



THE PARISH
OF ATHY

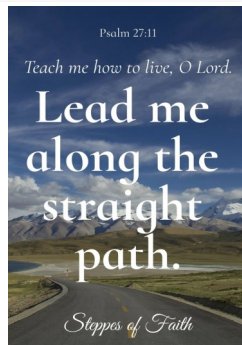
Comprising the Faith Communities
of:
ST MICHAEL'S, ATHY
&
ST MARY'S, BARROWHOUSE



MASS OF THE TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 1ST OCTOBER 2023

Prayer

Blessed are they who know their need of God (Mt 5:3). May we recognise ourselves as part of the community of the needy and show the compassion of Jesus to all without distinction.



READINGS

1st Reading: Ezekiel 18: 25-28
Psalm: Ps. 24: 4-9
2nd Reading: Philippians 2: 1-11
Gospel: Matthew 21: 28-32

Athy Parish website
www.parihofathy.ie

Parish Radio 107.9 fm

CHURCH NOTICES

Weekend Mass times:

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

Synod 2023 Newsletter *issue one* is available at the doors of the church and on parish website. A letter from Archbishop Farrell will be read at the Masses today.

Today is Day of Prayer for Life.

Dates for Communion & Confirmation will be printed in next week's newsletter.

Last Weekend Collections:

P. Dev.: € 673 Common: €1,155 Share: €820
Thanks to contributors.

AREA DISTRIBUTORS

MEETING

Meeting of Area Distributors will take place Wednesday, 11th October, at 7.30pm in Parish Centre, Mount Hawkins, with refreshments afterwards.



DOMINICAN SUNDAY IN KNOCK

Sunday next, 8th October

A bus will leave from Athy Parish Church at 8.30am

Returning 9.20pm approx.

(One stop enroute)

Cost €30 per person. Some places still available.

Reminder to those travelling that pre payment is essential
Please contact Parish Office

ST. THÉRÉSA OF LISIEU

Relics arriving to The Carmelite Church, White Abbey
Sunday 1st October for 10am Mass
Veneration afterwards till 2pm

PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

Recently Deceased:

Triona Harrington, Castlecomer, Co. Kilkenny, formerly Woodbine

Saturday 6pm

Month's Mind & Birthday Rem: Mary Gray
(Anniversaries:

Michael Fogarty, Thomas Doyle, Dec. members of Doyle family, Con Goulding, Mai Brennan, Margaret, James & Tommy Murphy, Marian Byrne, Martina Leonard, Declan Roche, Martin Flynn, Dec. members of Mulhall & Byrne families, Deceased Sisters of Mercy Athy, John Quinn, Des & Noreen Noonan, Timothy & Ellen Buckley, Andrew Smith, Jimmy Byrne, Jim Bolger, Martin Brennan (2nd A), Brian & Sheila Kelly, Gaberial Coffey, Paddy 'Pro' Murphy, Nellie & Charlie Sourke, Brigid & Jimmy Behan, Martin Behan, John Sourke, Kate & Charlie Sourke, Bridie & Paddy Whelan, Michael Godfrey (Anniv. & Birthday Rem)

Sunday 9am Barrowhouse:

Margaret McDonald, Mary Foley

10.30 am:

Month's mind & birthday rem: Mary Gray

Anniversaries:

Marion Byrne, Martina Leonard, Declan Roche, Martin Flynn, Dec. members of Mulhall & Byrne Families, Dec. members of Sisters of Mercy Athy, Con Goulding, Nancy Dunne, Jimmy Byrne, Michael & Eileen Bracken, Patrick 'Paddy' Murphy, Mick Doogue, Mollie Doogue, Mick Bolger

12.00 noon:

Month's mind & birthday rem: Mary Gray

Anniversaries: Declan Roche (27th A), Martina Leonard, Martin Flynn, Marian Byrne, Katty Murray, Matthew Murray, Anna Bolger, John Quinn (30th A), Andrew Smith, Jimmy Byrne, Michael & Nel McCormack, Padraig, Don & Sal Healy, Mick Doogue, Mollie Doogue, Mick Bolger

Mon. 9.30 am: Holy Souls, Michael, Mary & John Keating, Dec. members of Keating & Carolan families, Jim Bolger.

Tues. 9.30 am: Margaret Barry

Special Intention (someone ill), Donor's Intention

Wednes. 9.30 am:

Birthday rem: Theresa Campbell, Mary Foley

Birthday rem & Anniv: Michael Godfrey

Anniv. Mary O'Sullivan (3rd A), Fr. Michael Conaty
Philomena Molloy,

Thur. 9.30 am: Golden Book

Friday 9.30 am: Altar List of the Dead

CARE OF THE ELDERLY

Meeting of Athy & District Care of the Elderly Committee takes place on Monday 9th October at 8pm in the Parish Centre, Mount Hawkins

MERCY ASSOCIATE MEETING

Meeting of Athy Lay Associates of Sisters of Mercy

Monday, 16th October at 7.30pm

in

Parish Centre, Mount Hawkins



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 accordcarlow@gmail.com

ATHY PRAYER MEETING

Prayer Group Meetings have now resumed.

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.



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



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Vocations Information

<https://dublindiocese.ie/vocations>

Please pray for more Vocations to the priesthood

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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CATECHETICAL CORNER – IS THERE A DOCTOR IN THE HOUSE?

If you are of a certain age, or if you just happen to like Classic Rock you will probably be familiar with Led Zeppelin's 'Stairway to Heaven'. But did you know that there is an easier way to heaven than taking the stairs, we can take the elevator, or the lift as we might call it, but more about that later.

St Augustine, St Ambrose, St John Chrysostom, St Francis De Sales, St John of the Cross, St Thomas Aquinas, St Catherine of Siena, to name a but a few of the 37 'Doctors of the Church'. Definitely what we might call 'Church Heavy weights'. Perhaps, if we ever gave it a second's thought, we might have thought that there would be many more than 37, especially when we consider the long history of the Church and the great many thinkers, writers and theologians.

So what does it mean to be a "doctor of the church"? And why would somebody receive this title?

A doctor of the church is a person whose teaching on faith has been deemed sound and of benefit to the church through their writing, study, or research. Along with significant theological contribution, the person must also display a high degree of sanctity, which is why all church doctors are also canonized saints. A third requirement to be named a doctor of the church is formal proclamation as such by the pope or an ecumenical council.

To be in this company one would have to have contributed greatly to the store of knowledge of the Church. Of the 37 doctors of the Church, 4 are women: St Teresa of Avila, St Hildegard of Bingen, St Catherine of Siena and St Therese of Lisieux, the Little Flower – whose Feast day is October 1st. But how did a French nun, who entered an enclosed Carmelite Monastery at the age of 15, and died at the age of 24, having never left that monastery, manage to be declared a saint, never mind a doctor of the Church? Well because of her Little Way, or her 'elevator to heaven' as she called.

St Therese wanted to do great things for GOD, she wanted to go and preach in foreign lands, she wanted to be a martyr and give her life for GOD, but she was unable to do any of that so she set about becoming a martyr in the ordinary every day. Her little way consists of doing the ordinary tasks of everyday life with as much love as we can possibly muster. It involves giving of ourselves to our families, our employment as best as we possibly can, but all for the love of GOD. Going about our everyday tasks, offering them to GOD, no matter how simple, mundane and even boring they may be, but doing so with love, is what St Therese called the Little Way. It was her Little Way that led to her being declared a Saint, less than 28 years after her death. It was her little Way that led her to being declared a Doctor of the Church in 2012. And it is her Little Way that can be our elevator to sainthood too.