



THE PARISH  
OF ATHY

Comprising the Faith Communities of:

ST MICHAEL'S, ATHY

&

ST MARY'S, BARROWHOUSE



## NEWSLETTER 15TH AUGUST 2021

### PRAYER

Faithful to your promise, O God, you have lifted up the lowly, clothing with heavenly splendor the woman who bore Christ, our life and resurrection. Grant that the Church, prefigured in Mary, may bear Christ to the world and come to share his triumph. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.

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### THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY

#### 1st Reading:

Apoc 11:19:12:1-6 10

#### Psalm:

Psalm 44

#### 2nd Reading:

1 Cor 15:20-26

#### Gospel:

Luke 1:39-56

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

### PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

#### Recently Deceased:

*Serge Pacos*, France,  
*Tony Kelly*, Booleigh. Reception &  
Funeral in Kilmead Church Monday at  
11 am. Burial in Kilmead.  
*Micheál Connolly*, Kildangan.

#### Saturday 6pm Vigil:

##### Anniversaries:

Nancy Myles, Betty Goulding, James &  
Kathleen Shiel, Mary Shiel (1st Anniv.),  
Joseph & Hester May, Mary Brohooon  
Mulhall, Dec. mem. of Brohooon family,  
Dec. mem. of Mulhall family, Dec. mem. of  
Clarke family, Bridget Byrne, Ruby Kane  
(1st Anniv.), Sean Byrne (3rd Anniv.), John  
Anderson, Jim May, Eddie Murphy, Ann  
Molloy, John Ludlow, Michael O'Shea,  
Benny & Viviane Anderson

##### Birthday Remembrance: James Gray

#### 9 am Barrowhouse:

Joan Howe, George Bannon

#### 10.30 am Month's mind: David Tully

##### Anniversaries:

Maureen Cunnane, Betty Goulding, Bridget  
Byrne, Ruby Kane (1st Anniv.), Ann Molloy,  
John Anderson, Madge Daly, Patricia  
Cunningham nee Clarke (1st Anniv.), James  
Hutchinson, Lizzie & Sheila Moore, Sineád  
Hennessy, Ann Mathews, Edward & Jane  
Dunne, Christopher & Paul Dunne, Claire  
Fitzgerald nee Tierney, Goerge Bannon,  
Benny & Viviane Anderson

##### Birthday Remembrance: Patrick 'Pat' Nolan

#### 12.30 pm Anniversaries:

Ruby Kane (1st Anniv.), George Lamon,  
John Anderson, Mary Harte, Sr. Rosairo  
Boland, Benny & Viviane Anderson

**Mon. 9.30 am:** Mary Brohooon Mulhall,  
Dec. mem. of Mulhall family, Dec. mem. of  
Brohooon family, Dec. mem. of Clarke family,  
Rose & Peter Byrne, Dec. mem. Of Byrne  
family

**Tues 9.30 am:** John & Margaret Finn, Allie  
Fitzpatrick nee Finn, John Dillon (2nd Anniv)  
Special Intention

**Wednes. 9.30 am:** Maureen Murphy, Hester  
May, Claire Fitzgerald nee Tierney (2nd  
Anniv.)

**Recently Dec.** John Kinsella, Baltinglass,  
Teddy Kelly,

##### Birthday Remembrance:

Jimmy Delaney & Ger O'Sullivan

**Thurs. 9.30 am:** John Shaughnessy (Rem)

##### Fri. 9.30 am:

Special Intention, Ger Mulhall (Rem)

### 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. €1,358 Common €630 Share € 462  
*Thanks to all who contributed.*



### 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.

### PRAYERFUL MEDITATION DAY

Mount St. Anne's Killenard,  
Portarlinton  
Saturday 18th September 2021,  
10am-3 pm

Bookings to 057 8626155  
or email  
[secretary@mountstannes.com](mailto:secretary@mountstannes.com)

Autumn on-line courses

€100 per full course

All Courses are

at 19.00-21.00 pm cet  
on zoom

For more details

[www.mountstannes.com](http://www.mountstannes.com)

### ALONE

have 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.

Phone 0818222024

**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.cycleagainstsucide.com/register-to-become-community-buddy/>

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



#### Parish Team

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#### St. Bernard of Clairvaux, Doctor of the Church. Feast 20th August

Bernard was born in 1090 in Dijon, France, the third son of Tescelin, the noble Lord of Fontaines, and Aleth. He was well-educated and well-learned in Latin and military exercises, Bernard being educated with particular care by his parents, because, while yet unborn, a devout man had foretold his great destiny. Bernard fought the temptations of youth with assiduous prayer and the practice of virtue, often to a heroic degree and, at an early age, determined upon a life of solitude. His ardent devotion to the Blessed Virgin, gave rise to some of the most sublime writings ever penned on the Queen of Heaven.

He studied the Holy Scriptures so intensely that the Word of God became as it were his own language. In the year 1112, Bernard left his home to join the monastery of Citeaux, which followed the very austere Cistercian rule. Bernard brought with him some thirty men, among them four of his brothers and an uncle, who had no previous thought of the religious life.

In 1115, the abbot of Citeaux sent Bernard and twelve monks to build a new house in the region of Champagne. The beginnings of what came to be known as Clairvaux, were trying and painful. The monks lived under their new abbot most poorly, surviving off what little the coarse land had to offer. The austerities practiced were so severe that Bernard's health was seriously impaired.

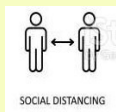
Nevertheless, disciples flocked in droves to the new monastic community, and the monks soon numbered one hundred and fifty, among them his youngest brother and his own father. Renowned for his wisdom, Bernard was often called upon by both Church and State authorities to settle disputes. He is considered one of the founders of the Cistercian Order. He died in 1153. Canonized in 1174.

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.

## Families Walking Together in Hope

*'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.'*

Join us for the launch of the year of 'Families Walking Together in Hope' on 25 August 2021, Pro-Cathedral.

Further information [www.dublindiocese.ie](http://www.dublindiocese.ie)



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)

## 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 is Friday 27<sup>th</sup> August. Additional information is available on [www.accord.ie](http://www.accord.ie).



#### 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 Ref env. no.

*Thanks for your contributions*

#### What does the Assumption mean?

According to the Catechism of catholic Church, the Assumption refers to an event that occurred at the end of the Virgin Mary's life.

*"Finally the Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all stain, when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things"*

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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