



## MASS OF THE SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 19TH FEBRUARY 2023

### Prayer

**O God, open our ears to hear the word of Jesus, your Son.  
Open our hearts, that we may know true conversion from  
within. Open our hands that we may give just as we have  
received.**

### CHURCH NOTICES

#### Weekend Mass times:

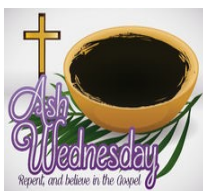
**Athy Church:** Saturday 6 pm Vigil, Sunday 10.30 am &  
12 noon **Barrowhouse:** 9 am

Today is Temperance Sunday, a time to reflect on what  
you will do for Lent.

**Trociare boxes** at the doors of the  
church.

#### LENT:

Wednes. next is **ASH WEDNESDAY**  
Mass at 9.30 am & 7.30 pm in Athy  
Parish Church with distribution of  
**Blessed Ashes** at the end of Mass



Ash Wednesday, **a day of fasting and Abstinence**  
(one full meal and two small meals) abstinence from meat.

Archbishop Farrell has given approval for a diocesan  
**collection** to be taken up in support of the people of  
**Turkey and Syria** affected by the devastating  
earthquakes on Monday 5th February. The Turkey/Syria  
Collection will take place on **25/26 February**, on 1st  
Sunday of Lent celebrations, and will replace the SHARE  
collection.

The collection will be channelled through Trócaire, who  
are working with partners in the affected area. They have  
the capability to ensure that any funds raised in Ireland  
will be managed appropriately to meet the needs of those  
most badly affected.

#### Last Weekend Collections:

P. Dev. €652 Common: €1,290 Accord: €1,403  
*Thanks to contributors.*



**STATIONS  
OF THE  
CROSS  
FOR LENT**  
every  
Friday  
during Lent  
after  
9.30am  
Mass  
commencing  
Friday, 24th  
Feb  
2023.  
All  
welcome.

**Lenten pledge** If you would like to take the Pioneer Lenten pledge on  
Ash Wednesday after Mass for the duration of Lent please call or text  
Parish Office, 085 1801 391 or 059 86 38391 ,

### PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

#### Recently Deceased:

*Mary 'Maureen' O'Connor nee Moran, Dominic's Park.  
Funeral arrangements later*

#### Saturday 6pm

#### Month's mind:

#### Birthday remembrance:

#### Anniversaries:

Margaret Watts, Dick Watts, Alan Wallis, Jim, Alice, &  
Michael Fitzpatrick, Mary Hayden, Johanna Smyth, Sean  
Fanning, Angela Kelly (4th A), Maura Caughlin (1st A),  
Patrick Fogarty, Quentin Doran O'Reilly, Mick Malone  
(30th A), Tom McEvoy, Cyril McGovern, Tony Campbell  
(48th A), Sean McGilly, James & Maureen Clancy, Walter  
Clancy, Michael Clancy, John Burke (11th A), Brendan  
Burke (3rd A), Mary Burke (2nd A), Margaret Kelly,  
Michael & Rosanna O'Connor, James & Catherine  
O'Connor, Augustine & Elizabeth Kiernan, Augustine  
Kiernan Jnr. Sean Kelly, Bids Mahon Forkin, Annie  
Coogan, Eileen Bolger, Elsa Jarvik

**9 am Barrowhouse:** John Murphy (4th A)

#### 10.30 am:

**Month's mind:** Robert Chambers

**Birthday Rem:** Bridget Fox (80th B.)

**Anniversaries:** John Hickey Snr. Special Intention, Sean  
McGilly, Michael Bride, Paddy Hoban, Isabella Mullery,  
Rosaleen Ward, Josie Dooley (Remembrance)

#### 12.00 noon: Anniversaries:

Patrick Roche Snr. & Jnr., Mary, Declan & Margaret  
Roche, Christina Armour, Michael & Delia Connolly,  
Joseph & Mary McDermott, Martina Kilbride, P.J.  
Leonard, Ann McDermott, Mary Barry, John & Margaret  
Carey, Michael & Sarah Haughton, Jack Brennan, Derek  
Donohue, Dec. members of Roche & McDermott families,  
Abbey George, Seán McGilly (2nd A), Nel & Michael  
McCormack

#### Mon. 9.30 am:

**Birthday remembrance:** Elizabeth Carroll  
Abbey George (remembrance), Tom Maher (Anniv.)

**Tues. 9.30 am:** Donors Intentions,  
Nora & Frank Flahive, Martin & Margaret Fox, Martin  
Fox

#### Wednes. 9.30 am:

**Birthday remembrance:** Jimmy Connell  
Angela Kelly (4th A), Michael Wall (4th A), Sarah &  
Patrick McGann

#### Wednes. 7.30 pm:

**Thurs. 9.30 am:** John Cummins, Damian Doran O'Reilly,  
Mary Byrne, Mary Monica Austin Breen, Mary Owens

**Friday 9.30 am:** Mary Grey nee Mulhall, Dec members of  
Mulhall Family

### READINGS

**1st Reading:** Leviticus 19: 1-2. 17-18

**Psalm:** Ps. 102: 1-4, 8, 10, 12-13

**2nd Reading:** 1 Corinthians 3: 16-23

**Gospel:** Matthew 5: 38-48

Children Liturgy sheets at the doors of the church



### 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



### ATHY MERCY ASSOCIATE MEETING

Meeting of Athy Mercy Associates  
takes place in  
Fr. Dennehy's Old House  
20th February at 7.30pm



New members welcome

### ATHY PRAYER MEETING

has resumed and takes place in  
Fr. Dennehy's House  
every Tuesday, at 8pm.  
All welcome

### KILBERRY NATIONAL SCHOOL ENROLMENT

are now accepting enrolments for September 2023,  
Submit an application form online through our website  
[www.kilberryns.ie](http://www.kilberryns.ie), phone the school office on  
059 8638448 or email [Kilberry.ias@gmail.com](mailto: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.churchtownnathy.com](http://www.churchtownnathy.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)

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

### Athy Parish Office

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, (afternoon by phone)  
Sat 10.30-1pm. **Phone** 059 86 38391

**Email:** [athyparishrc@eircom.net](mailto:athyparishrc@eircom.net)

**Address:** Parish Office, St. Michael's Church, Athy,  
Co. Kildare. R14 CA 26

The readings for the

### 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year

A focus on holiness and loving our neighbour. The first  
reading tells us not to bear grudges and gives us the  
Golden Rule. The second reading reminds us that all of  
us are God's temples. And in the gospel, Jesus tells us  
that we must love everyone, even our enemies.

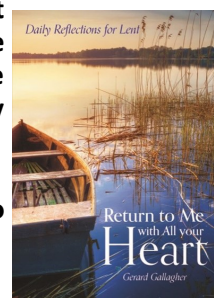
*Holiness, Mercy, Morality*

### Lenten Scripture Reflections – Return to Me with all your Heart

You are invited to come to weekly scripture reflection every  
Tuesday @ 10:00am after mass in St. Michael's Church Athy.  
We will be reading "Return to me with all your heart" by  
Gerard Gallagher.

A daily reflection on scripture during the season of Lent.  
Each Tuesday we will be reflecting on our week's readings.

If you are interested we will meet next  
Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February after Mass in the  
church, where you can get a copy of the  
book and discuss our Lenten journey  
through Scripture.



If you have any queries don't hesitate to  
contact

Natasha Geoghegan on 0876730300.

### ... Desert Fathers A Lenten Program for men ...

A Lenten program for men has been developed by an Irish  
priest to help men make this Lent different. The program  
contains 4 pillars - Prayer, Penance, Spiritual reading &  
Charity. To find out more and join an online group a zoom  
information meeting is scheduled for Sunday Feb 19th at  
8:30pm.

Meeting ID 494 625 9738 Password: 997298.

Email [desertfathers40@gmail.com](mailto:desertfathers40@gmail.com) for a copy of the  
program.

### Athy And The Great War In 20 Objects

Athy And The Great War in 20 Objects is a personal  
reflection by David Walsh on his visits to the battlefields of  
France and Flanders over the past 20 years. Told with the aid  
of a myriad of objects

acquired over the period, David will weave the story of  
Athy's involvement in World War 1 into the talk. Almost 300  
souls from the area of Athy and South Kildare lost their lives  
in the terrible conflict. David will retrace some of the steps he  
took during his visits to the last resting place of each and  
every one of these fallen. The talk takes place in Athy  
Community Arts Centre on Tuesday February 28th at 8.00pm,  
admission is free and all are welcome

### PARISH TEAM

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