



THE PARISH
OF ATHY

Comprising the Faith Communities of:

ST MICHAEL'S, ATHY

&

ST MARY'S, BARROWHOUSE



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 11TH DECEMBER 2022

Prayer

We believe, loving God, that you take delight in all you have made. Open up in us again the springs of joy, that we may delight in you, our true joy.



READINGS

1st Reading: Isaiah 35: 1-6.10 **Psalm:** Ps. 145: 6-10

2nd Reading: James 5: 7-10 **Gospel:** Matthew 11:2-11

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.

Area Distributors are reminded that their Bundles of **Christmas Timetables and Dues envelopes** are available behind the high Altar in the Church.

Last Weekend Collections: -

P. Dev. €1,911 comprising of €1,010 annuals

Common: € 1,193 Share: €825

Thanks to all who contribute.

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 and will replace the Share collection.

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...Freeport F3507. (it will be returned to us) To donate on line --- at svp.ie or call 0818 176 176.

"Unfortunately again this year it has been very difficult to raise funds to enable us support our work in the community, so been able to have a Church collection helps us greatly. Our funds are increasingly stretched trying to support those who need it most, especially at Christmas time. To continue to help those who need it most we must raise at a minimum €50,000 each year"

Ber McEvoy, President -SVP Athy Conference

We wish to thank everyone who donated over the years and we are again asking for your support this year



Athy Parish Website: www.parihofathy.ie
Parish Radio: 107.9 FM

PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

Recently Deceased: *May Nolan, Ballickmoyler*

Saturday 6pm Months Mind:

Anniversaries: Fintan Lalor, Mickey & David Harris, John Kavanagh, Joe & Annie Kehoe, Michael Desmond (1stA), Nellie O'Neill, Brian, Sheila & Baby Brian Kelly, Bridie Foy, Rita Quinn, Michael & Alice Piert, Michael Piert Jr. (18thA), Michael Byrne, Nancy English (1stA), Ann & Jimmy Mulhall, Joseph (Joe) O'Neill (1stA), Natasha Clancy, Noel Ward (1stA), Patrick Tierney, Sean Fitzgerald, Aidan Howe, Kathleen 'Kitty' Foley, Dolores Byrne (10thA), Christina Byrne, Bernadette Byrne, Christina Brennan Byrne, Nancy Rice, Dec. members of Mooney family, Sr. Patrick, Sr. Dominic, Tomas, Bridget, Carmel & Declan Ayres, Stephen Leonard, Dec. mem. of Leonard family, Andrew & Bridget O'Brien, Kathleen Cusack James Haughton, Mary Perse, Dec. mem. of Perse family, Stefan Clarke Perse, James Haughton, Mary Dunne, Joe & May Kane, Nancy, Sean & Jason Dooley, John, Maggie, Bill & Pat Hoare, May, Noel, John & Ann Murphy, Ted Ward, Kathleen Mackey, Betty Cusack, Pat Fitzsimons, Martin Holohan, Mary Hyland, Marjorie Austen, Doris Pratt, Bernadette Thompson, Maureen Coyle, Dec. mem. Kane & Hoare families, Frank Honer, David Whittle

9 am Barrowhouse: Edward Whelan, Ned & Betty Whelan Mary 'Ciss Brennan, Mary & James Brennan

10.30 am: Anniversaries: Valerie Wilson, Fintan Lalor, David & Mikey Harris, John Kavanagh, Michael & Alice Piert, Michael Piert Jr. (18thA), Nancy English (1stA), Paddy Harrington, Mai & Bill Heffernan, Joseph O'Neill (1stA), Nellie O'Neill, Nancy Rice, Molly & Neddy Hughes, Liam Hughes, Ger Molloy, Kathleen Haskins, Paddy & Bridgid Bowden, Ellen & Geoff Eastwood, Gavin Eastwood, Sam & Teresa Hallows, P.J. & Nellie Bowden, Dec. mem. of Davis family, Dec. mem. of Woodstock St. Minche's Tce. & St. Martin's Tce. Michael & Annie Dooley, Paddy 'Skinner' Foley, Joseph & Julia Martin, Bill Kelly, Christina & Bernadette Byrne, Christina Brennan Byrne, James & Eileen O'Neill, Ted O'Neill, Andrew & Bridget O'Brien, John Myles, Christy Kelly (26th A), Mary Dunne

12.00 noon: Birthday remembrance: Tom Heskin

Anniversaries: Fintan Lalor, David & Mikey Harris, Michael Piert (18thA), Michael & Alice Piert, Michael Byrne, Paddy Harrington, Sp Int. Joseph 'Joe' O'Neill (1stA), Angela Doran, George Higginson, Paddy 'Skinner' Foley, Mary, Edward & Joe Perse, Kathleen & James Archbold, Dec. mem. of Archbold & Perse families, Nancy Rice, Christina & Bernadette Byrne, Christina Bernadette Byrne, Andrew & Bridget O'Brien, Kathleen Cusack, Kathleen Corcoran, Peter Fleming, James Rowan

Mon. 9.30 am: Michael Byrne, Fintan Lalor, Michael & Mary Lalor, Neil & Martha Donaghy, Special Intention

Tues. 9.30 am: Birthday rem: Eileen Brock

Anniv: Rita Quinn (6thA), Special Int, Derek Donohue, Jean & Tom Donohue, Kevin & Eileen Fingleton, John, June & Molly Fingleton, Dec. mem. of Fingleton, Philips & Donohue families, Betty & Paddy Brennan, Dec. mem. of Brennan & Bambrick families, Martin Tynan

Wednes. 9.30 am: Fr. Jim Candon, Christopher & Mary Cleary, Christopher & Margaret Nolan, Dec. mem. of Troy & Cleary families, Sp. Int. Agnes O'Neill (1stA), Kathleen O'Brien (25th Anniv),

Thurs. 9.30 am: Zoltan & Edit Zinn Collis, Gay Coffey, Special Intention, Peter Fleming, Katie & Joseph Gumley

Friday 9.30 am: Bertie & Bridie Doyle, Ben Whelan, Mary 'Molly' Rowan (10thA), Special Int. Bridget Morrissey, Patrick Stanley, Dolores Connell Costello

ATHY MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC SOCIETY

30th Anniversary

While Shepherds Watched

St. Michael's Parish Church

Monday 19th December 7.30pm

A Celebration of Christmas Songs & Music

Musical Director Niall Mulpeter Director Imelda Dooley


AMDS will be joined by
St. Vincent's Choir
Melody & Keys Academy of Music
Siofra Nic Gabhann & Grace Kenny
Kevin Morrin & Vincent Crowley
Sing-n-Sign
Jim Fitzpatrick, Justin Kelly
Aisling Byrne, Willie Quinlan

Tickets €5 Available from Winkle's
& at the door on the night
Proceeds to St. Vincent's Hospital Patient Comfort Fund

MERCY ASSOCIATE MEETING

Meeting of Athy Lay Mercy Associate will take place on Monday, 12th December, at 7.30pm in Fr. Dennehy's Old House

If you wish to join please contact 085 1801 391



CHRISTMAS ALTAR LIST

If you wish to have your deceased loved ones remembered in our Christmas Masses, please hand in their names into the parish office no later than Thursday 22nd December at 1.30pm.

Christmas List will be displayed near Sacred Heart Altar.

Office/Shop Open:
Mon: 2.15pm-4 pm
(closed bank holidays & holydays)
Tues. & Wednes: 9.30am -1.30 pm & 2-4pm,
Thu & Fri: 9.30-1.30 pm, Sat 10.30-1pm.


ADVENT/CHRISTMAS STOCK

Contact the **Parish Office** for Christmas Mass Bouquets, Christmas cards including 'Greeting from Athy' Divine Word Missionaries cards, Children Advent calendars, 2023 church Art and Pioneer Association calendars, Christmas candles, limited stock cribs and crib sheds

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT, 'GAUDETE' SUNDAY, YEAR A, 11TH DECEMBER 2022

Over this Advent, would you pray that the *joy of the Lord* would be evident in your heart and home?

May God's spirit transform the days leading up to Christmas into a time of holy anticipation; preparing our hearts, as we joyfully await the chance to celebrate the arrival of our king.



Barrowhouse Community Christmas Carol Service

takes place on Sunday 11th December at 7pm in St. Mary's Church, Barrowhouse. Preceded by turning on Christmas lights by Santa Claus. ALL ARE WELCOME.




The Palestrina Choir Christmas Concert

takes place in the National Concert Hall this **Saturday, December 10**, at 8pm.

Visit [this link](#) for more details.

The Girls' Choir will sing a selection of seasonal carols at St Ann's Church, Dawson Street, on **Monday, December 12**, at 7pm



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.



COMHALTAS CEOLTORI EIREANN

will hold classes in Gaelscoil Atha Í

Commencing Tue 10th June from 6pm-8pm

Junior members 6-18, Adults over 18 welcome.

Contact 087 4266029

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WORLD YOUTH DAY LISBON 2023 -

World Youth Day (WYD) is a worldwide encounter with the Pope celebrated every three years in a different country. It will take place next year the 1st -6th August 2023 in Lisbon, Portugal. It is open to all young people from 18-35 yrs. It is an opportunity to experience and express their faith with others from around the world. We already have around 8-10 young people from Athy, Narraghmore & Moone. This group and hopefully more young adults from our parish will be going along with a larger group from the Dublin Diocese. Registration is through the Dublin diocese and is open now until the 14th of December. If this would be of interest to you, please contact Natasha Geoghegan on 087 6730300 or natasha.curran@dublindiocese.ie. Look forward to hearing from you If this would be of interest to you, please contact Natasha Geoghegan on 087 6730300 or natasha.curran@dublindiocese.ie. Look forward to hearing from you.

