



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 23RD JULY 2023

PRAYER

O God, patient and forbearing,  
you alone know fully the  
goodness of what you have  
made. Strengthen our spirit  
when we are slow and temper  
our zeal when we are rash,  
that in your own good time  
you may produce in us a rich  
harvest from the seed you  
have sown and tended. We  
make our prayer through our  
Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God for ever and ever.  
Amen.



READINGS

1st Reading:

Wisdom 12:133. 16-19

Psalm: Ps. 85

2nd Reading:

Romans 8: 26-27

Gospel: Matthew 13:24-43

(Shorter form 13;24-30)

PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

Recently Deceased:

Patrick 'Paddy' Doyle, Castledermot Rd.

Seamus Berry, St. Michael's Tce

Anthony O'Keefe, Tonleegge Lawns

Saturday 6pm

Month's Mind: Sadie Eustace, Josie Moran

Birthday remembrance: Angela Kelly, Josie Dooley,  
Esther Pender & Anniv.

Anniversaries: Bernard Whelan, Myles Whelan,  
Clare Daly (7th A), Peter Fitzsimons, Dec. Members of  
Fitzsimons family, Special Intention, P.J. Davis,  
Hanorah 'Ciss' & Paddy Deere, Pat Deere, Tommy  
Nolan, Deceased members of Nolan & Reid families,  
Margaret Hogan, Eddie Tubridy, Enda Tubridy, Jack &  
Dolly Phillips, Peggy Hicks, Rose Anne Price, Paddy &  
Kitty Burke, Monica & Peter Leigh, Patrick 'Pat' Fennin  
Pat Leggett

Sunday 9am Barrowhouse:

Anniversaries: Clare Daly (7th A), Noeleen Whelan  
(2nd A), P.J. Davis, Joan Davis Smithers, John &  
Margaret Grufferty, Paddy & Kitty Burke

10.30 am:

Birthday remembrance: Esther Pender & Anniv  
Anniversaries: Paddy Bergin, Paddy Robinson, John &  
Mollie Moore, Julia O'Brien, Hugh Owens Snr. Eddie  
Owens, Hughie Owens Jnr. Tommy Nolan, Dec.  
members of Nolan & Reid families, Joseph 'Joe' Phillips,  
Rosanna 'Nan' Ging, Eddie Tubridy, Enda Tubridy,  
Mary Sallon, Jack & Dolly Phillips, Peggy Hicks,  
Patrick 'Pat' Fennin

12.00 noon:

Remembrance: Abbi George  
Anniversaries: Christina Armour, Dec. members of  
Armour & Roche families, Abbi George, Hugh Owens  
Snr. Eddie Owens, Hughie Owens Jnr. Joseph 'Joe'  
Phillips, Rosanna 'Nan' Ging, Paul Fleming, Jack &  
Dolly Phillips, Peggy Hicks, Nancy Farrell, Patrick 'Pat'  
Fennin

Mon. 9.30 am: Month's Mind: Thomas Farrell

Remembrance: Josie Dooley,

Anniv: Rosanne 'Nan' Ging, Joseph 'Joe' Phillips,

Tues. 9.30 am: Remembrance: Josie Dooley

Wednes. 9.30 am:

Remembrance: Josie Dooley,

Anniversaries: James Prendergast, Gay Coffey,

Rec Deceased: Paddy Doyle, Paddy Elliott

Thur. 9.30 am:

Friday 9.30 am:

Recently Deceased: Annie McHugh, who died in New  
York, formerly from Leitrim

CHURCH NOTICES

Weekend Mass times:

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

Today is World Day of Prayer for grandparents & the elderly

Summer Dues 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. Thanks to those who have already contributed.

Last Weekend Collections:

P. Dev. €481 Common: €1,010 Share €880  
Thanks to contributors.

HOLY HOUR

in

Parish Church

will resume on Tuesday, 8th August, 2-3pm



HOLY HOUR

St. Mary's Church Barrowhouse

Tuesday's from 7pm-8pm

B.E. - BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

B.E. is a support group for those coping with the pain of loss  
of their life partner, through Death, Separation or Divorce.  
Do you find that you need more support than family and  
friends can provide? Seeking help is a sign of strength and  
self-knowledge not weakness. This is a healing ministry,  
which helps to resolve the grief that goes with the end of a  
marriage or relationship. A team, who are themselves  
widowed, separated or divorced share their experiences with  
you.

Next Coping with Life Alone Programme will take place  
on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2023 in Carmelite Community  
Centre, 56 Aungier St, Dublin 2. D02 T258

## ATHY PRAYER MEETING

Prayer Group will return in September



## 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.

Places still available  
Pre booking required. Payment in Advance.  
Contact the Parish office



## Athy Parish Office

Mon 2.15-4 pm

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

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



## 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.

## ST LAURENCE O'TOOLE ANNIVERSARY

The Archbishop of Rouen has invited the Archbishop of  
Dublin and the people of the Dublin Diocese to join him in  
the town of Eu in Normandy in **May 2025** for the celebration  
of the 800th anniversary of St Laurence O'Toole's  
canonisation with the Diocese of Rouen. Those interested in  
participating in, or organising a group for, this pilgrimage  
celebration, can contact

Fr Ivan Tonge, Ringsend ([ivan.tonge@gmail.com](mailto:ivan.tonge@gmail.com)), or  
Fr John Flaherty, Portmarnock  
([john.flaherty@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:john.flaherty@dublindiocese.ie)), so that the planning can  
advance. This visit will be co-ordinated by Marian  
Pilgrimages.

## PARISH TEAM

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**Athy Parish website** [www.parihofathy.ie](http://www.parihofathy.ie)

**Parish Radio** 107.9 fm

## ROSARY

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



## ACCORD

Accord Carlow are now back  
open for face-to-face Relationship Counselling  
at St. Catherine's Community Service Centre Carlow  
For further information please phone  
Mary at 086 4149034 or email

**Further Education and Training Centre Athy is  
accepting applications for the following part-time  
courses:**

- Healthcare Support QQI Level 5
- Early Childhood Care and Education QQI Level 5
  - Office Skills QQI Level 4
- Jump Start (Youth Support Programme for  
18–25-year-olds) QQI Level 4
- Construction Skills QQI Level 3

Courses are due to start in September. For additional  
information please contact Rachel Doyle on 059  
8632044 at Further Education and Training Centre,  
Carlow Road, Athy. Co Kildare. [www.athyfetc.ie](http://www.athyfetc.ie) or  
email us at [bteiathy@kwetb.ie](mailto:bteiathy@kwetb.ie)

**Today's Gospel** call to our attention the abundance  
that will result from the small beginnings of the  
Kingdom of Heaven. Just as a mustard seed—the  
smallest of all seeds—will become a large bush, so  
too God will bring his Kingdom to full bloom. As a  
small amount of yeast will leaven the entire batch of  
bread, so too God will bring about the expansion of  
his Kingdom. In each case the image is of the  
superabundance that God brings out of even the  
smallest of signs of the Kingdom.

Contained within these parables are words of  
caution as well as words of consolation. In the  
parable of the sower we are warned against judging  
others. To judge and uproot the “weeds”  
prematurely will harm the wheat; final judgment  
rests with God. In the parables of the mustard seed  
and the yeast, we are consoled by the message that  
God can work wonders and produce abundance  
from even the smallest beginnings of the Kingdom of  
Heaven.