



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



THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - 23RD JANUARY 2022

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

READINGS

1st reading:

Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10

Psalm: Psalm 18

2nd reading:

1 Corinthians 12:12-30

Gospel:

Luke 1:
1-4: 4:14-21



Prayer

Lord, inspire me to read your Scriptures and to meditate upon them day and night. I beg you to give me real understanding of what I need, that I in turn may put its precepts into practice. Yet, I know that understanding and good intentions are worthless, unless rooted in your graceful love. So I ask that the words of Scripture may also be not just signs on a page, but channels of grace into my heart. Amen.

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.

Collections weekend:

P. Dev. € 1,763 Common €775 Share €460
Thanks to all who contributed.

PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

Recently Deceased:

John Harty, Kilkenny
James 'Shelly' Kelly, Minches Tce
Olive Cullen nee Delaney, Wexford and formerly of Ballintubbert

Saturday 6pm Vigil:

Month's mind:

Joseph Bergin

Anniversaries:

Marie Kirby, Mick Keogh, Jack Buckley, Michael Eaton (4th A), Gobnait Cremin, Hannah McSweeney, John Finnan (2ⁿ A), Melanie Stynes O'Brien, Johnny Wall (1st A), Dec members of Wall & Lacy families, John Miller, Mary Miller, Elizabeth Doyle (1st A), Fabian Dunne, Anthony Stynes, Michael McLoughlin, Anastia McLoughlin, Agnes McLoughlin, Olive Harte, Joe & Josephine Moloney, Francis Moloney, Johnnie Moloney, Jim O'Sullivan, Agnes & Terry O'Neill, Sean McDermott, Angela Dempsey, Rita Kehoe, Bridget Ayres, Dec members of Ayres family, Stephen Leonard, Dec members of Leonard family, John Flanagan, John & Ellen Kirwan, Rosarii McConville (1st A), Margaret Wynne, Jane Radziuniene

9 am Barrowhouse:

10.30 am

Recently Deceased:

Connie May, Carrigaline

Anniversaries:

Johnny Wall (1st Anniv), Deceased members of Wall & Lacy families, Fabian Dunne, Thomas & Stella Whelan, Kathleen Byrne (1st Anniv), Tim Scully, Donors Intentions, Mary Foley (18th Anniv), Sarah Doyle, Lila Peters

12.00 noon

Anniversaries:

Michael Eaton (4th A), Janet Ryan, Johnny Wall (1st A) Dec. members of Wall & Lacy family, Jeremiah & Letitia Moloney, Christopher 'Tunny' Fingleton, Dec members of Fingleton family, Anthony Stynes, Melanie Stynes, Paddy & Lena Reeves
Aisling Murphy (Rec. Dec.)

Mon: 9.30 am: John O'Donoghue, Dec mem of O'Donoghue family, Maggie Cahill, Marie Harran, Haris Robinson, Special Intention

Birthday remembrance: Edel Foley

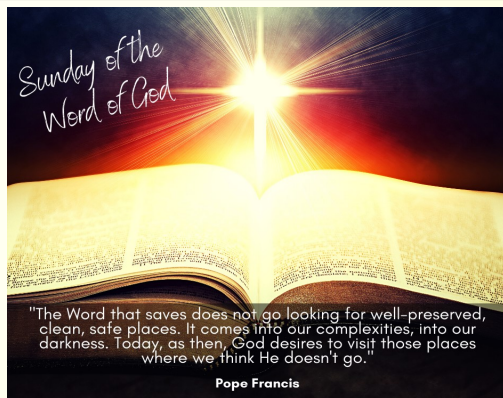
Tues: 9.30am:

Month's mind: Michael Brennan
Margaret & Edward Brennan, Tony & John Brennan, Martin O'Keefe, Varghese TV, Patrick & Mary McNamara, Dec. mem of McNamara family

Wednes: 9.30 am: Paddy Harrington, Jim O'Sullivan, Agnes & Terry O'Neill, Michael Murphy (2nd Anniv)
Special Intention

Thurs: 9.30am : Alice Hayden, Sr. Angela Flanagan, Martin Rigney, Michael Moran, Mary 'Molly' Owens

Fri 9.30am: Martha Donaghy, Kathleen Kelly, Bernie Duggan nee Byrne, Special Intention, **Rec Dec** Olive Cullen



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Pope Francis

In his Apostolic Letter of 30 September 2019, *APERUIT ILLIS* Pope Francis established that the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be the Sunday of the Word of God. Sunday of the Word of God is a day to be devoted to the celebration, study, and spreading of the Word of God. Pope Francis is clear from the very first paragraph of this letter that the relationship between the Risen Lord, a community of believers, and sacred Scripture is essential to who we are as Christians. Pope Francis has dedicated the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time as the Sunday of the Word of God. It is no coincidence that it falls on the Sunday within the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, as focusing on the Word of God, knowing the scriptures will lead us to a deeper understanding of the ecumenical nature of our faith.

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Please;

**Wear face masks
on
entering the church**

Covid 19 Update

While most of the Government restrictions are lifted, Covid-19 is still with us.

We ask that you continue to wear face masks in the church.

It is important that we are kept safe and feel comfortable

Children's Corner

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



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.

Thanks for your contributions

SCOIL PHADRAIG NAOFA

Enrolments will take place for pupils wishing to commence in either Mainstream or ASD Classes for September 2022 from Friday 14th Jan.-Friday 4th Feb.

If you wish to enrol your son/daughter you can contact the school office at 059-8634811 or email info@spnathy.ie for an Enrolment form. More details can be found at www.spnathy.ie



Eucharistic Ministers Meeting will take place in St. Michael's Church on Monday next, 24th January at 7:00pm -8:00pm.

It has been sometime since we have met and I look forward to meeting our Eucharistic Ministers, also those who may not have ministered in a while due to Covid and anyone wishing to become a Eucharistic minister are also welcome. Look forward to seeing you on the night. For further information please contact Natasha Geoghegan on 087 6730300.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Catholic Schools Week will be celebrated in schools across the island of Ireland from Sunday 23 January – Sunday 30 January. The theme for Catholic Schools Week 2022 is 'Catholic Schools: Living Life to the Full'. During Catholic Schools Week families, parishes and schools are invited to participate in a week of celebration of Catholic schools reflecting on their contribution to the common good of society. For Catholic Schools Week, Fr Gareth Byrne, Moderator for the Curia will celebrate Sunday Mass broadcast on RTE One television on 30 January 2022 at 11am.

Kilberry National School Enrolment

now accepting enrolments for Sept. 2022

Submit an application form online through our website

www.kilberryns.ie, phone the school office on 059 8638448

or email kilberry.ias@gmail.com

Closing date for applications is January 31st

Enrolment for Churchtown N.S., Athy

Enrolment for junior infant boys and girls for September 2022/2023 now open.

Please contact the school by email churchathy@gmail.com or by phone 059-8632178.

All information can be found on our website www.churchtownnathy.com

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Holy Hour

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

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

Newsletter

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

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Enrolments will take place for pupils wishing to commence in either Mainstream or ASD Classes for September 2022 from **Friday, January 14th. - Friday February 4th. 2022.**

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More details can be found at www.smnathy.ie