





PARISH NEWSLETTER - 25[™]SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 19[™] SEPTEMBER 2021

1st reading: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20 **PSALM:** Psalm 53 2nd reading: James 3:16-4:3 Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

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

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 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 or when they can not find support anywhere else. In their Community Foodbanks and Cafes, they provide food parcels and nutritious meals every day. Demand for their services continues to increase as the

pandemic has impacted the most vulnerable in our parishes and communities. With that in mind we would ask you to please give generously.

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.

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.

PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

Recently Deceased: Martin Cunningham, Ballyroe Eileen McCluskey, Dunn Brinn Ber Harty, Ardmore, Waterford

Saturday 6pm Vigil: Month's mind: Christy Stynes **Anniversaries:** Mary Stynes, Michael Mahon, Ann Foley, Dec. mem. of Foley family, Clare & Margaret Phillips, Dec. mem. of Phillips family, Dec. mem. of Flynn & Johnson families, Mona Dolan, Andy Whelan (1st Anniv.) Andrew Smith, Bridget & Michael Quinn, Noel & Martin Quinn, Parkie Dalton, Mary Luttrell, Henry Foley, Dec. mem. of Foley family, Paddy Barry

9 am Barrowhouse: Noel Burke (2nd Anniv.), Charles Bowden, Kathleen Bowden, Ursula Bowden, Mary & Daniel O'Connor, Terry Taylor, Mary Foley

10.30 am

Anniversaries: Paddy Ennis, Margaret & Jack Foley, Andy Whelan (1st Anniv.), Mary Stynes, John, Bridget & Ned Moore, Andrew Smith, Fr. Dominic O'Connor, Noel & Martin Quinn, Bridget & Michael Quinn, Helena Hutchinson, Mary Elizabeth Dargan, Sarah Moran, Thomas Whelan Birthday remembrance: John Foley

12.30 pm Recently Deceased: Bill Cooper, late of Dublin, Michael `Speedy` Fogarty late of Tipperary Ray Varndell, England Anniversaries: Andy Whelan (1st Anniv.), Seán McGilly, Andrew Smith, Ger Noonan(25th A), Bridget & Michael Quinn, Noel & Martin Quinn,

Frank Byrne

Mon. 9.30 am: Louie Kelly Snr, Special Intention, Edward Hayden, Alice Doran

Tues. 9.30 am: Dec. relatives and friends of Pat & Kathleen Murphy

Wednes. 9.30 am: Birthday Remembrance: Paddy Robinson Thurs. 9.30 am: Frank & Edward Fitzpatrick Fri. 9.30 am:

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 are delighted to announce the dates for First Holy Communion and Confirmation as follows:

CONFIRMATION for Scoil Michil Naofa is on October 23rd, Scoil Padraig Naofa on November 6th and the Gaelscoil on November 27th

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION will be as follows: Scoil Michil Naofa <u>4th Class</u> - October 5th & 6th, Kilberry NS - October 8th, Barrowhouse NS - October 9th, Churchtown NS - October 16th. Scoil Phadraig: October 15th & 22nd, Scoil Michil Naofa - 3rd Class - November 2nd and the Gaelscoil November 13th.

Please keep all of the girls and boys, together with their families in your prayers as they prepare for this special day.

Parish Team

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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

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

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

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.

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



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.

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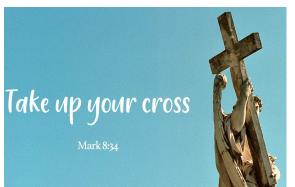
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GUIDED PILGRIMAGES ON THE LOUGH DERG PILGRIM PATH

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. <u>Advance</u> <u>booking is essential</u>. For further information email info@loughderg.org or telephone 0(0353) 71 9861518. <u>www.loughderg.org</u> Lough Derg Pilgrim Path, Pettigo, Co Donegal.

Feast Days

Monday: Ss Andrew Kim Tae-gon - Memorial Tuesday: St. Matthew - Feast Thursday: Padre Pio - Memorial & St Eunan - Feast Saturday: St. Finbarr - Feast

