

THE PARISH OFATHY Comprising the Faith Communities of: ST MICHAEL'S, ATHY 8 ST MARY'S, BARROWHOUSE



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 28[™] NOVEMBER 2021

Advent Praver

Let us pray: Ever faithful God, You sent your son into the darkness of human history to fulfil your will, and guide your people home to you. Fill our hearts with the hope of your coming that we may draw close to all our sisters and brothers especially those who bear the cross of Jesus in the heart of our world.

May the Light of his victory over darkness and death, guide our feet on the way of justice

and peace. We ask this in the name of Him who came and will come again, Jesus, our Lord, for ever and ever.

Amen



READINGS

1st reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16 **PSALM:** Psalm 24 2nd reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2 Gospel: Luke: 24-28, 34-36

CHURCH NOTICES

Weekend Mass times:

Athy Church: Saturday 6 pm Vigil, Sunday 10.30 am & 12 noon **Barrowhouse:** 9 am

Weekday Mass in Athy parish is at 9.30 am preceded at 9 am with rosary.

Today is the First Sunday in Advent, a time when we prepare for Christmas.

We congratulate the past pupils of Gaelscoil who received their Confirmation yesterday.

St. Vincent de Paul Annual Collection will take place the weekend of 11th/12th December during all Masses.

For those who may not be able to attend Mass there are SVP Donation envelopes in the Church and Parish Office and can be dropped into Parish Office before Christmas.

Collections weekend:

P. Dev. € 2,563 of which €1,780 annuals comprising of €783 weekly Common €645 Share €365 Thanks to all who contributed.

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE

If you wish to have your deceased relatives remembered on our Christmas Day Altar List Please contact the Parish Office by Tuesday 21st December, 4pm. Names will be displayed at side of the Church Áltar

PARISH OFFICE /SHOP Christmas stock

2022 Church Art & Messenger calendars, Children's Advent calendars, DWM packets Christmas card, Christmas Mass Bouquets, cribs, candles and Christmas gifts

WHATSAPP ADVENT **INSPIRATIONAL THOUGHT**

Would you like to receive a short inspirational thought each day of Advent? Each day you will receive, by WhatsApp, a picture with an inspirational thought, just a sentence or two, to aid in our praying through Advent in preparation for Christmas. To receive the daily inspirations all you have to do is WhatsApp: "Join Advent Group" to 085-7162852. You will then receive a link, click on the link and that's it, you're done.

PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

Recently Deceased: Annette Kelly, Smallford Joe Birney, formerly St. Joseph's Tce late of New York Robert McCann, Graysland, Carlow Rd. Funeral Monday at 11 am

Saturday 6pm Vigil: Month's mind: Helen Lawler **Anniversaries:** Michael Myles, Mary O'Shaughnessy (1st A), Mary Bridie Maloney, Esther & Paddy Supple, Brian Kelly, Willie & Joan Kelly, Anne Spring, Gerry & Ellen Quinn, Dec. mem. of Quinn family, Annie Nolan, Billy Hutchinson, Julie Mahon, Helena Hutchinson, Olive Harte, Ann Carolan, Bob Gannon, Finbarr Purcell, Billy Connell, Jimmy Connolly, Janet Ryan, Johnny Coughlan, Katie & William Morrin, Kay McCabe

9 am Barrowhouse:

10.30 am

Month's mind: Helen Lawler **Anniversaries:**

Carrie Robinson, Michael Myles, Anne Spring, Teresa Hickey, Ann Carolan, Bob Gannon, Peg & Dan Perse, Lilly, Janie & Patsy Rowan, Billy Connell, Jimmy Connolly, Janet Ryan, Katie & William Morrin, Kay McCabe

12.00 noon

Month's mind: Helen Lawler **Anniversaries:**

Tom Murphy, Emily McEvoy, Michael Myles, Anne Spring, Mairéad Byrne (3rd A), Ann Carolan, Bob Gannon, Lilly, Janie & Patsy Rowan, Tony Bracken, Patrick & George Aldridge, Katie & William Morrin, Kay McCabe

Mon: 9.30 am: Month's mind; Helen Lawler Gay Coffey, Jim Prendergast, Tony Doyle, William & Mary Lawler, Martin & Bridget Quinn, Michael & Noel Quinn

Tues: 9.30 am: **Richard Flanagan** Edmond Loughman (Remembrance)

Wednes: 9.30:

Patrick Aldridge, Ethel Hogan, Deceased members and their deceased families of The Athy Branch of an Garda Siochana G.S.R.A.Thurs: 9.30 am: Golden Book Fri. 9.30 am: Altar List of The Dead

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

PARISH TEAM

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Please;

-Wear face masks.

-Hand sanitise on entering the church

-Respect social distancing



Covid 19 Update

From the 22nd Oct. the Government have eased restrictions in relation to Religious services.

However the Parish Team have decided to keep restrictions in place for the safety of our parishioners.

We are keeping the Church at half capacity by cornering off every second seat.

We ask that as you enter the Church that you continue to use the hand sanitizer provided and maintain social distancing.

It is important that we are kept safe and feel comfortable

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

VIATORES CHRISTI INVITE VOLUNTEERS

Viatores Christi invite you to our Free Online Conference: Sharing of Key Learnings on Inclusive Volunteering; ensuring the inclusion of Persons with Disabilities

You are invited to attend the Free Online Conference of the VIVID:T EU AVI Funded Project on Disability-inclusive Development, to be held Wednesday 1st Dec starting at 10:00am GMT (Dublin time). This project was focused on ensuring Inclusion of persons with Disabilities in volunteering. The conference will include a roundtable discussion about the role of leadership in disability inclusion, a showcase of free accessible training resources that anyone can use in their day-to-day work to ensure the inclusion of persons with disabilities. You can register for the event through [link] https:// www.eventbrite.com/e/vivid-t-project-sharing-of-key-learnings-at-accessibleonline-conference-tickets-205641498257

Message from The Diocesan Synodal Pathway Committee

As we begin the next step of the Synodal Pathway we invite you to send your animators forward for training. There will be two training sessions. Session one will take place before Christmas. Session Two will take place in January. All training will take place on Zoom. Animators must attend both training sessions. There has been a good response of registrations for the training. If you haven't already registered, please do so by 26th November at 5pm. To register please email the Parish Name, animators names, email addresses and chosen dates to synod@dublindiocese.ie

Session One

The first training session of animators will take place before Christmas on zoom from 7pm-9pm. Please choose one of the following dates: Monday 29th November Wednesday 1st December Thursday 2nd December Session Two The time for these sessions are 7pm-9pm Please choose one of the following dates: Monday 17th January Tuesday 18th January Wednesday 19th January Thursday 20th January



DIOCESAN SYNODAL PATHWAY

For a Synodal Church: inion, Participation and Mission

Children's Corner Leaflets are available on tables at back of the Church. Have fun with working out puzzles and enjoy the little stories.

MAGAZINES

Sacred Heart Messenger, Pioneer magazines & St Martin magazines available from the Parish Office. 2022 magazines subscriptions now due

PARISH OFFICE /SHOP

St. Michael's Church, Stanhope Pl., Athy, Co. Kildare R14 CA 26 Ph. 059 86 38391. **Email:** athyparishrc@eircom.net **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

Friends of Calcutta CHY no 13218 CALCUTTA CLOTHES COLLECTION THURSDAY 2nd Dec 2021 up to 2 pm Athy Parish Car park (Parish Office side-please do not block wheelchair ramp) All items of wearable clothing, footwear, curtains, **Enguiries to Michael Hopkins** 087 9073074

Newsletter

Please bring newsletter home or see it posted on parish website www.parishofathy.ie