



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



THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 27TH NOV. 2022

PRAYER Help us, life-affirming God, to put on Christ and so bear witness to you by how we live. Help us to let go of whatever stands in the way of our conversion. Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.



READINGS

1st Reading: Isaiah 2: 1-5
Psalm: Ps. 121: 1-2.4-9
2nd Reading: Romans 13:11-14
Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44

The first weeks of Advent focus more on the Lord's second coming in glory than on his first coming at Bethlehem. The Gospel clearly states that we must always be prepared, for at an hour we do not expect, the Son of Man will come. "Ready" is the key word.

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 at 9.30 am preceded at 9 am with rosary.

Archbishop Farrell's Advent Pastoral Letter, entitled *The Time Has Come*, will be read next weekend. See notice board.

Today is a *Do This In Memory* Sunday for First Holy Communion children.

Last Weekend Collections: -

P. Dev. € 2,569 Common: € 1,022 Share: € 865
Thanks to all who contribute.

**SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL
CONFERENCE OF ST. LAURENCE O'TOOLE,
Athy, Co Kildare.**

Annual Appeal 10th and 11th December 2022.

**Our annual appeal will take place in all the parish churches over the weekend of the 10th and 11th December, 2022.
The collection will take place during all masses.**

You can also make a donation to our local conference in the following way:-

*Drop it into our Parish Office, Athy, where there is a collection box.
Leave it into our charity shop Vincent's, on William Street, Athy.*

*You can also post it to head office- (by using the blue envelope)
SVP House, 91-92 Sean Mc Dermott Street, Dublin 1....Freepost F3507.
(it will be returned to us)*

To donate on line --- at svp.ie or call 0818 176 176.

*We wish to thank everyone who donated over the years and we are again asking for your support this year as the collection has a significant impact on our work that we carry out in the community.
Many thanks for your ongoing support.....*

PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

Recently Deceased:

Sr Agnes Kariuki, Sisters of Mercy who died in Kenya in November.

Kathleen Walsh, Pairc Bhríde
Paschal `Anne` Malone, Ballycullane
Annemarie Kelly nee Smyth, Kilmead
Mary Loakman, Ballitore

Saturday 6pm

Month's mind: Brian Finn

Birthday remembrance: Patrick Moran

Johnny Coughlan (Birthday & Anniv. Remembrance)

Anniversaries:

Michael Myles, Robert McCann (1stA), Annette Kelly (1stA), Peggy & Jack McDonagh (5thA), Mary O'Shaughnessy, Esther Supple, Patrick & Brian Kelly, Jerry & Ellen Quinn, Dec. members of Quinn family, Annie Nolan, Billy Hutchinson, Judy Mahon, Helena Hutchinson, Anne (Bid) Nolan, Dec. mem of Hutchinson family, Mary Bridie Moloney, Finbar Purcell, Jimmy Talbot (6thA), Eddie & Susan Roycroft, Peg Perse (5thA), William Lawler, Bridget Mulqueen, Katie & Bill Morrin, Bo Rochford, Dec. mem of Rochford family, Betty Boland, John Conway, John Flanagan, John & Ellen Kirwin

9 am Barrowhouse: Theo Davis, Adam Davis

10.30 am: Anniversaries:

Michael Myles, Jerry & Ellen Quinn, Dec. members of Quinn family, Johnny Coughlan, Dani Pacarda, Peg Perse (5thA), William Lawler, Patrick & Roseanne Keegan, Jack & Kitty Kelly, Geraldine Kelly, Sheila Melia, Rose Heavy, Katie & Bill Morrin, Theresa & Rita Hickey, John Foley (1st Anniv)

12.00 noon: Birthday rem: Patrick Moran

Anniversaries:

Tom Murphy, Tony Bracken, Carrie & Robbie Robinson, Frank Webb, Robert McCann (1stA), Mairéad Byrne (4thA), Jerry & Ellen Quinn, Dec. members of Quinn family, Peg Perse (5thA), Johnny Coughlan, Emily McEvoy (2nd anniv) William Lawler, Katie & Bill Morrin

Mon. 9.30 am: Anne Spring (6thA), Anthony Hunston, Dec. members of Hunston & Spring families.

Tues. 9.30 am:

Wednes. 9.30 am: Richard Flanagan (56thA), Patrick & George Aldridge

Thurs. 9.30 am: Golden Book

Friday 9.30 am: Altar List of the Dead

CLOTHES COLLECTION

SUPPORTING Friends of Calcutta from Parish church car park Wednes. 30th November, up to 2 pm

Near wheelchair ramp at office.

All enquiries to Michael 087 9073074

PARISH OF ATHY FIRST HOLY COMMUNION DATES

Athy Scoil Mhicil Naofa Friday, 28th April, at 11am & 1pm
Churchtown Saturday, 6th May at 11am
Ballyroe Saturday, 6th May at 11 am
Gaelscoil: Saturday, 6th May at 11 am
Barrowhouse: Sat 20th May
Athy Scoil Padraig Naofa: Fri 26th May at 11am
& 1pm



ADVENT/CHRISTMAS STOCK

Contact the **Parish Office** for Christmas Mass Bouquets, Christmas cards including *Divine Word* *Missionaries cards*, Children Advent calendars, 2023 church Art calendars, Christmas candles



PARISH OF ATHY CONFIRMATION DATES 2023

Athy Scoil Padraig Naofa: Fri 31st March @ 11am & 1pm
Gaelscoil: Friday 21st April @ 11m
Barrowhouse: Saturday 22nd April @ 11am & 1pm
Athy Scoil Mhicil Naofa: Friday 2nd June @ 11am & 1pm
Model School: To be confirmed



Do this in Memory

Parish Preparation Programme for Holy Communion

DATES FOR THE PARISH PROGRAMME MASSES

This weekend, November 26th/27th - First Sunday of Advent
December 17th/18th - Fourth Sunday of Advent
January 14th/15th - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 25th/26th - First Sunday of Lent
March 11th/12th - Third Sunday of Lent
April 22nd/23rd Third Sunday of Easter
June 10th/11th - Feast of the Body & Blood of Christ
(Corpus Christi)

We look forward to seeing you at all the preparation Masses.

MASS TIMES:

Ss Mary & Laurence, Crookstown - Saturday 7pm
St Mary's, Barrowhouse - Sunday 9:00am
St Ita's, Kilmead - Sunday 10:30am
St Michael's, Athy - Sunday 10:30am
Most Blessed Trinity, Moone - Sunday 12 noon

USEFUL NUMBERS: Natasha Geoghegan: 087-6730300 Pastoral
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Pastoral Worker Narraghmore & Moone

Jesus said: "Let the children come to ME and do not stop them, for it is to such as these that the kingdom of Heaven belongs." Mt.19:14

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PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND

We remind those who pay their contributions **annually** that they can make their contribution now.

If you did not receive your box of envelopes please contact the Parish Office or check behind high altar.

If you are not a subscriber and would like to become one, you can contact the Parish office.

You can set up a standing order, donate in annual envelope or by weekly box. Thank you



EXPLORING OUR EVER DEEPENING JOURNEY WITH GOD

FULLNESS OF LIFE A talk by the Trappist monk, Fr. Thomas Keating, with the title - "Living with God, day after day, after day" - will take place in the Parish office on next Monday at 8 pm. All are welcome.
ring Jerry at 087-6825407

The Youth 2000 Christmas retreat

will be taking place in Newbridge College, Newbridge between 9th-11th December. This retreat is for anyone aged 16-35. Great CRAIC!!, Excellent Speakers, Inspiring Talks & Workshops, Fantastic music, Group activities, Youth Masses, Adoration, Reconciliation, prayer, Drama, Games & plenty of time to chill out, meet new people and find out what it means to be young & Catholic today!! Donation only. Free buses leaving from all over Ireland. Register now on www.youth2000.ie

See parish notice boards

CHILDRENS CHOIR:

St. Michael's Church Athy, are setting up a children's Choir. Choirs are a vital part of our Church and we want you and your child to be involved and take part. We are inviting all children from Junior infants up to and including 6th class.



All denominations are welcome. If they are interested please come to our practices which are held on Thursdays from 2.45pm -3.45pm in St. Michael's Church, Athy We Looking forward to seeing you there. If you have any queries please contact Natasha Geoghegan on 0876730300 or

Tap and Go Contactless Donation

A choice as to how you donate

The Archdiocese of Dublin has introduced a "Tap and Go" contactless donation method to enable people to donate directly to the

First Collection (Common Fund Priest Collection)
and the **Second Collection (Share Fund)**

Card machines are in place at the back of the Church for this purpose.

Please note any donation through this method will be split 60% to the Common Fund & 40% to Share Fund

You can use your Debit/Credit Card or indeed your mobile phone if you it payments enabled on your phone.

Familiar collection bags and the current envelope system remain in place.

In October Athy Tap & Go collected €689



**Athy Parish Website: www.parityofathy.ie
Parish Radio: 107.9 FM**