



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*)

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 16th September 2023 in Carmelite Community Centre, 56 Aungier St, Dublin 2. D02 T258

PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

Recently Deceased:

Patrick 'Paddy' Doyle, Castledermot Rd. Seamus Berry, St. Michael's Tce Anthony O'Keeffe, Tonlegee 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 Philips, 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' Philips, 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

ATHY PRAYER MEETING

Prayer Group will return in September



Parishes of Athy, Narraghmore & Moone Pilgrimage to Lourdes

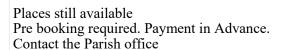
28th July-1st August 5 nights travelling with Joe Walsh Tours, lead by Spiritual Director: Fr Francis McCarthy for 5 Nights staying in Hotel Padoue, full board
Cost €899 per person sharing

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.





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

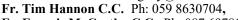
The Archbishop of Rouen has invited the Archbishop of Dublin and the people of the Dublin Diocese to join him in the town of Eu in Normandy in **May 2025** for the celebration of the 800th anniversary of St Laurence O'Toole's canonisation with the Diocese of Rouen. Those interested in participating in,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

Fr Ivan Tonge, Ringsend (ivan.tonge@gmail.com), or
Fr John Flaherty, Portmarnock
(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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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 or email us at 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.

