





EIGHT SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - 27TH FEBRUARY 2022

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 a **Day of Prayer for Temperance** A day to consider what we will do for Lent.

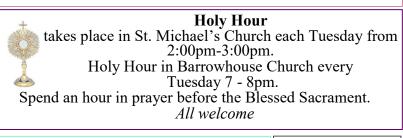
Lent begins Wednes next, 2nd March, on Ash Wednesday is a day of Fast & Abstinence. Lent is a time of prayer, fast and almsgiving. Blessed Ashes will be distributed at all The Masses. Masses in St. Michael's Church at 9.30 am & & 7.30 pm

Trocaire Boxes are available at the doors of the church.

Stations of the Cross cards are available in all the churches. Please try to pray the stations during Lent. €1 donation to cover the cost can be placed in any of the Church shrines.

If any one want to take the Pioneer Lenten pledge Numper Moore please contact the Parish Secretary or one of the Priests. (See notice board) Pledges can be taken Ash Wednesday after Mass or at an agreed time.

Collections weekend: P. Dev. €815 Common €1,000 Share € 575 Thanks to all who contribute.



St. Patrick's Day, Thursday, 17th March, is a Holy Day. Masses in Athy Parish at 9.30 am & 12 noon The Mass at 12 noon will be in Irish with music from Parish choir. Patrick's Day cards & badges, emblems now available from Parish Office.

PRAYER

O God, our teacher and judge, hear

our prayer as we gather at the table

of your word. Enrich our hearts with

the goodness of your wisdom and renew us from within, that all our

actions, all our words, may bear the

fruit of your transforming grace. We

make our prayer through your Son,

Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns

with you in the unity of the Holy

Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen



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



PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

Recently Deceased: Margaret 'Peggy' Doyle nee O'Leary, Grayslands

Saturday 6pm Vigil: Month's mind: Anniversaries:

Anniversaries: Joe Doyle, Bridget Doyle, Patrick & Daniel O'Brien, Christy Brogan, Dec. mem of Brogan family, Dec. mem of Brophy family, Carmel & Gay Crevan, Margaret & Clair Phillips, Dec. mem of Phillips family, Josie & Joe Luttrell, Pearse Dunne, Tom McEvoy, Cyril McGovern, Annie & Willie Hutchinson, Lily Vaughan, John Foley (1st A), Patrick 'Cuddy' Chanders (42 nd A), Jane Chanders (35th A), Dec. mem of Chanders & Dunne families, Marv Owens, John Chanders & Dunne families, Mary Owens, John Foley, Dec. members of Foley family, William & Alice Myles, Lucy Bannon nee Harris, Vivienne Anderson (10th A), Benny Dowling (3rd A), George Roche, Mary Roche, Kathleen Kelly, Padraig Gately, Paul Foley, Peter Brereton, Esther Brereton, Jane Radziuniene,

9 am Barrowhouse:

10.30 am

Anniversaries:

Manie Brady, Winifred Cunningham, Elizabeth Lawlor, John Foley (1st A), Mary Owens, Patrick 'Cuddy' & Jane Chanders, Lucy Bannon nee Harris, William & Alice Myles, Elizabeth Myles, Mary Moran, Vivienne Anderson (10th A), May Dooley, Paddy, Eleanor & Pat Dooley

12.00 noon

Month's mind: Maureen Robinson Anniversaries: Annie Powell, Mamie Brady, John Foley 1st A), Mary Owens, Patrick `Cuddy` & Jane Chanders, William Myles, Vivienne Anderson (10th A)

Mon: 9.30 am: Margaret McHugh, Dec. members of McHugh family, Joe Taaffe, Elizabeth Brennan Michael Bride, Annie Hutchinson, Dec mem of Hutchinson Family, Special Intention, Donors Intention

Tues: 9.30 am: Joe Doyle, Bridget Doyle, Matthew Carroll (26th anniv), Billy Ryan, Thanksgiving Special Intention

Wednes: 9.30 am: Maura Coughlan -Rec. Dec. Patrick Byrne, Billy, Elizabeth & Patrick Farrelly,

Birthday remembrance: Patrick Kelly

Thurs: 9.30 am: Golden Book Fri: 9.30 am: Altar List of the Dead

Wednes 7.30 pm: Special Intention

READINGS

1st reading: Ecclesiasticus 27:4-7 Psalm: Psalm 91 2nd reading: 1 Corinthians 15:54-58 **Gospel:** Luke 6:39-45

Covid-19

Please wear face masks from tomorrow, Monday, this is not

mandatory but advised.

Hand sanitising stations remain in place

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

Gent

ASH WEDNESDAY marks the holy / penitential season of Lent and is a day of Fast and Abstinence. Fasting means one main meal and 2 small snacks, health permitting; Abstinence is from meat.

An online article from the *National Catholic Register* has 10 suggestions for a fruitful Lent that can be read in full at <u>www.tiny.cc/10LENT</u>. Here is a summary of the 10 suggestions:

- Read the Bible, particularly the Sudgestions.
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- (2) Attend Mass at least an extra day of the week besides Sundays. Friday would be a good day, considering Jesus' journey on Good Friday. Pray there for people in need as well as for deceased or sick loved ones;
- (3) Attend Eucharistic Adoration. Either attend formal exposition of the Blessed Sacrament or simply sit in front of the tabernacle and thus keep company with the hidden Jesus;
- (4) Perform a Spiritual / Corporal Work of Mercy. Daily ask the Holy Spirit to point out a needy person to pray for, to call on the phone, visit, run an errand for, etc;
- (5) Pray the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet daily. Turn off the car radio, home TV or social media device and instead spend the time with God.
- (6) Intercessory Prayer: Put together a list of those to pray for daily, those who may be in special need;
- (7) Make a Mini-Pilgrimage to a shrine or holy place;
- (8) Spiritual Reading: Catechetical
- Make Simple Sacrifices: An exercise for the whole family which reminds us of the Sacrifice of Calvary;
- (10) Pray the Stations of the Cross. Either pray at local chapel or reflect on the meditations at home.

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

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.

If you don't have a number but would like one please contact Parish Office.



Share & Common contributions can be used to reach the \notin 250 yearly total for the charity tax relief on donations scheme. *Thanks for your contributions*

PARISHES OF ATHY, NARRAGHMORE & MOONE

CONFIRMATION DATES

Sacrament of Confirmation takes place at 11am as follows;

Kilmead Churchtown & Ballyroe Moone Gaelscoil Crookstown Barrowhouse Athy –Scoil Padraig Naofa Kilberry & Model School Athy-S. Mhichil Naofa March 11^{th} March 25^{th} March 25^{th} April 26^{th} April 2^{st} April 2^{nd} April 29^{th} May 20^{th} June 3^{rd} - **11 am & 1pm**

FIRST COMMUNION DATES

First Communion takes place at 11 am as follows

May 6th Kilberry & Model School May 7th Churchtown & Ballyroe May 13th Athy-SMN May 13th Crookstown May 14th Barrowhouse May 14th Kilmead May 20th Moone May 21st Gaelscoil May 27th Athy-Scoil Pádraig Naofa



East Laois Macra na Feirme Table Quiz Friday 11th March in Flemings Bar, Ballylinan @ 9pm. €40 per table with food and a raffle on the night. Text to confirm a table by texting 086 3314546

EIST CANCER SUPPORT CENTRE

provide emotional & practical help to anyone affected by cancer, their families and carers. Contact 0858661499 or email info@eistcarlowcancersupport.ie

Children's Corner

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

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