



THE PARISH
OF ATHY

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



MASS OF THE TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 17TH SEPTEMBER 2023

PRAYER

O God most high, you are slow to anger and rich in compassion. Keep alive in us the memory of your mercy, that our angers may be calmed and our resentments dispelled. May we discover the forgiveness promised to those who forgive and become a people rich in mercy. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Athy Parish website
www.parishofathy.ie

Parish Radio 107.9 fm

READINGS

1st Reading: Ecclesiasticus 27: 30-28:7

Psalm: Ps. 102

2nd Reading: Romans 14: 7-9

Gospel: Matthew 18: 21-35

CHURCH NOTICES

Weekend Mass times:

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

CROSSCARE Annual collection will be taken up today in aid of Homeless Prevention Services. This collection will replace the Share collection at all Masses. Crosscare seeks your support to prevent more people from losing their homes as the housing and accommodation crisis continues. The number of people in emergency accommodation in Dublin is now well over 9,000; sadly, this includes almost 3,000 children. As well as providing residential homeless services, Crosscare is working with families and individuals who are at risk of losing their existing accommodation. Please support the Crosscare collection or you can donate online at www.crosscare.ie.

This year's **Safeguarding Sunday** will take place on September 24.

Last Weekend Collections:

P. Dev. €771 Common: €1,015 Share €920
Thanks to contributors.

PARISH CHOIR

St. Michael's Parish choir resume singing today, Sunday 17th September at 12 noon Mass Rehearsals will recommence in October.

*New members are always welcome
Please join us in the choir gallery on Sunday.*

PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

Recently Deceased:

John Murphy, Shruleen Lane. Reception & Funeral Mass Tuesday at 11 am. Burial in New St. Michael's Cemetery.

Rena Morrin, Ballyroe Hs., Churchtown

Saturday 6pm

Month's Mind:

Birthday rem: Annie Foley

Anniversaries:

Mary Bridget Doyle (1st A), Luke 'Loui' O'Hanlon, Clare & Margaret Phillips, Elizabeth & Jackie Johnson, Mona Dolan, Dec. members of Flynn, Phillips & Johnson families, Dec. members of Foley family, Shay Ryan, Pat Flinter (2nd A), Agnes & Thomas McCarthy, Andy Whelan (3rd A), Johnny Morrissey, Patrick Fitzpatrick, Malcolm Fitzpatrick, Sheila Chanders, Dec. members of Chanders & Dwyer families, Henry Foley, Bill Redmond (1st A), Betty Redmond, Paddy Barry, Ned Cambie, Brian & Sheila Kelly, Baby Brian Kelly, Christopher Doyle

Sunday 9am Barrowhouse: John Malone, Noel Burke

10.30 am:

Anniversaries:

Thomas & Kathleen Stewart, Margaret Finn, Molly & Dolly Ryan, John, Brigid & Ned Moore, Agnes & Thomas McCarthy, Sheila Chanders, Dec. members of Chanders & Dwyer families, Andy Whelan (3rd A)

12.00 noon:

Anniversaries:

Mary B. Doyle (1st A), Sheila Chanders, Dec. members of Chanders & Dwyer families, Andy Whelan (3rd A)

Mon. 9.30 am:

Birthday rem: Annie Foley Dec. members of Foley family, Josie Dooley, John Foley, Tos Bambrick

Tues. 9.30 am: Luke 'Loui' O'Hanlon (1st A), Michael Mahon, Tommy Whelan

Wednes. 9.30 am:

Holy Souls, Pat Flinter (2nd A), Louie Kelly, Ellen Kelly

Thur. 9.30 am: Donors Intention, Special Intention

Friday 9.30 am: Matt Howard, Anne Maher

Rosary continues through the summer

on
Sundays at 7.30pm at Fatima Shrine, Kilkenny Rd.
All welcome

Tap and Go Contactless Donation

First Collection (Common Fund Priest Collection) and the Second Collection (Share Fund) &



Tap & Go for Parish Donations

You may be aware as you come through the doors of the church there are two devices.

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

(an opportunity to donate if you do not have parish envelopes)

Both clearly distinguished by the posters above them.

Thank you for your continued generosity.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

The Irish Hospice Foundation provides a free Bereavement Support Line. This National Freephone Service is available from 10am to 1pm, Monday to Friday, by calling 1800 807077.

Visit www.hospicefoundation.ie for more information.

AWARE – SUPPORT & SELF CARE GROUPS

If you or those with whom you work wish to connect with people in relation to your mental wellbeing, consider using Aware's phone-in and Zoom support and self-care groups, support line or support mail. For more information, visit www.aware.ie.

CATECHETICAL CORNER – ARE YOU HAPPY OR CONTENT? PART 2

When our Blessed Mother, visited her cousin Elizabeth, Elizabeth exclaimed: *"Blessed are you among all women and blessed is the fruit of your womb."* (Lk.1:42) Mary was and is Blessed by GOD. We too have the opportunity to be Blessed. Jesus, has given us a 9-point plan (*Mt. 5:3-12*) that will lead to blessed-ness.

In Latin the word blessed is 'Beatus' from which we get Beatitude. Nine times in as many verses Jesus says: *'Blessed [Beatus] are you! Blessed are you...the poor in spirit...the gentle...those who mourn...those who hunger and thirst for uprightness...the merciful...the pure in heart...the peacemakers...those who are persecuted in the cause of uprightness...those who are persecuted and falsely accused on account of Jesus...'* Although Jesus concludes with: *'Rejoice and be glad for your reward will be great in heaven'* (v. 12); when we reflect on the Beatitudes we see that they present us with us a plan, a road map, for how to live a truly happy life.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) says this: *"The Beatitudes respond to the natural desire for happiness. This desire is of divine origin: God has placed it in the human heart in order to draw man to the One who alone can fulfill it."* (CCC #1718)

Quoting St John Henry Cardinal Newman, the Catechism says this: *"The Decalogue, the Sermon on the Mount [The Beatitudes], and the apostolic catechesis [the teaching of the Apostles] describe for us the paths that lead to the Kingdom of heaven. Sustained by the grace of the Holy Spirit, we tread them, step by step, by everyday acts. By the working of the Word of Christ, we slowly bear fruit in the Church to the glory of God."* (CCC #1724)

The Catechism outlines the objective of this way of living, this Beatitude: *"God put us in the world to know, to love, and to serve him, and so to come to paradise. Beatitude makes us "partakers of the divine nature" and of eternal life. With beatitude, man enters into the glory of Christ-and into the joy of the Trinitarian life."* (CCC #1721)

So that's what an offer from GOD, but how do we achieve it? Well, thankfully the Catechism answers that for us: *"The beatitude we are promised confronts us with decisive moral choices. It invites us to purify our hearts of bad instincts and to seek the love of God above all else. It teaches us that true happiness is not found in riches or well-being, in human fame or power, or in any human achievement...but in God alone, the source of every good and of all love."* (CCC #1723) The Commandments and the Beatitudes call us to amend our life. To live, first and foremost, in right relationship with GOD but also with others.

Narraghmore and Moone newsletter

will be starting back up from next weekend

ATHY PARISH HOLY HOUR

Every Tuesday from 2-3 pm in Parish Church

Every Tuesday in St. Mary's Church,

Every Tuesday in

St. Mary's Barrowhouse at 7-8 pm

ST PIO'S FEAST DAY MASS

A special mass to celebrate the 55th Anniversary of the death of St. Pio will take place on Friday, 22nd Sept, at 7.30pm on St. Mary's Church, Edenderry, Co. Offaly. The Chief Celebrant will Bishop Denis Nulty. After Mass St. Pio's glove will be available to anyone wishing to be blessed.

All are welcome

The 'Check it Fits' Service is a full-time, nationwide, free expert service which aims to put parent's, grandparent's, and guardian's minds at ease that their child's car seat is safely and securely fitted in their car.

RSA will visit;
Tesco Extra, Naas- Monread Rd, Monread
North, Naas, Co. Kildare September
19th 2023 10.00am – 5.30pm



The service is quick, it's easy, it's free to Kildare where our experts will advise on how to fix any problem, demonstrate how to fit the restraint correctly and answer any queries participants might have.

DOMINICAN SUNDAY IN KNOCK

Sunday, 8th October

A bus will leave from Athy Parish Church at 8.30am
Returning 9.20pm approx. (One stop enroute)
Cost €30 per person. Pre booking & payment essential
Contact Parish Office

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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.

CLOSED HOLYDAYS

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