



THE PARISH  
OF ATHY

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



## NEWSLETTER 5TH SEPTEMBER 2021



### 23RD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

**1st reading:** Isaiah 35:4-7  
**PSALM:** Psalm 145  
**2nd reading:** James 2:1-5  
**Gospel:** Mark 7:31-37

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

#### Prayer

"The Lord Jesus made the deaf hear and the dumb speak. May he soon touch your ears to receive his word, and your mouth to proclaim his faith, to the praise and glory of God the Father. Amen."

### PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

#### Recently Deceased:

*Willie Fennin*, Cardenton  
*Bernadette Thompson*, Kare Dunmurray,  
Kildare Town & formerly Athy  
*Helen Yvonne Holmes*, Castlemitchell  
*Martin Mulhall*, Barrowhouse

#### Saturday 6pm Vigil:

**Month's mind:** Maureen Cullen

#### Anniversaries:

Mai Magahran, Peter & Ann Redmond,  
Christine Phillips (2nd Anniv.), Maureen  
Kelly, Dec. mem. of Kelly family, Patrick &  
Teresa Delaney, Bridget Fitzgerald, Shelley  
McDonnell, John, Maureen & Declan  
Murphy, Anna Bolger, Jack, John, Josie &  
Peggy Maher, Eileen Brophy, Robert & Mary  
Morrin, George & Mary Ryan, Michael &  
Jim Ryan, Gordon O'Toole, Dec. members of  
O'Toole family, Mary & Séan King, Thomas  
McDonnell, Brian McCormack

**Birthday Remembrance:** Andrew Doogue

#### 9 am Barrowhouse:

Margaret & John Grufferty, Adam & Mary  
Davis, Bridie & James Davis, Elizabeth  
Mulhare

#### Anniversaries:

##### 10.30 am

Peter & Ann Redmond, Kathleen Higginson,  
Kevin & Ena Reardon, Noel Moran, George,  
Mary, Michael & Jim Ryan, Mary & Séan  
King, Phil Martin

##### 12.30 pm

#### Anniversaries:

Peter Fearon, Robert & Mary Morrin, Dec  
mem of Athy Young at Heart

#### Mon. 9.30 am:

Mary Dunne, Breda Foy, Eleanor Dooley,  
Dec mem of Dooley, Dowling & Moynahan  
Families

#### Tues.

Mary Ita Hastings, Dan O'Brien, Phil Martin  
Laura Murphy & Paul O'Keeffe, Special  
Intention

**Birthday remembrance:** Andrew Doogue

#### Wednes. 9.30 am:

Jack Maher, Dec. mem. of Maher family,  
Eileen Brophy, Sadie Fox, Dec. mem. of  
Perse & Foley families, Dec. mem. of Bowen  
family, Special Intention

**Birthday Rem:** Stefan Clarke Perse

#### Thurs. 9.30 am:

Albert Rotherham, Betty Byrnes, Sarah  
'Sadie' Moore, Lizzie Johnson & Dec mem  
of Johnson Family

#### Fri. 9.30 am:

Susan Roycroft

### COVID 19 UPDATE

Following the Government's announcement on Tuesday evening, from Monday September 6<sup>th</sup>, the capacity of our churches for all ceremonies is now 50%. The government document reads as follows: "*Attendance at religious services up to 50% (subject to appropriate protective measures including social distancing between groups, face masks etc).*"

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.

### 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*

Dues Area Distributors are reminded that their **Harvest Dues** bundles are ready from behind the high Altar. Those with weekly Boxes are will find their Harvest Due envelope is in their box.

**CROSSCARE ANNUAL COLLECTION** will be taken up at all Masses on the weekend of the **18th and 19th September**. This collection replaces the Share collection.

**Collections last weekend:** P. Dev. €579 Common €630 Share €420  
*Thanks to all who contributed.*

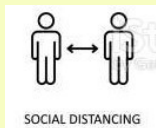
**PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS** Archbishop Farrell is asking for people and priests to pray for vocations to the Priesthood and Religious life on a regular basis. The need is great so lets answer God's call and "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into his harvest".

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.

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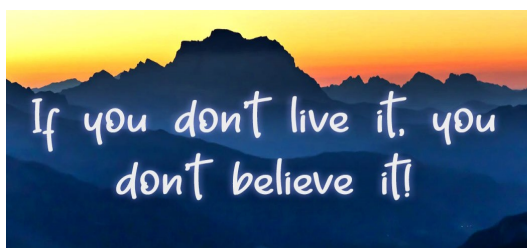
#### Education and Training FOR WORK AND LIFE



Further Education and Training Courses in Kildare 2021-2022  
Go further with KWETB

**Saint Ciaran of Clonmacnoise, Latin Queranus**, also called Kieran The Younger, (born c. 516, Ire.—died c. 549, Clonmacnoise, Ireland) abbot who was one of the most illustrious founders of monasticism in Ireland. With Saints Columba and Brendan, Ciaran was educated by Abbot St. Finnian at the celebrated Monastery of Clonard. From there he went to the island of Aranmore, in Galway, off the western coast of Ireland, where he became the most famous disciple of Abbot St. Enda. Ciaran later traveled to central Ireland, visited several monasteries, and settled with eight companions at Clonmacnoise, where in 548 he founded an abbey that subsequently developed into one of the most famous Irish monastic cities; by the 9th century it was a great centre of learning. So influential was Ciaran's establishment that more than half the monasteries in Ireland reportedly followed its severely ascetic rule, traditionally attributed to Ciaran.

There is an annual pilgrimage to Clonmacnoise on Ciaran's feast day, **September 9**



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

#### 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



#### JOBSEEKERS

Kildare Local Employment Service is  
currently  
Offering 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. Online training  
in Manual handling is free to registered  
clients. Help with funding towards training  
is also available.

For more information contact  
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#### 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.

#### PARISH OFFICE

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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

#### 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

#### 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](http://www.aware.ie)

#### EIST CANCER SUPPORT CENTRE

provide emotional & practical  
help to anyone affected by cancer,  
their families and carers.

Contact 0858661499 or email  
[info@eistcarlowcancersupport.ie](mailto:info@eistcarlowcancersupport.ie)