



THE PARISH
OF ATHY

Comprising the Faith Communities of:

ST MICHAEL'S, ATHY

&

ST MARY'S, BARROWHOUSE



NEWSLETTER 12TH SEPTEMBER 2021



Mass
available on live streaming on
Parish website:
www.parihofathy.ie

PRAYER

Make us one, O God, in acknowledging Jesus the Christ. As we proclaim him by our words, let us follow him in our works; give us strength to take up the cross and courage to lose our lives for his sake.

Amen.

Fr. Kieran O'Mahony

1st reading: Isaiah 50:5-9
PSALM: Psalm 114
2nd reading: James 2:14-18
Gospel: Mark 8:27-35

PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

Recently Deceased:

Tom Doyle, who died in Dublin

Saturday 6pm Vigil:

Anniversaries:

Albert Rotherham, Betty Byrne, Patrick Begley, T.J. Shinkins, Brendan Doran Jr., Paddy Conway, Agnes & Thomas McCarthy, Dec. mem. of McCarthy family, Lizzie Hutchinson, James Hutchinson, Sheila Moore, Sheila Chanders, Dec. mem. Of Chanders & Dwyer families, Sheila & Brian Kelly, John Y Fennin, Special Intention

Birthday Remembrance: Joe Perse

9 am Barrowhouse: John Malone

10.30 am

Month's mind: Micheál 'Gunner' Connolly

Anniversaries:

Delia & Michael Connolly, Seán Lynch, Kevin, Peg & Mark Merlehan, Paddy Murphy, John, Bridget & Ned Moore, Sheila Chanders, Dec. mem. of Chanders & Dwyer families, Salesio Orbon, Richard Buggy, John Y Fennin

Birthday remembrance: Jack & Jodi Bannon, Joe Perse

12.30 pm

Month's mind: Micheál 'Gunner' Connolly, Breda McGannon

Anniversaries:

Mary Keogh, Albert Rotherham, Patrick Murtagh, Sheila Chanders, Dec. mem. of Chanders & Dwyer families, John Y' Fennin
Birthday remembrance: Delia & Michael Connolly, Joe Perse

Mon. 9.30 am: Jim Malone, Tom, Gretta & Barry Fennelly, Mary Malone, Marie McMahon, Peter & Rose Byrne, Dec mem of Byrne Family, Special Intention

Tues. 9.30 am: William Ann & Margaret Doyle, Dec. mem. of Doyle family, Peter & Sadie Nolan, Tom & Jean Donohue, Dec. mem. of Fleming family, Dec. mem. of Fingleton & Phillips, families, Sheila Chanders, Dec. mem. of Chanders & Dwyer families, Christopher Doyle (1st Anniv.)

Wednes. 9.30 am:

Dora & Patrick O'Donoghue, Shay Ryan, Sheila O'Brien, Patrick Murtagh, Neil & Marth Donaghy, Dan, Catriona & John Donaghy, Paddy Fitzpatrick & Malcolm Fitzpatrick, **Recently Deceased:** Elizabeth Doyle late of Wexford

Thurs. 9.30 am:

Month's mind: Vera Robinson, Johnny Morrissey, Special Intention
Fri. 9.30 am: Kathleen & Thomas Stewart, Ellen Kelly, Dec. mem. of Foley family, Christopher McMahon, Betty & Paddy Brennan, Dec. mem. of Brennan & Bambrick family

Birthday Remembrance: Ann Foley

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)

CROSSCARE ANNUAL COLLECTION will be taken up at all Masses next weekend, **18th and 19th September**. This collection replaces the Share collection. Through their services for Homeless, Youth and Refugees, CROSSCARE focuses on helping people and families when they need it most. In their Community they provide food parcels and nutritious meals every day.

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. *All welcome*

Harvest Dues envelope are currently being distributed in the Parish. Thanks to all those who have already contributed.

Collections last weekend: P. Dev. €524 Common €580 Share €355
Thanks to all who contributed.

COVID 19 UPDATE

Since September 6th, the capacity of our churches for all ceremonies is now 50%. *Attendance at religious services up to 50% is subject to appropriate protective measures including social distancing between groups, face masks.*

All parishioners are asked to:

- respect social distancing,
- to continue to wear a face mask and
- to exercise personal responsibility, when attending any of our churches.

The parish team extends sincere and heartfelt thanks to all our volunteer stewards who have given of themselves so generously to keep us all safe.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION, FIRST PENANCE AND CONFIRMATION IN THE ATHY GROUPING OF PARISHES

The Parish Team have been working hard to arrange the many ceremonies for Holy Communion, Penance and Confirmation across the three parishes. We will publish a full list next weekend in all parishes. We very much appreciate your continued patience and understanding.



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Newsletter

can be brought home as one use only is allowed or see it posted on parish website
www.parihofathy.ie



BAPTISMS RESUMED

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

Over the course of September and October, 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.

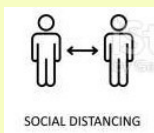
We appreciate your patience and understanding and we look forward to celebrating with you.

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.

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 and Parish Office.

Please write your name and address or your parish Ref env. no.

Share & Common Contributions can be used to reach the €250 yearly total for the charity tax relief on donations scheme.

Thanks for your contributions

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

EIST CANCER SUPPORT CENTRE

provide emotional & practical help to anyone affected by cancer, their families and carers. Contact 0858661499 or email info@eistcarlowcancersupport.ie

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Office Open:

Monday - 2.15pm - 4 pm,

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

Thur. & Fri 9.30 - 1.30 pm.

Sat. 10.30 am - 1 pm

Those who have ordered the Sacred Heart Messenger & Pioneer magazine should collect them from the Parish Office

AWARE-SUPPORT & SELF CARE GROUPS

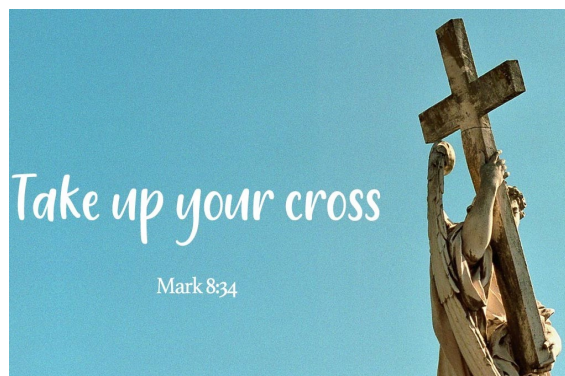
Provide support, coping skills and information, most importantly help people who are in distress to know they are not alone in their experience.

Information on
www.aware.ie

Anam Cara Bereavement Support Evening

Anam Cara would like to invite you to join us for an online Bereavement Information and Support Evening taking place 16th September at 7pm. This events will give you an opportunity to hear a bereavement professional talk about the difficult challenges and many milestones grieving a child of any age has on you and your family. If you would like to join us please register here

<https://bit.ly/3Dzyphe> or contact us on
info@anamcara.ie or
085 288 8888.



GUIDED PILGRIMAGES ON THE LOUGH DERG PILGRIM PATH

A guided pilgrimage will be offered on Sunday 12th, Wednesday 15th, Sat. 18th & Sunday 26th September and Sunday 3rd October, with Mass outdoors, weather permitting. The full route is a 12km loop, with a shorter 8km option. **Advance booking is essential.** For further information email info@loughderg.org or telephone 0(0353) 71 9861518. www.loughderg.org
Lough Derg Pilgrim Path, Pettigo, Co Donegal.

Feast Days

St. John Chrysostom, born 347 CE, Antioch, Syria died 407, Western feast day **September 13**. early archbishop of Constantinople. The zeal and clarity of his preaching, which appealed especially to the common people, earned him the Greek surname meaning "golden-mouthed." His tenure as archbishop was stormy, and he died in exile. His relics were brought back to Constantinople about 438, and he was later declared a doctor (teacher) of the church. **Patron Saint of preachers.**

The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, celebrated every year on **September 14**, marks **the finding of the True Cross by Saint Helena**, the dedication of churches built by Constantine on the site of the Holy Sepulchre and Mount Calvary.