



THE PARISH
OF ATHY

Comprising the Faith Communities of:

ST MICHAEL'S, ATHY

&

ST MARY'S, BARROWHOUSE



MASS OF THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 22ND 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.



READINGS

1st Reading: Isaiah 8: 23-9:3

Psalm: Ps. 26:1.4.13-14

2nd Reading: Corinthians 1:10-13.17

Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23 or (4:12-17)

CHURCH NOTICES

Weekend Mass times:

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

9 am in Barrowhouse and 10.30am Mass today, in Athy Parish will be **Do this in Memory Masses** for First Communion Children

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

Last Weekend Collections:

P. Dev. €4,260 of which €3,600 were annuals

Common: €1,095

Share: €720

Thanks to all who contribute.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

22nd Jan-29th January

Theme;

Walking together in faith and love

PARISH OFFICE/SHOP

February issue of the Messenger now in
We remind subscribers that 2023 annual *Messenger* subscription are now due.

Church Art Calendars 2023 available

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



PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

Recently Deceased:

Robert Chambers, Greenhills, Reception and Funeral Mass Monday at 11 am followed by cremation in Mount Jerome

Saturday 6pm

Month's mind: Johanna 'Josie' O'Keeffe, Brendan Owens

Birthday Rem: Kathleen Stynes, Mary Perse

Anniversaries: Mick Keogh, Jack Buckley, Marie Kirby, Janet Ryan, Michael Eaton (5th A), Johnny Wall (2nd A), John Finnan, Fabian Dunne, Anthony Stynes, Dec. mem of Perse family, Billy Delahunt (22nd A), John 'Johnny' Moloney, John Harty, John Harty Snr., Josephine Harty, Magalisha Kneec, Dan Delaney, Ned Harty, Melanie O'Brien, Elizabeth Doyle (2nd A), Michael & Anastasia McLoughlin, Olive Harte, Agnes McLoughlin, Johnnie Loughman, Francis, Joe & Josephine Moloney, Angela Dempsey, Bridget & Thomas Ayres, Carmel & Declan Ayres, Stephen Leonard, Dec. mem of Leonard family, Teresa O'Shaughnessy, Ann Buckley, Kathleen Jessop, Mary Ann Fitzpatrick, Mick Fitzpatrick, Christopher 'Tunny' Fingleton (5th A), Barney Dunne, Mary 'Maura' Foley

9 am Barrowhouse:

10.30 am: Month's mind: Brendan Owens

Anniversaries: John Finnan, Fabian Dunne, Thomas & Marcella Whelan, Mary Foley (19th A), Edward & Angela Clancy, Kathleen Byrne (2nd A), Tim Scully (10th A), Donors Intention, Elizabeth Doyle (2nd A), Angela Dempsey, Lilia Peters, John Finnan

12.00 noon:

Month's Mind: Brendan Owens, Margo Heskins

Anniversaries:

Michael Eaton, Shelly Kelly (1st A), John Finnan, Billy Delahunt (22nd A), Maureen Robinson (1st A) Mary & Patrick McNamara, Dec. members of McNamara family, Mary Foley (19th A), Melanie Stynes, Anthony Stynes, Elizabeth Doyle (2nd A), Lilia Peters, Angela Dempsey, Susan Ntangtang, Mick Murphy (3rd A), Christopher 'Tunny' Fingleton (5th A), Dec. members of Fingleton family, Eileen Kolb nee Hyland

Mon. 9.30 am: John O'Donoghue, Dec. members of Donoghue family, Johnny Wall (2nd A), Maureen Robinson (1st A)

Tues. 9.30 am: Birthday rem: Edel Foley (Anniv:)
Maggie Cahill

Wednes. 9.30 am: *Ann Brennan Tonks*, late of Grangemellon, Cremation takes place today England, Jim O'Sullivan, Special Intention

Thurs. 9.30 am: Michael Murphy (3rd A)

Friday 9.30 am: Sr. Angela Flanagan, Michael Moran, Special Intention

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

KILBERRY NATIONAL SCHOOL ENROLMENT

are now accepting enrolments for September 2023, Submit an application form online through our website www.kilberryns.ie, phone the school office on 059 8638448 or email Kilberry.ias@gmail.com Closing date for applications is March 31st



Churchtown N.S.

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

Please see our school website 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 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

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 29th 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 emailinfo@spnathy.ie for an enrolment form More details at www.spnathy.ie

CARE OF THE ELDERLY AGM

Athy & District Care of the Elderly AGM takes place Monday, 30th January 2023 in Fr Dennehy's Old House at 8 pm.
New members welcome

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

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.

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POPE FRANCIS recently encouraged us to renew our commitment to the sanctity of human life and to **"combat the throwaway culture"**. He said: "Peace requires before all else the defence of life, a good that today is jeopardised not only by conflicts, hunger and disease, but all too often even in the mother's womb, through the promotion of an alleged 'right to abortion'. No one, however, can claim rights over the life of another human being, especially one who is powerless and thus completely defenceless. For this reason, I appeal to the consciences of men and women of good will, to strive to safeguard the rights of those who are weakest and to combat the throwaway culture that also, tragically, affects the sick, the disabled and the elderly, [euthanasia / assisted suicide]" the Pope said.

PRAYER IS YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD is a short video by Fr Mike Schmidt and can be viewed at www.tiny.cc/FMS23. Pope Benedict reminded us that Christianity is basically friendship with God. Indeed this is a friendship that begins in time and reaches out to eternity. If your daily prayer commitment is a bit weak, what resolution might you make today to improve?