



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



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 4TH DECEMBER 2022

Prayer

God of life abundant, may your advent call to life and love, hope and conversion touch us again and draw us closer to you. Amen.



PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

Recently Deceased:

Rory Mason,
Sil Heffernan, Kilberry,
Shelia McGowan (nee McNamara) Rhode, Offaly formerly Athy,

Saturday 6pm

Months Mind: Trish Ryan

Anniversaries: Eilish O'Neill, Canice Bergin, Ann Horgan, Bridget Doyle, Dec. members of Doyle family, Anne Browne, Rita Delaney (1st A), Michael Mullin, Olive Harte (4th A), James Flinter, Doreen Behan, Patrick Bolger, Maureen Brennan, Jack & Margaret Murphy, Brendan Murphy, Mary & Jim O'Mara, John Kilfeather, Nonie Heatherley, Patsy, Janie & Lil Rowan, Ann & Christopher Carolan, Bob Gannon, Elizabeth & Barney Doyle, Sarah & John Davis, Sheila Moore (Anniv.) Tom & Essy Carroll

9 am Barrowhouse: Peggy & Tom Phelan, Tomas & Elizabeth Dunne, Mathew & Eileen Kelly

10.30 am: Anniversaries:

Winnie Doolan, Dora Waters, Fr. Albie O'Connor, James Flinter, Doreen Behan, Tony Bracken, Bid Nolan, Helena Hutchinson, Bill Hutchinson, Judy Mahon, Dick Norris, Harriet & Daniel Keyes, Jack & Margaret Murphy, Brendan Murphy, Mary & Jim O'Mara, John Kilfeather, Nonie Heatherley, Peg, Kevin & Mark Merlehan, Jane McLaughlin, Mary, Ned & Martin Kirwan, Patsy, Janie & Lil Rowan, Sheila Moore, Tom & Essy Carroll, Theresa Carbery

12.00 noon: Month's mind: Phillip O'Brien

Anniversaries: James & Elizabeth O'Brien, Special Intention, Tony Bracken, Margaret McCann, Tony Byrne, Jack & Margaret Murphy, Brendan Murphy, Mary & Jim O'Mara, John Kilfeather, Nonie Heatherley, Patsy, Janie & Lil Rowan, Tom & Essy Carroll, Hugh McDonnell

Mon. 9.30 am: Bridget Doyle, Dec. members of Doyle family, Patrick Aldridge, Special Intention, Mary Mullan, Holy Souls

Tues. 9.30 am: Special Intention, Donal & Sheila Costello & their son Donald, Holy Souls, Donor's Intention

Wednes. 9.30 am: George Aldridge Jnr., Nancy English (1st A), Special Intention, Donors Intention

Thurs. Feast of Immaculate Conception

9.30 am: Mick & Agnes Murphy, Patrick & George Aldridge, Sp. Intention, Donors Int, Holy Souls

7.30 pm: Special Intention

Friday 9.30 am: Fintan Lalor, Mickey & David Harris, Bridie Foy, Michael & Mary Ellen Kelly, Holy Souls, Special Intention

READINGS

1st Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10 **Psalm:** Ps. 71:1-2,7-8,12-13,17

2nd Reading: Romans 15:4 -9 **Gospel:** Matthew 3:1-12

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.

Thursday next is the Feast of Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a **Holy Day** of Obligation. Masses at 9.30 am and 7.30 pm.

Parish office will be **closed** Thursday.

Archbishop Farrell's Advent Pastoral Letter, entitled *The Time Has Come*, will be read at all the Masses this weekend.



Last Weekend Collections: -

P. Dev. €2,806 comprising of € 2,050 annuals
Common: € 1,455 Share: € 1,100 *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.

"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 as the collection has a significant impact on our work that we carry out in the community.



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

Barrowhouse Community Christmas Carol Service

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.



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



Universally celebrated on **December 8**, nine months before the feast of the Nativity of Mary, which is celebrated on September 8. The Immaculate Conception is one of the most important Marian feasts in the liturgical calendar of the Roman Catholic Church, and is celebrated worldwide.



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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



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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 calendars, Christmas candles, limited stock cribs and crib sheds

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

O.N.E

Organisation of National Ex-Service Personnel
St. Michael's Branch, Athy
An evening of musical entertainment
The Newbridge Gospel choir



on
Friday, 9th December in St. Michael's Parish Church, at 7.30pm
(doors open at 7pm, Admission €10)
Fund raising for Homeless Veterans

Calcutta Clothes collection

Thanks so very much
for all the support
from friends of Calcutta



Christmas Carol Service

in
St Ita's Church in
Kilmead on
Tuesday
December 20th
at 7:30pm,
everyone welcome.

Donations on the night
in aid of St Brigid's
Hospice, The Curragh.

The Heating system in Athy Church.

As you are aware the main heating system of the church i.e. the radiators are not working. The finance committee are addressing this situation at present. They have received quotations. It is our hope to get the system working as soon as possible. Thankfully we have the gas heaters on the wall to give us some heat.

