



## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 19<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2021

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



### READINGS

#### 1st reading:

Micah 5:1-4

#### Psalm 79

#### 2nd reading:

Hebrews 10:5-10

#### Gospel:

Luke 1:39-44

### Advent Prayer

#### Let us pray:

Prayer God of all loving, bless all our encounters this Christmas. Help us to be both kind and joyful, so that all whom we meet will be the better for it. Inspire us to know when a word of witness will lift the celebration and enable family and friends to get to the heart of it all.

[www.tarsus.ie](http://www.tarsus.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.

Saturday next is Christmas Day. Mass times in Athy Parish are Vigil Mass at 6 pm & 9 pm.

Christmas Day Mass times **8.30am, 10.30 am & 12 Noon.**

**9am** in Barrowhouse.

### 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. They will be displayed to the side of the Altar.

**Parish Office** will close Thursday next at 1pm for Christmas holidays.

**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. €1,647 Common €1,050

### St. Vincent de Paul Annual Collection

the amounts collected during the SVP annual collection over the weekend....

Crookstown - €818.00

Ballylinan - €765.00

Ballymount - € 710.00

Kilmeade - €947.00

Barrowhouse - € 2600.00

St Michael's - €7,450

Total of € 13,290.00 up by 7,375 on 2020.

A fantastic response from all the communities.

Many thanks for your support, it is very much appreciated.

### PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

**Recently Deceased:** *Michael Kearney*, England  
*Myra Murphy*, Lipstown. *Fr. Paul Freene*, Dublin.  
*Michael Desmond*, Rockfield, Stradbally Rd.

**Saturday 6pm Vigil: Month's mind:** Joe Birney  
**Anniversaries:** John & Esther Lawlor, Dec. mem. Lawlor & Murphy fam., Ben Whelan, Bridget Morrissey, Niall & Breda Dunne, Marie O'Mara, Adrian Whelan, Christopher & Mary Cleary, Christopher & Margaret Nolan, Dec. Troy & Cleary fam., Brian, Sheila & Baby Brian Kelly, Willie & Joan Kelly, Dennis Byrne (18<sup>th</sup> A), Arnold & Nancy Wall, Michael & James Wall, Una Gaule, James & Mary Melia, Judy Mahon, Liam Reid, Patrick 'Paddy' Quinn, Michael Eustace, Molly Hamilton, Jack & Catherine Keefe, Jane & Paddy Reid, Baby Anthony Foley, Bridget & Anthony Talbot, Dec. mem. Reid & Foley fam., Michael Walsh (1st A), Dec. mem. Walsh & Delaney fam., Michael & Rachel Birney, Dom & Willie Birney, Charlie Kinsella, Willie Dalton, Bridie Hickey, Dolores Connell, May & Joe Kane, Nancy, Sean & Jason Dooley, John & Pat Hoare, Maggie & Bill Hoare, May, Noel & John Murphy, Ted Ward, Kathleen Mackey, Pat Fitzsimons, Martin Holohan Betty Cusack, Mary Hyland, Ann Murphy, Ber Thompson, Marjorie Austin, Doris Pratt, Maureen Coyle, Dec. mem. Kane & Hoare fam., Josie Hunt, Michael & Rosanna Reddy, Special Intention

**9 am Barrowhouse:** James, Angela, Theo & Bridie Davis, John & Margaret Grufferty, Bobby Smithers

**10.30 am Anniversaries:** Michael McHugh, Mollie Connell, Brigid Flanagan, Mary Ellen Flanagan, Veronica Bradley nee Dooley (5<sup>th</sup> A), Liam Reid, Patrick 'Paddy' Quinn, Sr. Carmel Condron, Ciaran Condron, Peg Hempenstall, Mike Breslin, Maurice Kane, Julia & Joseph Martin, Bill Kelly, Eamon & Gaye McGovern, Jim Bolger, Peter, Catherine & Brigid Bolger, Edward & Mollie Walsh, Denis & Kay Bergin, Bill Clinton, John & Elizabeth Lawlor, Dec. mem. Murphy & Lawlor fam., Peter Nolan, Dec. mem. Nolan fam. Denis & Anne Cahalane, Lar Curtis

**12.00 noon Anniversaries:** Joe & Kathleen Gibbons, John & Elizabeth Lawlor, Dec. mem. Lawlor & Murphy fam., Adrian O'Mara, Brigid Flanagan, Mary Ellen Flanagan, Michael, Delia & Michéal 'Gunner' Connolly, Stephen & Harriet Connolly, Patrick, Mary & Declan Roche, Dennis Byrne (18<sup>th</sup> A), Liam Reid, Joe McNamara, Ellen Bastable, Dec. mem. Bastable family, John, Isabella & Kieran Barr, James, Bridget & Ted Vernal, Gerard & Richard Malone, Maura McCauley, Michael & Nannie Dooley, Joseph Ikechukwu Asaa

**Mon: 9.30 am Rec. Dec.** Michael McCormack Margaret Doyle, John Ryan, Mary Moran

**Tues: 9.30 am :** Denis Chanders, Denis J, Brid & Sean Delaney

**Wednes: 9.30 am:** Patrick 'Paddy' Quinn, Michael Eustace, Michael & Mary Doyle, Patrick & Rosanna Keegan, Jack, Kitty & Geraldine Kelly, Dec mem Keegan, Kelly & Lawler Families, Ann Farrell

**Thur: 9.30am:** Michael McHugh, Mollie Connell, Theresa & Willie Dooley, Ann Rigney

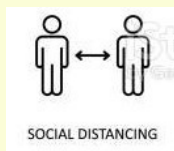
**Fri: 9.30 am:** Liam Owens (1<sup>st</sup>A), Kay, Paddens & Margarete Murphy, Freya Huckestoph, Dec. Huckestoph & Byrne fam., Dec. Aldridge & Murphy fam., Patrick & George Aldridge, Anthony Kelly

Please;

-Wear face masks.

-Hand sanitise  
on entering the church

-Respect social distancing



## Covid 19 Update

Due to Government  
Covid-19 restrictions in  
relation to  
Religious services

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**

## 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

### Christmas schedule

printed on  
notice boards and  
available on table  
at church doors.

Ask your area  
distributor for a copy  
if you have not received one.



### Christmas Dues

can be handed in at any of the  
Masses or to Parish Office during  
opening hours.  
Dues cheques payable to  
"Priests of the parish"

## PARISH TEAM

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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/>

## SCOIL PHADRAIG NAOFA

Enrolments will take place for pupils wishing to commence in either Mainstream or ASD Classes for September 2022

from  
Friday 14<sup>th</sup> Jan.-Friday 4<sup>th</sup> Feb.

If you wish to enrol your son/daughter you can contact the school office at 059-8634811 or email [info@spnathy.ie](mailto:info@spnathy.ie) for an Enrolment Form. More details can be found at [www.spnathy.ie](http://www.spnathy.ie)

## PARISH OFFICE /SHOP Christmas stock

2022 Church Art calendars, Christmas cards including from Divine Word Missionaries, nativity sets, Christmas Mass Bouquets, candles and Christmas gifts

Office/shop closes for Christmas on Thursday 23rd December at 1 pm.

### 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

### Children's Corner

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



### Newsletter

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

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### Office Open:

Monday - 2.15pm - 4 pm,  
Tue - Wednes.: 9.30 -1.30 & 2 - 4pm.

(Christmas holiday closing Thur. 1pm  
re-opening Fri. 31st Dec. 10.45-1pm only)