



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



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 18TH DECEMBER 2022

PRAYER

God of every grace and blessing, help us to know the depth of your gift and love in Christ. Help us to recognise and set aside the difficulties which keep us apart.

READINGS

1st Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14 **Psalm:** Ps. 23: 1-6

2nd Reading: Romans 1: 1-7 **Gospel:** Matthew 1:18-24

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.

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.

Penitential Service Wednesday 21st December at 7.30pm, including individual confession and individual absolution.

Parish office will close for Christmas holidays on **Friday, 23rd Dec at 12.30 pm sharp**. Reopens Friday 30th December **11.00 am to 1pm only**

Schedule for Christmas 2022 and New Year 2023 available at Church doors. Some area distributors have yet to collect the bundles of Dues and timetables from behind high Altar. Christmas Schedules can be viewed on notice boards and parish website.

Last Weekend Collections: -

P. Dev. € 4,919 comprising of €4,205 annuals
Common: €1,124 *Thanks to all who contribute.*

SVP Church Collection 2022

Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th December 2022

St Laurence O'Toole Conference, Athy, Co Kildare.

St Michael's	€ 8,898.00
Barrowhouse	€ 2,251.00
Kilmeade	€ 1,915.00
Ballymount	€ 669.00
Crookstown	€ 918.00
Ballylinan	€ 974.00

2022 Total = € 15,625.00

A big thank you from the local conference of St. Vincent De Paul



PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

Recently Deceased:

Tom Browne, Bagnalstown,
Elizabeth 'Betty' Wallis, Ballyroe, Grangemellon,
Kathleen Lattir, McDonnell Drive

Saturday 6pm

Months Mind: Kathleen Walsh, Denis Curtin, Grzegorz Remm, Leo Delaney,

Anniversaries: Edith & Zoltan Zinn Collis, Josie Hunt, Michael Walsh (2nd A), Ben Whelan, John Flanagan, John & Ellen Kirwan, Brian & Sheila Kelly, Baby Brian Kelly, Willie & Joan Kelly, Dec. mem. of Malone family, Dec. mem. of Kelly family, Fergus Moore, Paddy & Essie Supple, Sp. Intention, Christy & Lil Dalton, Mary 'Molly' Rowan (10th A), Molly Hamilton, Cassie O'Keeffe, Jack O'Keeffe, Harriette Comerford, Michael Eustace, Patrick 'Paddy' Quinn, Pat Flood, Kitty Mulhall, Michael & Delia Connolly, Michael 'Gunner' Connolly, Stephen & Harriette Connolly, Patrick, Mary & Declan Roche, Liam Reid (20th A), Denis Byrne (19th A), Dolores Connell Costello, Patrick & Rose Kelly, Chrissie Maher, Johnny Kelly, Joe Morgan, Claire Phillips, Nancy Gorman (8th A), Una Gaule, Tommy Comerford, Elizabeth Lawlor, Dec. mem. of Lawler & Cunningham families, Tony Kirwan, Geraldine McGrath, Sheila & Brian Kelly, Leo Delaney, Paddy, Tommy & Patsy Byrne

9 am Barrowhouse: Bridget Howe

10.30 am: Anniversaries: Michael McHugh, Molly Connell, Niall Dunne, Breda Dunne, Peter Nolan, Dec. mem. of Nolan family, Donal Flanagan, Molly Hamilton, Cassie O'Keeffe, Jack O'Keeffe, Christy Nolan, Ann Rigney, Martin Rigney, Eileen & Wilf Meredith, Tommy Comerford, Michael Dooley, Josie Dooley, Joseph & Julia Martin, Peter & Katie O'Connell, Elizabeth Lawlor, Dec. mem. of Athy Young at Heart, Tony Kirwan, Michael Rainsford Snr. & Jnr. Hannah Meehan, Dec mem Rainsford & Meehan Family, Una Gaule Jack Brogan, Paddy Casey, William & Nuala Fenlon

Birthday Rem: Bessy Casey

12.00 noon: Month's mind: Paschal Ann Malone
Anniversaries: Veronica Bradley nee Dooley (6th A), Donal Flanagan, Special Intention, Molly Hamilton, Cassie O'Keeffe, Jack O'Keeffe, Pat Flood, Michael & Delia Connolly, Micheál 'Gunner' Connolly, Stephen & Harriette Connolly, Patrick, Mary & Delia Roche, Denis Byrne (19th A) Maurice Kane, Frances Kane nee Flavin, Tommy Comerford, Joe McNamara, Michael & Peggy Doyle, Peg Hemenstall, Mike Breslin, Jack Breslin, Maura McCauley, Martin Conroy Tony Kirwan

Mon. 9.30 am: Brigid Flanagan (19th A), Special Intention, Joe McNamara, Ellen Bastable

Tues. 9.30 am: Jim Brennan, Margaret & Tony Doyle, Mary Ellen Flanagan (48th A), Special Intention, Mary Moran

Wednes. 9.30 am: Peter & Molly O'Neill, Jim Prendergast, Joe & Kathleen Gibbons, Joe & Gertie Fennelly, Donor's Intention

Thurs. 9.30 am: Special Intention, Patrick 'Paddy' Quinn, Michael Eustace, Donor's Intention

Friday 9.30 am: Michael McHugh, Molly Connell, Liam Owens (2nd A), Special Intention, Michael Perse, Ann Rigney (17th A), Martin Rigney (Rem), Donor's Intention, Anthony Kelly, Dec mem of Kelly & Murphy Families

PARISH OFFICE CHRISTMAS STOCK

Christmas Mass bouquets, Christmas cards, 2023 church Art and Pioneer Association calendars also Christmas candles and limited stock cribs and shed available from Parish shop.

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

ATHY PARISH HOLY HOUR

Last Holy Hour in 2022 Tuesday next 20th December
after 9.30am Mass (not 2pm)
All welcome.

Holy Hour will resume Tuesday 10th January 2023
at 2 pm.


Many thanks to all who attended the Holy Hour or
viewed on line.



BRIDGE LESSONS-A NEW PASTIME

Starting 11th January 2023 in Old Vocational
School, Carlow Rd

If you can play bridge and would like to join the club
you can also. Contact Miriam at 087 9370168



COMHALTAS CEOLTORI EIREANN

will hold classes in Gaelscoil Atha Í
Commencing Tue 10th Jan. from 6pm-8pm
Junior members 6-18, Adults over 18 welcome.
Contact 087 4266029


Do this in Memory

Parish Preparation Programme for Holy Communion

January 14th/15th Communion Preparation Mass **has been changed.** The Do this in Memory of me Mass **will now be on Sunday 22nd January** at for the pupils of Shanganamore National School, in St. Mary's Church, Barrowhouse at 9am. and in St. Michael's Church, Athy at 10:30am for the pupils of Scoil Naomh Treasa, Scoil Mhichil Naofa, Scoil Phadraig Naofa, Gaelscoil Atha I, Kilberry National School, Churchtown National School.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT,

What Is the Candle of Love?



This is the candle usually light on 4th Sunday of Advent

We should keep in mind, some church traditions vary on which candle goes on which Sunday. Some may light the "love candle" on the second Sunday of Advent instead of the fourth. Others have lit the candle of Peace on the fourth week of Advent instead of the candle of love.

No matter what the church tradition, we can assuredly know that virtues such as love, hope, peace, joy, and faith are important in the Christmas story as well as in our daily walk with Christ.

Whichever we celebrate on whatever Sunday of Advent, we know all of them are important hallmarks of the Christian faith journey.


O.N.E. BOOK OF CONDOLENCES

Private Seán Rooney RIP

Athy branch of ONE have placed a book at the front door of St. Michael's Church for those who want to offer their condolences to express deepest sympathies to the family of Irish Defence Forces Private Seán Rooney RIP, who was tragically killed on peacekeeping duty in the Lebanon.

Christmas Eve Family Mass


will be at 6pm in St. Michael's Church, Athy. We invite all children if they wish, to come to mass dressed as angels or shepherds. We will be acting out the Gospel so if your son or daughter would like to be involved there will be a practice on Thursday 22nd of December at 12:30 in St. Michael's Church. Please contact Natasha Geoghegan on 0876730300. At this mass we always sing happy birthday to Jesus so if you like to make Jesus a happy birthday card, please bring it to the Church with you on the night. Looking forward to seeing you there.



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.

Children Liturgy Sheets available at doors of church



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