



THE PARISH  
OF ATHY

Comprising the Faith Communities of:

ST MICHAEL'S, ATHY

&

ST MARY'S, BARROWHOUSE



MASS OF THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, SUNDAY, 15TH JAN. 2023



Prayer

Jesus, Lamb of God,  
help me to recognise  
whatever in me is  
holding me back  
from life in  
abundance: give me  
your life, your  
forgiveness, your  
healing. In you, I put  
my trust. Amen

PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

Recently Deceased:

Baby Johanna Connors, Dublin  
Terence Holligan, Dominic's Park



Saturday 6pm

Month's mind:

Elizabeth 'Betty' Wallis

Anniversaries:

Daniel Patrick Kavanagh, Margaret Kavanagh, Mary 'Polly' Murphy, Jimmy Connolly, Margaret Hogan, Bridget Moran, Margaret 'Maggie' Kelly (11th A), Maisie Scully, Kitty, Jack & Geraldine Kelly, Aidan Stafford, Patrick Mahon, Noreen & Des Noonan, Kathleen Carolan, Nancy Fitzgerald, Nanny Murphy, Pat Tynan (8th A), Paddy & Kitty Burke, Paddy Kelly (7th A), David Neill (10th A), May Harris

Birthday Rem: Harry Foley & Kathleen Lynch

9 am Barrowhouse: Michael Fitzgerald

10.30 am:

Anniversaries:

Jack Redmond, Pamela O'Donovan (2nd A), Bridget & Joe Byrne, Peter Byrne, Bridget & Des Moylan, Maisie Scully, Agnes Bergin, Margaret & Joseph Delaney, Kathleen & Michael Bradley, Michael & Andrew Doogue, Aidan Stafford, William Carton, Nancy Fitzgerald, Paddy Dunne, Mary Howe, Michael O'Mara, Mai & Georgie O'Mara, Pat Tynan

12.00 noon:

Birthday remembrance:

David Byrne

Anniversaries:

Jimmy Connolly, Aidan Stafford, James Hickey, John Hickey, Pat Tynan

Mon. 9.30 am: Ellen & Joe Bergin, David & Anne Bach, William Carton, Donors Intention

Tues. 9.30 am:

Birthday remembrance: Christopher Doyle (Anniv:) Margaret & Joseph Delaney, Freddie Farrell, P.J. Farrell, Paddy Dunne (Anniv), Dec mem of Dunne Family,

Wednes. 9.30 am: Recently deceased: Peter Friel  
Thanksgiving, Special Intention

Thurs. 9.30 am: Shelly Kelly (1st A), Special Intention

Friday 9.30 am: Gobrait Cremin, Hannah McSweeney, Sarah Doyle, Dec. members of Doyle family, Billy Delahunt (23rd A), Olive Cullen (1st A)

READINGS

1st Reading: Isaiah 49: 3, 5-6

Psalm: Ps. 39: 2.4 7-10

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

Gospel: John 1:29-34

CHURCH NOTICES

Weekend Mass times:

Athy Church: Saturday 6 pm Vigil, Sunday 10.30 am & 12 noon Barrowhouse: 9 am

Week of pray for Christian Unity begins Wednesday, 18th January

Last Weekend Collections:

P. Dev. €655 Common: €1,090 Share: €870  
Thanks to all who contribute.

Do this in Memory

Parish Preparation Programme for Holy Communion

The Do this in Memory of me Mass  
will on Sunday next 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 Átha I, Kilberry National School, Churchtown National School.

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

Parish 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.

Phone 059 86 38391



2023 Church art calendars available from Parish office

Athy Parish Website: [www.parihofathy.ie](http://www.parihofathy.ie)  
Parish Radio: 107.9 FM

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

22nd Jan-29th January

Walking together in faith and love

## ACCORD

Accord Carlow are now back open for face-to-face Relationship Counselling at St. Catherine's Community Service Centre Carlow For further information please phone Mary at 086 4149034 or email [accordcarlow@gmail.com](mailto:accordcarlow@gmail.com)



## ATHY MERCY ASSOCIATE MEETING

Meeting of Athy Mercy Associates, lay associates of Sisters of Mercy, takes place 3rd Monday of the month, Monday, 16th January, at 7.30 pm in Fr. Dennehy's Old house. New members welcome.



## Churchtown N.S.

The school is accepting enrolments for the academic year 2023-2024.

Please see our school website [www.churchtownathy.com](http://www.churchtownathy.com) for a copy of our Admission Policy and Annual Admission Notice. Applications are available from our website or by emailing [churchathy@gmail.com](mailto:churchathy@gmail.com) or by writing to our school: Churchtown N.S., Athy, Co. Kildare, R14 VE89

## SCOIL MHICHÍL NAOFA, ATHY

Enrolment for Junior Infant Boys & Girls for school year 2023-2024 is now open.

Forms to apply for a place are available on school website at [www.smnathy.ie](http://www.smnathy.ie)



## Enrolment for Gaelscoil Átha Í school year 2023 / 24

A chairde, if you have an interest in enrolling your child in an Irish medium school, ensuring their fluency *as Gaeilge*, we ask you to do so by visiting our school's website, Gaelscoil Átha Í, where an enrolment form can be accessed from our homepage. Alternatively, feel free to phone our school on 059 8634200 to obtain one or *buail isteach* to collect one! It is asked that forms be returned to the school by the 29<sup>th</sup> of January.

**Bígi linn agus athbhliain faoi mhaise daoibh go léir.**

## SCOIL PHADRAIG NAOFA

Enrolments will take place for pupils wishing to commence in either mainstream or ASD classes for September 2023 from Friday 13th January 2023 -Friday 3rd February 2023. If You wish to enrol your son/daughter you can contact the school office at 059-86 34811 or email [info@spnathy.ie](mailto:info@spnathy.ie) for an enrolment form More details at [www.spnathy.ie](http://www.spnathy.ie)

## ATHY PARISH HOLY HOUR

Every Tuesday from 2-3 pm in Parish Church  
Every Tuesday in St. Mary's Church,



Every Tuesday in  
St. Mary's Barrowhouse at 7-8 pm

## MOUNT ST ANNES'S, KILLENARD

### Prayerful Meditation Day

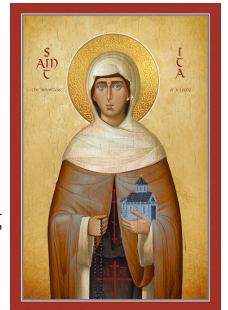
Saturday 12th February  
10am - 3pm. Pray and be nourished using Scripture facilitated by Sr. Anne Kearney.  
Cost €25 (bring packed lunch) Tea/Coffee provided.

### 'Aging with Grace' day

Sat. 18th February  
10am-4.40pm. A retreat for people of any age committed to living their lives one day at a time. Facilitated by Ms Maria Garvey  
Cost €60 (includes lunch & tea/coffee break)  
More details contact 057-8626153 or email [secretary@mountstannes.com](mailto:secretary@mountstannes.com)

## ST. ITA—Died 570 Feast: January 15th

St. Ita was born of Christian parents towards the end of the fifth century. She belonged to the noble tribe of the Decii in Co. Waterford. All her early biographers describing her as the 'Brigid of Munster'. Actually the differences were more striking than the resemblances between those two foremost women saints of the Celtic church. Brigid's life as a nun was spent in continual movement. When she had made a success of one convent settlement, she moved off to found another. Organization was her bent. Ita did just the opposite. Instead of entering one of Brigid's convents, she founded another in a district where there was none, at Killeedy, County Limerick. There she remained all her life, courting retirement. Again, there is an emphasis on austerity in Ita's life not found in Brigid's. Ita's mortifications were on a par with those of the greatest contemporary missionaries.



A strongly individualistic character is glimpsed in the legends of Ita. When she decided to settle in Killeedy, a chieftain offered her a large grant of land to support the convent. But Ita would accept only four acres, which she cultivated intensively. The convent became known as a training school for little boys, many of whom later became famous churchmen. One of these was St. Brendan, whom Ita accepted in fosterage when he was a year old and kept until he was six. The great Navigator revisited her between his voyages and always deferred to her counsel. He once asked her what were the three clings which God most detested, and she replied: 'A scowling face, obstinacy in wrong-doing, and too great a confidence in the power of money'.

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