Amen.



ALONE
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.

**COMMON & SHARE
FUND**
If you are making a contribution
to the Share and Common fund
and would like your contribution
included in your contribution
receipt at the end of the year,
You can use the
Share/Common Fund envelopes
provided in the church.
Please write your name and
address or your parish env.
reference number.
Thanks for your contributions

**EIST
CANCER SUPPORT CENTRE**
provide emotional &
practical help to anyone affected by
cancer,
their families and carers.
For more details please contact
0858661499 or email
info@eistcarlowcancersupport.ie.

THE SANCTURY
offer
programmes for individuals includes:
-MBSR with Claire.
Starts: Monday, 6th September 2021,
7.00pm-9.30pm. This is the
8-week Mindfulness Based Stress
Reduction course.
enquiries@sanctury.ie

THE LOUGH DERG PILGRIM PATH
The Lough Derg Pilgrim Path
on the lough shore is now open daily.
The full route is a 12km loop, with a shorter 8km option, and several
information boards highlight features of particular interest.
Leaflets are available at the Visitors Centre. A guided walk experience will
be offered on Sunday 25th and Saturday 31st July,
with Mass outdoors, weather permitting.
Further dates for these guided walks will follow for late August and early
September. For bookings and further information
email info@loughderg.org or telephone 071 9861518.
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HOLY HOUR
in St. Mary's Church,
Barrowhouse
every Tuesday from 7– 8 pm
All welcome

VOCATIONS
Archbishop Farrell asks for people
and priests to pray regularly for
Vocations to the Priesthood and
Religious Life. The need is great,
so let's answer God's call and
"Pray the Lord of the harvest to send
labourers into his harvest".
Anyone interested in finding out
more about being a priest, can
contact:
Fr. Séamus or Fr. Bill,
vocations@dublindiocese.ie

**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

Please;

- Wear face masks.
- Hand sanitise on entering the church
- Respect social distancing



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.