

8 ST MARY'S, BARROWHOUSE



FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - 30TH JANUARY 2022

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

Prayer

God of salvation, in your Prophet, Jesus the Christ, you announce freedom and summon us to conversion. As we marvel at the grace and power of your word, enlighten us to see the beauty of the gospel and strengthen us to embrace its demands. Grant this through your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen

READINGS

1st reading:

Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19

Psalm:

Psalm 70

2nd reading:

1 Corinthians 12: 31-13: 13

Gospel:

Luke 4: 21-30

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:

Common € 795 Share € 425 P. Dev. € 984

Covid 19 Update

The virus is still circulating in the community and we advise caution and prudence over the coming weeks.

Mask wearing is still in place.

Sanitising stations remain available.

People are encouraged to continue keeping a certain social distance



TUESDAY NEXT, 1ST FEBRUARY, THE FEAST OF ST. BRIGID

MASS IN ATHY CHURCH AT 9.30AM WILL INCLUDE BLESSING OF ST. BRIGID'S CROSSES WHICH ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE PARISH OFFICE ON MONDAY.

ATHY PARISH OFFICE OPEN MONDAY 2.15-4PM

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD -CANDLEMAS & ST BLAISE

Wednesday, February 2nd, is the Feast of the Presentation of the LORD,(the4thJoyful Mystery of the Rosary), it is also Candlemas Day, when candles will be blessed at the 9:30am Mass in Crookstown and Athy. Some of these candles will be used for the blessing of throat on Thursday, the Feast of St Blaise.

There will be Mass at 9:30am on Thursday in Athy & Crookstown on the Feast of St Blaise, followed by the blessing of throats. There will also be Mass in Moone on Thursday night at 7pm, again,

followed by the Blessing of throats.



PLEASE NOTE THAT THE BLESSING OF THROATS WILL BE CONDUCTED AT A DISTANCE OF APPROXIMATELY 2 METERS



Blessed Candles will be available in the parish office after Mass on Wednesday.

PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

Recently Deceased:
Maureen Robinson, Dominic's Park, Athy Eileen Kolb nee Hyland formerly Rosebran died in

Saturday 6pm Vigil:

Month's mind:

Michael Brennan

Anniversaries:

Valerie Hickey, Edward Delahunt, Kathleen Delahunt, Brigid Shinkins, Jack Shinkins, T.J. Delahunt, Brigid Shinkins, Jack Shinkins, 1.J.
Shinkins, Peggy Maher, John, Josie & Jack Maher,
Eileen Brophy, Mary 'Molly' Owens, William &
Jane Holligan, Johnny Watchorn, Margaret &
Edward Brennan, Tony & John Brennan,
Bernadette Duggan nee Byrne (1st A), Kathleen
Kelly, Rose Kelly, Michael & Bridget Noonan,
Teresa Carbery, Mary Whelan, Theresa
Shaughnessy, Phil Gorman, Dec members of
Redmond & Gorman families, Paddy & Kitty Redmond & Gorman families, Paddy & Kitty Burke, Joe & Josie Luttrell, Jason Dooley (20th A) Tommy Nolan & Dec members of Nolan & Reid Families, Paddy & Bridget Dunne, John Costello, Birthday remembrance: Mike Maher, Bernadette

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9 am Barrowhouse:

10.30 am

Anniversaries:

Michael & Joe Dooley, Peter Holligan, Margaret Pearl Cooke (8th A), Kevin Dooley, Terry Dooley, Maureen Kerr, William & Jane Holligan, Mary Foley nee Donoher, Teresa Carbery, Jason Dooley (20th A), Tommy Nolan & Dec members of Nolan & Reid Families,

Birthday Remembrance: Ann Deering

12.00 noon

Anniversaries:
William & Jane Holligan, James & John Hickey, Jason Dooley (20th A), Teresa Carbery, Jim O'Sullivan, Peter Corcoran (Rec. Dec.), Maurice Sheehan (Rec.Dec.)

Mon: 9.30 am:

William & Jane Holligan, Michael & Mary Doyle, Sara & Patrick McGane, Special Intention

Tues: 9.30am:

Peggy, John, Josie & Jack Maher, TV Mathia, Haris Robinson, Bridie Hickey (Anniy)

Birthday remembrance: Ann Deering

Wednes: 9.30 am:

Catherine Smyth, Niamh Byrne, Anthony & Mary Kirwin, Special Intention

Thurs: 9.30am: Golden Book

PARISH OFFICE /SHOP

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Brigid was born in Faughart near Dundalk in Co Louth. Her father was a Celtic chieftain and a pagan, but her mother, who had been brought from Portugal, as a slave, was a Christian. When she turned 18, Brigid decided to stop working on the farm and instead, dedicate her life to working for God. She began looking after the poor, sick and elderly. Brigid dedicated her life to GOD. News of her generosity and care for the poor, sick and elderly soon spread and other young women came to join her. She founded many convents across Ireland but her most famous and successful was In Kildare, near where Kildare Town now stands.

St Brigid went to the King of Leinster to ask for land to build a convent. She told the King that the place where she stood was a perfect location. The King refused. Brigid prayed to God to soften the kings heart. She asked the King..."will you give me as much land as my cloak will cover?" The King knew it would only cover a tiny patch and so he agreed. Brigid asked for friends to each take a corner of her cloak. They walked North, South, East and West and her cloak began to stretch for many acres.— The King was amazed and quickly knelt before Brigid realizing that many acres.— The King was amazed and quickly knelt before Brigid, realizing that she was clearly blessed by God. He pledged to help her and her friends with food, money and supplies. —The King also became a Christian and began helping the poor. Brigid's miracle of the cloak 'Brat Brid' was the first of many miracles that she would work for the people of Ireland. The monastery in Kildare was a mixed monastery of both men and women with Brigid at it's head.

Many have tried to 'claim' Brigid' as a Celtic Goddess in the ilk of Silé na gig, but this could not be further from the truth, Brigid was a Celtic Christian woman, strong, courageous and totally dedicated to teachings of Christ.

Saint Brigid, Abbess and Patron of Ireland - pray for us.

ST BLAISE, WAS a fourth century bishop at Sebaste (now the city of Sivas in central Turkey, in what was then the Roman province of Armenia-Cappadocia). During a persecution -probably ordered by Constantine's ally and co-emperor Licinius - he was martyred in 316 AD. This much at least seems to be historical fact, according to the New Roman Martyrology 2004. How has he become so famous for the blessing of throats? The most significant detail tells that when Blaise had been captured and was on his way to prison, a boy was brought to him in danger of choking from a fishbone stuck in his throat. Blaise prayed over him and the boy was cured.

Feast Day 3rd February

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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Catholic Schools Week is celebrated in schools across the island of Ireland until 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.

Children's Corner

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



SCOIL PHADRAIG NAOFA

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

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.churchtownathy.com

SHANGANAMORE NATIONAL SCHOOL

Enrolments will take place for pupils wishing to commence in either Mainstream or ASD Classes for September 2022 from Tuesday 1st February to Friday 18th February. If you wish to enrol your son/ daughter vou can contact the school office at 059-8632315 or email shanganamorens87@gmail.com for an Enrolment Form.

SCOIL MHICHÍL NAOFA

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. If you wish to enrol your son/daughter you can contact the school office at 0598631794 or email

officesmnathy@gmail.com for Enrolment Form. More details can be found at

www.smnathy.ie