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OF ATHY

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ST MICHAEL'S, ATHY

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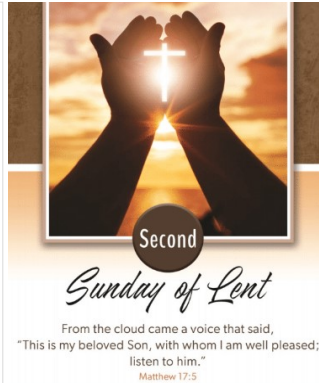
ST MARY'S, BARROWHOUSE



MASS OF THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT 5TH MARCH 2023

PRAYER

Holy God, from the dazzling cloud you revealed Jesus in glory as your beloved Son. During these forty days, enlighten your Church with the bright glory of your presence. Inspire us by your word, and so transform us into the image of the risen Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, holy and mighty God for ever and ever. **Amen.**



PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

Recently Deceased:

Brigid 'Birdie' Brennan, Chapel Lane, Barrowhouse. Reception of remains Sunday at 7.30 pm to St. Mary's Church, Barrowhouse. Funeral Mass Monday at 12 noon followed by burial in adjoining Cemetery, Barrowhouse.

Thomas Buckley, Dooley's Tce.

Mary Meredith Bayley nee Townsend, Southfield, Ballintubbert.

Fr. Denis Carroll, formerly Ballytore who died in Dublin and was buried in Crookstown Cemetery.

Ita Flynn nee Timpson, Dublin, formerly Athy

CHURCH NOTICES

Weekend Mass times:

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

Do practice some form of extra prayer, fast or alms giving during Lent. Perhaps attend one extra Mass every week.

Trociare boxes at the doors of the church.

Last Weekend Collections:

P. Dev. €898 Common: €1,355 Syria/Turkey: €5,025
Thanks to contributors.

READINGS

1st Reading:

Genesis 12: 1-4

Psalm:

Ps. 32: 4-5, 18-20. 22

2nd Reading:

2 Timothy 1: 8-10

Gospel:

Matthew 17: 1-9

Operation soul transformation

Pray, relax, reflect, each Wednesday

Crookstown-March 8th

Castledermot-March 15th

Kilmead-March 22nd

Athy-March 29th

7.30pm each evening

Saturday 6pm

Month's mind:

Carmel Reddy,

Vivienne Dy nee Sutton,

Martin 'Murt' Rowan

Birthday remembrance:

Derek Donohue

Anniversaries: Joe & Bridget Doyle, Dickie Kelly, Theresa Roycroft, Peg Cambie, Billy, Elizabeth & Patrick Farrelly, Tim Kelly, James Eaton (35th Anniv) Pat Dunne, Tommy Moran, Jane Davis, Annie & Willy Hutchinson, Dec. mem of Hutchinson Family, Sheila Stynes (10th Anniv), Tommy Moloney, Ellen Byrne, Martina Lynch, Rosanna & Michael O'Connor, Betty Collins (3rd Anniv), Stephen Kelly, James & Mary Eaton, Danny Brennan (10th Anniv), James Kane & Paddy Haughton, Denis Redmond (3rd Anniv),

9 am Barrowhouse:

10.30 am: Dickie Kelly, Gertie Gray, Paddy Mullery, Richard Henderick, Declan Murphy, Brendan Carr, John & annie Doogue, Ellen Byrne, Betty Collins (3rd Anniv), John Hickey, Jane Davis

12.00 noon:

Anniversaries:

James Lawler, Pdraig Healy, Elizabeth Murphy, Mary & Joseph McDermott, Martina Kilbride, Dec mem of McDermott & Roche Family, Jane Davis,

Mon. 9.30 am:

Annie McDonald, Thomas Moran, Holy Souls

Tues. 9.30 am:

James Eaton (35th Anniv), Gertie Gray (22nd Anniv) Holy Souls, John Donogh, Intentions,

Wednes. 9.30 am: Holy Souls

Thurs. 9.30 am:

John Lawlor, Billy & Anne Greaney, Special Intention, Holy Souls, Joe O'Neill, Owen Brophy, Josephine 'Josie' Dooley (46th Anniv)

Friday 9.30 am:

Special Intention

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.



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/email only)

Saturday: 10.30-1pm.

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

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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.



The stations are a commendable Lenten devotion
when we journey with Jesus on his final journey to calvary

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



PARISH OFFICE/SHOP

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



CHECK IT FITS IS COMING TO

KILDARE

WHERE	WHEN
ALDI, 1 Upper Saint Josephs Terrace, Rathstewart, Athy, Co. Kildare, R14 AC90	Tuesday 14 th March 10:00am – 5:30pm
Tesco Superstore, Moorefield Park, Cork Road, Moorfield, Newbridge, Co. Kildare W12 KW86	Wednesday 15 th March 10:00am – 5:30pm
Staunton's SuperValu, River Forest Shopping Centre, Captain's Hill, Leixlip, Co Kildare, W23 Y2Y0	Thursday 16 th March 10:00am – 5:30pm

Walk-in appointments only.

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**No booking necessary
just arrive on the day.**

From RSA

St Kieran Feast Day-Monday 6th March 2023

Ciarán of Saigir^[1] (5th century – c. 530), also known as **Ciarán mac Luaigne** or **Saint Kieran** was one of the **Twelve Apostles of Ireland**^[2] and is considered the first saint to have been born in Ireland,^[3]. Ciarán was **bishop** of **Saighir** (Seir-Kieran) of **diocese of Ossory**. He is sometimes called **Saint Ciarán the Elder** to distinguish him from the other 6th-century Irish **Saint Ciarán**, who was **abbot of Clonmacnoise**. He shares the feast date with his mother, St. Liadán

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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)

ST PATRICK'S DAY

17th March 2023

Mass in St. Michael's Church
at 9.30am & 12 noon
(the 12 noon Mass
will be in Irish with music)

St Patrick Day cards and badges
are available from the Parish Office



PARISH OF ATHY CONFIRMATION DATES 2023

Athy Scoil Padraig Naofa: Fri 31st March @ 11am & 1pm

Gaelscoil: Friday 21st April @ 11m

Barrowhouse: Saturday 22nd April @ 11am & 1pm

Athy Scoil Mhichil Naofa: Friday 2nd June @ 11am & 1pm

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT-Sunday 5th March

"On his way to Jerusalem, where he will be crucified, Jesus is transfigured before three of his disciples. This manifestation of glory, says Thomas Aquinas, was designed to encourage the disciples during the difficult days that would follow. It gives hope to us too. On the sometimes painful journey through this life, we see in the Transfiguration of the Lord a sign of what awaits us: a glorified life with God."

POPE FRANCIS' commentary on last Sunday's gospel of Jesus' temptations are worthy of consideration:

"The three temptations [of Jesus in the desert] point to three paths that the world offers, promising great success, three paths to mislead us: GREED FOR POSSESSIONS – to have, have, have [look at the rampant materialism / consumerism of our time, undue self-reliance, apathy towards the poor]; HUMAN VAIN GLORY [self-centredness, the cult of celebrity, constantly seeking after the approval of others rather than God's approval]; THE EXPLOITATION OF GOD [presumption, thinking that God will always do our bidding and guarantee our agendas, a loss of the sense-of-sin]. These are three paths that will lead us to ruin. These are the paths that are set before us, with the illusion that in this way one can obtain success and happiness. But in reality, they [the 3 ways of the world] are completely extraneous [unhelpful] to God's mode of action; rather, in fact they distance us from God... And he reveals the remedies to us: [having and developing] an interior [spiritual] life, faith [trust] in God, the certainty of his love – the certainly that God loves us, that he is Father, and with this certainty we will overcome every temptation." (10-3-2019)

Anam Cara South Dublin,

the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding it's monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Monday 13th March at 7:15pm in the Maldron Hotel, Whitestown Way, Tallaght. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not.