



THE PARISH  
OF ATHY

Comprising the Faith Communities of:

ST MICHAEL'S, ATHY

&

ST MARY'S, BARROWHOUSE



## NEWSLETTER 8TH AUGUST 2021

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



### 19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**1st Reading:** Kings 19: 4-8

**Psalm:** Psalm 33

**2nd Reading:** Ephesians 4:30

**Gospel:** John 6: 41-51

### PRAYER

God our Father and provider, whose Son has given his flesh for the life of the world, sustain your pilgrim Church on its journey with the word of life and the bread of heaven. Draw us nearer to him in whose name we gather, that, following his way of sacrificial love, we may come to the banquet of eternal life. Grant this through your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen

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### PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

#### Recently Deceased:

*Breda Harris nee Comerford*, Kilberry.

*Jim Cleary*, Dublin

*Andy Grufferty*, England, formerly Ashville, Athy died 4th August

*Maureen Cullen*, Burtown Big, Athy

*Ger Mulhall*, England & formerly of

Wills Grove, Athy, Funeral Mass next

Saturday at 11am in St Michael's Church followed by burial of ashes to St. Michael's New cemetery.

#### Saturday 6pm Vigil:

##### Anniversaries:

Paddy & Bridget Redmond, Joseph Redmond, Michael Scally, Joseph May, Kevin Hamilton, Debbie Harris, Harry & Mary Foley, Kathleen & William Lynch, Dec members of Lynch Family, Mary Heydon, Bridget Conway, John Murphy, Dec. mem. of Murphy family, Denis & Mary Ann Rowan, Dec. mem. of Rowan family, Bob Dowling, Theresa & John O'Sullivan, Bernie Reddan, Sean King, Fr. Sean Conaty, Monica Pierce, Dec friends of Athy Young at Heart

**Birthday Remembrance:** Norman Glynn

#### 9 am Barrowhouse:

John & Margaret Grufferty

#### 10.30 am Month's mind: Teddy Kelly

**Rec. Deceased:** Gerry & Harry O'Beirne

**Anniversaries:** Ena & Kevin Riordan, Michael Joyce Snr., Paddy & Bridget Redmond, Joseph Redmond, Brigid & John Moore, Ned Moore, James & Eileen O'Neill, Pat Callanan, Anne Malone, Bridget Malone, Patrick Malone

**Birthday Remembrance:** Maggie Cahill, Robbie Robinson

**12.30 pm Anniversaries:** Rena Dobbyn, Denis & Mary Ann Rowan, Dec. mem. of Rowan family

**Mon. 9.30am:** Fr. Ross McCauley, Larry Foy, Ellen & Joseph Bergin, David Bach, Thanksgiving

**Birthday Remembrance:** Josie Dayton

**Tues 9.30am:** Thanksgiving to all who sympathised with the family of Ursula Hyde on their bereavement. Special Intention

**Wednes. 9.30 am:** James Prendergast, Denis & MaryAnn Rowan, Dec. mem. of Rowan family, Fr. John Conaty,

**Month's mind:** Donal Butler (Carlow)

**Thurs. 9.30 am:** Ruby Kane, Special Intention

**Fri. 9.30 am:** Maureen Cunnane, Patrick Maher, Special Intention

### 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.

**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. €629 Common €715 Share €390  
*Thanks to all who contributed.*

### FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATIONS IN PARISH OF ATHY, NARRAGHMAORE AND MOONE

Archbishop Dermot Farrell has given the go ahead for First Communion and Confirmation to be held in the Diocese of Dublin.

Last June, before the primary schools closed for the summer holidays the Parish Team of Athy,

Narraghmore and Moone in consultation with the primary schools, decided to postpone both First Communion and Confirmation until the Autumn, after the schools reopened.

This decision was taken primarily because of the uncertainty of what the government/HSE Covid 19 restrictions would be during the school holidays. A letter was emailed to all parents/guardians of the First Holy Communion and Confirmation classes in the ten primary schools in the parishes of Athy, Narraghmore and Moone.

There is no change to this decision as agreed by the Parish and schools. The Parish Team and schools will meet in early September to plan the dates for both sacraments.

We are looking forward to celebrating these ceremonies with the children and their families in the autumn in adherence with whatever the government guidelines will be at that time.





### ANNUAL SUMMER FESTIVAL

is happening 13th –15th August.  
This year the Youth 2000 Summer Festival will take place both ONLINE and IN PERSON  
The festival is primarily taking place ONLINE! All talks, testimonies, Liturgies, prayer and worship will take place online for the course of the weekend and it is here that you can watch, engage with and participate in the Summer Festival in its entirety.

However, in line with government and church regulations, this year we are able to add in person elements once again to our Summer Festival.

These in person elements will be held at multiple satellite locations around Ireland all activities are in line with relevant government regulations there. For all information and to register please visit [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie)



### LOUGH DERG PILGRIM PATH

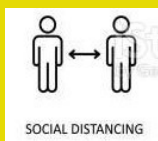
on the lough shore is now open daily. A guided walk experience with Mass outdoors (weather permitting) will take place late August and early September. For bookings and further information email [info@loughderg.org](mailto:info@loughderg.org) or call 071 9861518

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.



### BAPTISMS RESUMED

We are delighted to say that the celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism has resumed in our parishes.

Over the course of August and September, by having additional ceremonies, we hope that the backlog will be cleared.

The parish office is currently accepting bookings for those who are requesting the Sacrament of Baptism in our parishes.

Please note that in accordance with current guidelines Baptisms will take place with only one baptism per pod. That means that in St Michaels we can have three baptisms per ceremony while in St Mary's Barrowhouse we are limited to one.

We appreciate your patience and understanding and we look forward to celebrating with you.

### FAMILIES WALKING TOGETHER IN HOPE

initiative will be launched 25th August at St Mary's Pro-Cathedral. The Archdiocese of Dublin will provide some simple and achievable ideas for families and parishes starting in September 2021. Our goal is to celebrate moments of hope and joy in family life, with resources suitable for learning, living and leading faith that are complementary to the way family is lived today

**Cycle Against Suicide** aims to empower people who are uniquely qualified to make the most impact within their communities by training them in our peer support system to enable them to help others within their communities. To avail of Buddy, please register at: <https://www.cycleagainsuicide.com/register-to-become-community-buddy/>

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

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**Office Open:**  
Monday - 2.15pm - 4 pm, (closed Bank Holidays)  
Tue - Wednes.: 9.30 -1.30 & 2 - 4pm.  
Thur. & Fri 9.30 - 1.30 pm. Sat. 10.30 am - 1pm

### Newsletter

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

### ACCORD CATHOLIC MARRIAGE CARE SERVICE CLG

Accord Catholic Marriage Care Service CLG is currently recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation programme facilitators. Accord is seeking registration of interest from those who have a positive attitude towards marriage in the Catholic Church and the enthusiasm to be part of a team supporting couples who are preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage. Successful applicants will receive professional training and will be part of a team delivering marriage preparation programmes locally in accordance with best practice. Contact Aisling on 01 505 3112 or by email to [info@accord.ie](mailto:info@accord.ie) The closing date for receipt of registration of interest forms to be included in Selections for this year is Friday 27<sup>th</sup> August. Additional information is available on [www.accord.ie](http://www.accord.ie).

### 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](mailto:info@eistcarlowcancersupport.ie).

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