



THE PARISH  
OF ATHY

Comprising the Faith Communities of:

ST MICHAEL'S, ATHY

&

ST MARY'S, BARROWHOUSE



## MASS OF THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT 26TH FEBRUARY 2023

**PRAYER** Lord our God, in every age you call a people to hear your word and to do your will. Renew us in these Lenten days: washed clean of sin, sealed with the Spirit and sustained by your living bread, may we remain true to our calling and, with the elect, serve you alone. We make our prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.



### CHURCH NOTICES

#### Weekend Mass times:

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

**10.30am** Mass in the Parish, **9 am** in Barrowhouse today **Is a Do This in Memory** Mass for 1st Communion Children.

**Special collection** to be taken up in support of the people of **Turkey and Syria** affected by the devastating earthquakes 5th February. The Turkey/Syria Collection takes place **this** weekend, and will replace the SHARE collection.

The collection will be channelled through Trócaire, who are working in the affected area.

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

#### Last Weekend Collections:

P. Dev. € 858 Common: €1,230 Share: €825

*Thanks to contributors.*

### 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 have any queries don't hesitate to contact Natasha Geoghegan on 0876730300.

**See leaflets at doors of church.**



### READINGS

**1st Reading:** Genesis 2:7-9: 3: 1-7

**Psalms:** Ps. 50:3-6, 12-14-17

**2nd Reading:** Romans 5:12-19 or 3:1-7

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

### Athy Parish Office opening hours- revised for now

**Monday:** closed

**Tues.** 9.30am -12.30 pm & 3.30 -4 pm,

**Wednes:** 9.30am -1 pm & 3.30 -4 pm,

**Thu & Fri:** 9.30-1.30 pm, (afternoon by phone)

**Saturday:** 10.30-1pm.

**Email:** athyparishrc@eircom.net **Phone** 059 86 38391

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



### PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

#### Recently Deceased:

*Mary Bolger, McDonnell Drive*

*Mary 'Maureen' O'Connor, Dominic's Park*

#### Saturday 6pm

**Month's mind:** Helen Delaney, Betty Mulhall, Rita Ward

**Birthday remembrance:** Liam Reid, Geraldine Kelly, Rose Heavy, Winifred Cunningham, Elizabeth Lawlor

#### Anniversaries:

Pearse Dunne, Damian Doran O'Reilly, Mary Byrne, Elizabeth Vaughan, Ellen Moloney, John Foley, Christy Tyrrell Brogan, Dec. members of Brogan family, Claire & Margaret Phillips, Dec. mem of Phillips family, Trena Connell, Margaret & Patrick Brogan, Rita Ward, James Fleming, Dec. mem of Fleming family, Sean May, Paddy & Mary Flynn, Josephine Byrne, John & Mary Fitzpatrick, Patricia Towell nee Harris, Seán Kavanagh, Johnny & Paddy Mulhall, Vivienne Anderson, Jane Radzuniene, Grzegorz Renn, Benny Dowling, Goerge Roche, Mary Roche, Kathleen Kelly, Patrick Gately, Mary Fitzpatrick (27th Anniv), Aidan O'Rourke (1st anniv), Peggy Doyle (1st Aniv), Michael Doyle (7th Anniv),

**9 am Barrowhouse:** Michael Whelan, Eilish Whelan

#### 10.30 am:

##### Birthday Rem:

Philip O'Brien, Winifred Cunningham, Elizabeth Lawlor

##### Remembrance:

Mick Leahy

##### Anniversaries:

Aidan Lyons, Paddy & Daniel O'Brien, John Foley, Sean May, Joan Flanagan, Vivienne Anderson, Elizabeth Myles, Mary Moran, Seanie Sexton, Thomas Moran (51st Anniv), George Roche, Mary Roche, Kathleen Kelly, Patrick Gately

#### 12.00 noon:

##### Birthday remembrance:

Winifred Cunningham, Elizabeth Lawlor

##### Anniversaries:

Aidan Lyons, Mary Berry (1st A), Margaret, Joseph & Karin Murphy, J.J. Leonard, Mag & Pat Roche, John Foley, Peggy Doyle (1st A), Michael Doyle (7th A), Sean May, Seán Kavanagh, Patricia Towell, Annie Powell, Mary Owens, Vivienne Anderson, Denis Farrell, Julia & Michael Hurley, Julia & Michael Raggett

##### Birthday remembrance:

Winifred Cunningham, Elizabeth Lawlor

**Mon. 9.30 am:** Mamie Brady, Christy Brogan

#### Tues. 9.30 am:

Cyril Mc. Govern, James Doyle, Johanna Doyle

**Wednes. 9.30 am:** Joe & Bridget Doyle, Dec. mem of Doyle family, Joe & Mary McDermott, Martina Kilbride, Mary Barry, Annie McDermott, P.J. Leonard, Derek Donohue, Billy, Elizabeth & Patrick Farrelly, Billy Ryan, Billy Farrelly

**Thurs. 9.30 am:** Golden Book

**Friday 9.30 am:** Altar List of the Dead

Children Liturgy sheets at the doors of the church



### ATHY PRAYER MEETING

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



### STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR LENT

every Friday during Lent after  
9.30am Mass  
All welcome.



**HOLY HOUR** Every Tuesday from 2-3pm in  
Parish Church &  
Barrowhouse Tuesday's  
from 7pm-6pm



### PRAYER FOR THE UKRAINE

Loving God  
We pray for the people of Ukraine,  
for all those suffering or afraid,  
that you will be close to them and protect them.  
We pray for world leaders,  
for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide  
their choices.



We pray for the world that in this moment of crisis,  
we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and  
sisters in need.  
May we walk in your ways so that peace and justice  
become a reality for the people of Ukraine  
and for all the world. **Amen.**

### Do This in Memory Masses

March 11th/12th - Third Sunday of Lent  
April 22nd/23rd Third Sunday of Easter  
June 10th/11th - Feast of the Body & Blood of Christ  
(Corpus Christi)

### LENT

**Lent** is a significant season in the year for Christians – a time of solemnity and self-reflection where they confess their failings and resolve to live a more Godly life based on the teachings of Jesus Christ. It lasts for just over six weeks leading up to Easter.

Traditionally it was a time of fasting from certain foods such as eggs, meat, fish and fats. Nowadays people might give up a luxury food – such as chocolate. They may also give up an activity such as using social media or drinking alcohol. It is called Lent in English because it is the time of the year when days are lengthening in the northern hemisphere.

### 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

### 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.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)

### 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.**  
**Athy Parish Tap & Go raised €648.00 from 71 transactions  
in January 2023**

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

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