



## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 12<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2021

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



### READINGS

**1st reading:**

Zephaniah 3:14-18

**Psalm**

Isaiah 12:2-6

**2nd reading:**

Philippians 4 4-7

**Gospel:**

Luke 3:10-18

### Advent Prayer

#### Let us pray:

Loving God you read our hearts and know us better than we know ourselves. Open our hearts to the peace which you alone can give. Let us have that joy in believing which will strengthen our faith in you and confirm our witness to you, the source of all that is good. Amen. [www.tarsus.ie](http://www.tarsus.ie)

### Newsletter

Please bring newsletter home or see it posted on parish website  
[www.parityhofathy.ie](http://www.parityhofathy.ie)

### 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.

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

Please give generously.

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.

**Area distributors** are reminded that the bundles of timetables and Due envelopes for their areas are ready from behind the high Altar

**Collections weekend:**

P. Dev. €2,880 comprising of €650 annuals & €2,230 weekly Common €1045. Share €410

*Thanks to all who contributed.*

### PARISH OFFICE /SHOP Christmas stock

2022 Church Art & Messenger calendars, Children's Advent calendars, Christmas cards including from Divine Word Missionaries, nativity sets, Christmas Mass Bouquets, candles and Christmas gifts

### BE STILL – DAILY ADVENT REFLECTIONS

The Office for Mission and Ministry are offering daily reflections for the Advent Journey. The theme of these reflections is *'Be Still'*. This is a great opportunity for everyone to take time during advent to be still. The reflections will be posted each morning on the Facebook page for the office of Mission and Ministry. [www.facebook.com/officeformissionandministry](https://www.facebook.com/officeformissionandministry)

### PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

**Recently Deceased:**

*Noel Ward*, Graysland  
*Nancy English*, Paicr Bhríde  
*Kathleen Campbell*, Longford

**Saturday 6pm Vigil:**

**Month's mind:** Pat O'Callaghan

**Anniversaries:**

Davey & Mikey Harris, Michael Harris, Fintan Lalor, John Kavanagh, Nellie O'Neill, Ben Whelan, Rita Quinn, Mary 'Molly' Rowan, Brian, Sheila & Baby Brian Kelly, Liam & Breda Maher, Dec. mem. of Maher family, Angela Doran (A), Brendan Doran, Brendan Doran Jr., Mary & James Haughton, Christina Byrne, Bernadette Byrne, Christina Brennan Byrne, Kathleen 'Kitty' Foley, Dec. mem. of Foley family, Kitty Mulhall, Nancy Wright (A), Emmet Corcoran, Dec. mem. of Robinson family, Thomas, Bridget & Declan Ayres, Stephen Leonard, Dec. mem. of Leonard family, Martin & James Conroy, Tommy Comerford, Dec. mem. of Comerford Family, Mary & Jack Hayes, Dec. mem. of Hayes family, Katie & Joseph Grumley, Rosie Smyth, Helen O'Reilly, Patsy, Padraig & Kathleen Grumley, Jim, Peter & Hughie Boylan, George & Ellen Waugh, James Rowan

**9 am Barrowhouse:**

**Month's mind:** Patrick O'Meara  
 Edward Whelan, Ned & Betty Whelan, Mary 'Ciss' Brennan

**10.30 am**

**Month's mind:** Pat O'Callaghan  
 Ron Coates (A), Valerie Wilson, Dave & Mikey Harris, Michael Harris, Fintan Lalor, John Kavanagh, Nellie O'Neill, Michael & Annie Dooley, Natasha Glancy, Dec. mem. of Keogh & Scally families, Kevin Whelan, Julie Anne Hyland, Martin Mulhall (Remembrance), Nancy Wright, Molly, Eddie & Karen Hughes, Peggy & Christy Bracken, Liam Hughes, Ger Molloy, Brigid & Paddy Bowden, Geoff & Ellie Eastwood, Gavin Eastwood, Teresa & Sam Hallows, P.J. & Nellie Bowden, Past residents of Woodstock St.. Minche's Tce. & St. Martin's Tce. Peter Fleming, tommie Comerford, Dec. mem. of Comerford Family, Mary & Jack Hayes, Dec. mem. of Hayes Family, Paddy Casey, Bessie Casey (birthday Rem), William, Elizabeth & Phyllis Howard, James & Mary Myron, eileen & James O'Neill, Ted O'Neill, Mary Dunne, Special Intention

**12.00 noon Anniversaries:**

Dave & Mikey Harris, Fintan Lalor, Nellie O'Neill, Paul Stafford, Mai & Bill Heffernan (A), Nancy Wright, Mary Dunne

**Mon: 9.30 am** Rita Quinn, Donors Intention

**Tues: 9.30 am :** Zoltan & Edith Zinn Collis, Gay Coffey, Special Intention

**Wednes: 9.30 am:** Una Gaule, Jack Brogan, Margaret Bracken

**Thurs: 9.30 am:** Bertie & Bridie Doyle, Mary 'Molly'

Rowan, Patrick Stanley, Dolores Connell, Bess Costello, Bridget Morrissey

**Fri: 9.30 am:** Ben Whelan, Molly Hamilton, Teddy

### CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE

If you wish to have your deceased relatives on the **Christmas Day Altar List** Please contact the Parish Office by Tuesday 21st December, 4pm.

**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

**Athy GFC AGM - Tuesday 14th Dec @7.30pm** in the clubhouse. Following strict Covid19 Guidelines, all members must show Covid 19 vaccination certificate, must wear face covering and must adhere to strict social distancing protocols.

**Christmas Draw - Wednesday 22nd Dec @7pm** in the clubhouse.

Draw will be streamed LIVE on our Facebook page.

Please make contact with committee members or club phone regarding tickets.

**New Pitch Development - 10 Year Membership**

We are offering a 10 year family membership for 1,000e or single membership for 500e.

This will enable the club to complete Phase 1 of the development of our pitches DEBT FREE!

Please make contact with committee members regarding.

## Holy Hour

EUCCHARISTIC  
ADORATION



takes place in St. Michael's Church each Tuesday from 2:00pm-3:00pm. Holy Hour in Barrowhouse Church every Tuesday 7 to 8 pm. Spend an hour in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.  
*All welcome*

## ON LINE APPEAL FOR FAMILIES IN FOOD POVERTY - DECEMBER 2021

Crosscare helps people with food parcels and meals in our cafes and food banks in the short term, and we work with them to move out of food poverty in the long term.

We keep in touch with families, helping them to help themselves. We help them with budgeting, healthy eating, and long-term housing and welfare support they may need, giving them the dignity and independence to provide for themselves. Due to Covid restrictions, the online appeal for donations replaces the food collection in parishes in previous years. Your ongoing support for Crosscare makes a huge difference to those most in need. We are asking for donations to continue this vital work at Christmas and into 2022. Please help us to help them. Support our appeal to end food poverty by giving what you can online at [www.crosscare.ie/donate](http://www.crosscare.ie/donate) or call 01 8360011

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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

## MAGAZINES

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



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## AWARE - SUPPORT & SELF CARE GROUPS

If you, or those with whom you work wish to connect with people in relation to your mental wellbeing, please consider using the Phone in and Zoom Support & Self Care Groups, the Support Line or Support Mail, now and throughout the holiday season. These services provide support, coping skills and information – and most importantly help people who are in distress to know and feel that they are not alone in their experience. For more information about the groups <https://www.aware.ie/support/support-groups/> and all of our services on [www.aware.ie/](http://www.aware.ie/) If you would like to volunteer with Aware, please see their website for more information: <https://www.aware.ie/get-involved/volunteering/>

## Children's Corner

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



## 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.