



THE PARISH
OF ATHY

Comprising the Faith Communities
of:
ST MICHAEL'S, ATHY
&
ST MARY'S, BARROWHOUSE



MASS OF THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 16TH JULY 2023

PRAYER

God of the heavens, God of the earth, all creation awaits your gift of new life. Prepare our hearts to receive the word of your Son, that his gospel may grow within us and yield a harvest that is a hundredfold. Through Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.
Amen.



READINGS

1st Reading: Isaiah 55:10-11;
Psalm: Ps. 64: 10-14
2nd Reading: Romans 8: 18-23
Gospel: Matthew 13:1-23

PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

Recently Deceased:

Peggy McDermott Donnelly, 10 Park Ave.
Catherine 'Kathleen' McEvoy, Leinster St.

Saturday 6pm

Month's Mind: Seamus Mageean, Sr. Anne Hannon
Anniversaries:

Dorothy Pearce, Anne Maher, John Carolan, Aisling Davis, Hester Scally, Sheila & Brian Kelly, Baby Kelly, Willie & Joan Kelly, Special Intention, Stephen & John Leonard, Dec members of Leonard Family, Thomas & Brigid Ayres, May & Georgie O'Mara, Manix, Kathleen & Bernadette Thompson, Ellie Barry, Tom Gorman, Dec. mem of Gorman Family, Paddy *'the Gaffer'* O'Neill

Sunday 9am Barrowhouse:

Month's Mind: Sr. Anne Hannon,

Anniversaries:

Frank & Paddy Joe Bowden, Peggy Lawler, Dec. mem of Lawler & Carroll Families Joseph 'Blue' Mullins, Nicholas Brennan, John & Margaret Grufferty

10.30 am:

Month's Mind: Sr. Anne Hannon,

Anniversaries:

Dorothy Pearce, Liam Hughes, Anne Maher, Kevin Nolan, Dec mem of Lenihan Family, John & Chris Creed, Kay Byrne, Manix & Kathleen Thompson, Bernadette Thompson, Bill & Ciss Tierney, Billy Tierney, Kate & Charlie Sourke, Paddy *'the Gaffer'* O'Neill

12.00 noon:

Month's Mind: Sr. Anne Hannon,

Anniversaries:

Ken Crowe, Tomas & Elizabeth Murphy, Josie Dayton, Rose Davis, Manix & Kathleen Thompson, Bernadette Thompson

Mon. 9.30 am:

Ann Maher (1st Anniv), Bertie Dunne, Donors Intention

Tues. 9.30 am: Toss Quinn (2nd Anniv), Special Intention

Wednes. 9.30 am: Don & Kay Nolan (anniv), Donors Intention, **Remembrance:** Cassie Nolan

Thur. 9.30 am:

Jimmy Kelly, Clare Daly, Peter Fitzsimons, Dec mem of Fitzsimons Family, Bernard Carroll (15th Anniv)

Friday 9.30 am:

Bernard Whelan, Liam Hughes (anniv)

CHURCH NOTICES

Weekend Mass times:

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

Summer Dues Those with weekly boxes will find their Summer Dues envelope inside. You can put your Dues envelope into any of the Collection bags during Mass or drop into Parish Office during opening hours. Dues support the priest of the Diocese.

Last Weekend Collections:

P. Dev. €578
Common: €1,180 Share €805
Thanks to contributors.

COPD support Ireland launch a New COPD Support Group

In Family Resource Centre Athy R14MM97

Funded by HSE

If you or a family member is living with COPD (Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease)

Come along to our Launch event of the new COPD support group on **21st of July at 1pm-2pm** with refreshments provided.

Weekly exercise class at your own pace with a social chat and activities. Suitable for all fitness levels.

Friendly group with a fitness trainer led class and regular expert talks.

For more information or to join
telephone 0830864118

Youth 2000 Summer Festival

Join young people between 16 and 35 this August at the **Youth 2000 Summer Festival**. The festival takes place in Clongowes Wood College, Clane, Co Kildare from **Thursday 10th August to Sunday 13th August 2023**. The festival includes inspiring talks, music, prayer, concert, workshops, dramas, share groups, reconciliation and healing service and Mass. Donation only and we have buses going from all over Ireland. For more information and to book your place go to www.youth2000.ie

LOUGH DERG

Three Day Pilgrimage & one day retreat

Sanctuary of St. Patrick, Pettigo Co. Donegal
2023 Pilgrimage Season until September

To book any of the events

www.loughderg.org

info@loughderg.org + 353(0) 719861518

See notice boards for full details

HOLY HOUR

Tuesday 2-3pm in Parish Church & also in St. Mary's Church Barrowhouse
Tuesday's from 7pm-8pm



Parishes of Athy, Narraghmore & Moone Pilgrimage to Lourdes

28th July-1st August 5 nights travelling with Joe Walsh
Tours, lead by Spiritual Director: Fr Francis McCarthy
for 5 Nights staying in Hotel Padoue, full board
Cost €899 per person sharing



DEPOSITS CAN NOW BE PAID

Contact organiser Chris Rowan 087 2707182

PILGRIMAGE TO OUR LADY'S ISLAND, WEXFORD 15TH AUGUST 2023

Bus from Athy Parish carpark at 11 am
(returning 7.20pm approx.)
Cost €23 per person.



Pre booking required. Payment in Advance.
Contact the Parish office

ROSARY

Rosary continues through the summer
on Sundays at 7.30pm at Fatima Shrine, Kilkenny Rd.
All welcome



Athy Parish Office

Tues & Wednes: 9.30am – 1.30 pm & 2 – 4 pm,

Thur & 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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Co. Kildare. R14 CA 26



Gospel Matthew 13 1-23

In today's Gospel Jesus offers several parables to illustrate for his listeners what he means by the kingdom of heaven. He begins with the **parable of the sower**, -of course seeds grow best in good soil. Seeds that miss the soil, are sown on rocky ground, or are sown among other plants will not grow. The surprise in the parable is the enormous yield of the seed that is sown on good soil.

Jesus then explains his use of parables and suggest that he uses parables to teach because the meanings of parables are not self-evident. The hearer must engage in some degree of reflection in order to comprehend the message of a parable. In this way, the medium—the parable—models the point of the parable of the sower. Those who are willing to engage themselves in the effort to understand will be rewarded by the discovery of the message and will bear fruit.

Jesus interprets the parable of the sower to his disciples. The different types of soil in which the seeds are sown are metaphors for the disposition with which each individual hears the teaching about the kingdom of heaven. Some will be easily swayed away from the kingdom of heaven. Some will receive it for a time but will lose it when faced with difficulties. Some will hear the word but will then permit other cares to choke it out. Yet some will receive it well, and the seed will produce abundant fruit.

New Appointments

The Archbishop has reappointed the Parish Pastoral Workers, Natasha Geoghegan and Conor McCann, to the partnership of parishes of Athy, Narraghmore & Moone for a further 3 year term. The new partnership now includes Castledermot parish. Natasha will be primarily based in Crookstown and Conor in Athy. However it is envisaged that they will be working more closely together in the future. As with all diocesan appointments, these new appointments came into effect on July 9th.



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ATHY PRAYER MEETING

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



EIST CANCER SUPPORT CENTRE

EIST provide emotional & practical help to anyone affected by cancer, their families and carers.
Contact 0858661499 or email
info@eistcarlowcancersupport.ie

Parish Shop

The parish shop now has the facility of card payments when purchasing any items.



Tap & Go for Parish Donations

The parish of Athy have now got Tap and Go devices. You may be aware as you come through the doors there are two devices.

One tap and Go for donations to the **Archdiocese** and the second for donations to the **parish**.

Both clearly distinguished by the posters above them. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Tap and Go Contactless Donation

to

The Archdiocese of Dublin



First Collection (Common Fund Priest Collection)
and the

Second Collection (Share Fund)

June 2023 Tap and Go machines in Athy Parish or diocesan collections amounted to donations €435.50 from 40 transactions.