



THE PARISH
OF ATHY

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



MASS OF THE TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 24TH SEPTEMBER 2023

PRAYER

The door of faith is always open and you welcome us, O God, whenever our hearts are open. We are grateful for your loving patience and generosity

THOSE
WHO SEEK THE
LORD
SHALL NOT LACK
ANY GOOD THING.
PSALM 34:10

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READINGS

1st Reading: Isaiah 55: 6-9

Psalms: Ps. 144

2nd Reading: Philippians 1:20-24,27

Gospel: Matthew 20: 1-16

Athy Parish website
www.parihofathy.ie

Parish Radio
107.9 fm

PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

Recently Deceased:

John Murphy, Shruleen Lane.

Bridget 'Bridie' Bolger, Barrowhouse.

Dennis Curran, Skerries North, Skerries.

Saturday 6pm

Month's Mind: Mary Donnelly, Mary Gray

Anniversaries: Derek O'Donohue (1st A), Joe Carolan, Frank & Edward Fitzpatrick, May Casey, Esther Breslin, Johnny Lammon, Eddie Dempsey, Dec. mem of Dempsey & Conway families, Eileen & Mary Roche, Kathleen Kelly, Vinny Dalton, Martin Brennan, Margaret Hoare (33rd A), Joe & May Kane, Nancy & Sean Dooley, Jason Dooley, John & Maggie Hoare, Bill & Pat Hoare, May & Noel Murphy, John & Ann Murphy, Ted & Rita Ward, Kathleen Mackey, Betty Cusack, Betty Cusack, Pat Fitzsimons, Martin Holohan, Kathy Brown, Mary Hyland, Marjorie Austen, Kitty Byrne, Doris Pratt, Bernadette Thompson, Maureen Coyle, Dec. mem of Kane & Hoare families, Frank Honer, David Whittle, Parkie Dalton, Christy & Mary Stynes, Sean Redmond, Pat Tynan, David Bolger

Sunday 9am Barrowhouse:

Month's mind: Mary Gray

Charles & Kathleen Bowden, Ursula Bowden

10.30 am:

Month's mind: Mary Gray

Anniversaries:

Paddy Ennis, Arthur Kavanagh, Brigid McHugh, Frank & Edward Fitzpatrick, Patrick Murtagh, Tom Whelan, Alice O'Sullivan, Liam Walsh, Eileen Roche, Mary Roche, Kathleen Kelly, Martin Brennan, Christy & Mary Stynes, Alex & Mary Neill, Sean Redmond, Pat Tynan

12.00 noon: Anniversaries:

Eamonn 'Banford' Doyle (1st A), Ger Noonan, Tom Whelan, Eileen & Mary Roche, Kathleen Kelly, Martin Brennan, Christy & Mary Stynes, Sean Redmond, Pat Tynan

Mon. 9.30 am: Michael Mulhall (anniv),

Tues. 9.30 am: Theresa & John O'Sullivan, Bernie Redmond, Special Intention, Thomas Walsh

Wednes. 9.30 am: Holy Souls, Dec. members of Murphy family, Baby Sean McCormack

Thur. 9.30 am: Birthday rem. Sr. Dolores O'Grady

Friday 9.30 am:

Rosary continues

on

Sundays at 7.30pm at Fatima Shrine, Kilkenny Rd.

All welcome

CHURCH NOTICES

Weekend Mass times:

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

Today is **Child Safeguarding Sunday**

The current edition *Child Safeguarding Newsletter* from Dublin Diocese is available on the parish website.

Last Weekend Collections:

P. Dev.: € 944 Common: €1,095 Crosscare: €1,785

Thanks to contributors.

**Know your Faith –
Come to Pathways: Exploring
Faith and Ministry**



Applications are now open for the next intake of participants for *Pathways*. The programme, run by the Dublin Archdiocese, begins this year in DCU St Patrick's Campus, Upper Drumcondra Road, Dublin 9, on Thursday, September 28 (7pm – 9.30pm). Places are limited so early application is advised.

Pathways is a two-year, one-evening-a-week course for adults of all ages who wish to explore their faith. It runs from late September to May each year. There are no exams and no written work. The only requirement is an openness to listening to others and to participate. You can just come along and enjoy! The cost is €400 for the coming year which may be paid in instalments. Some sponsorship may be available for those of limited means. Places are limited.

For more information please visit www.missionministry.ie or contact Eileen Houlahan, CHF, PhD, Director, *Pathways* Programme at 01 8087594 or pathways@dublindiocese.ie.

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.

SEASON OF CREATION 2023

Message from Jane Mellett, Laudato Si' Officer, Trócaire:

The Season of Creation 2023 running from September 1st (the World Day of Prayer for Creation) to October 4th (the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi) is an opportunity to respond to the call of Pope Francis to listen to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.

As the ecological crisis worsens our newsfeeds are filled with stories of devastation, particularly in the most vulnerable parts of the world. Creation cries out as forests burn, animals flee, lives are lost and people are forced to migrate.

The theme for this year's Season is inspired by the Prophet Amos who cries out: "Let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!" (Amos 5: 24).

The symbol is that of a 'mighty river': "Listen carefully, I am about to do a new thing, now it will spring forth; will you not be aware of it? I will even put a road in the wilderness, rivers in the desert." (Isaiah 43:19). As we join the river of justice and peace with others then hope is created instead of despair, "for we know that things can change!" See www.trocaire.org (Laudato Si', 13).

CATECHETICAL CORNER – YOUR VERY OWN LIBRARY.

Next Saturday, we celebrate the feast of St Jerome. St Jerome died just over 1600 years ago. He translated all the books of the Bible from their original languages into Latin, a work that became known as the Vulgate.

One of his most famous quotes is: "Ignorance of Scripture (the Bible) is ignorance of Christ". But don't worry, you would be surprised how much scripture you actually know, without even realising it. Over the course of 3 years, if you attend Sunday Mass, you will hear a good portion of the Bible read at Mass. If you attend daily Mass, you will hear even more.

Reading the bible can be difficult. Even some of the names of the books are hard to pronounce, like Ecclesiasticus. But we shouldn't let that put us off. The Bible is our Book, it is your book. In fact it is not so much a book, as a Library. The Bible contains 73 books, 46 in the Old Testament and 27 in the New Testament. The Bible is meant to be read and understood as a whole, it is not meant to be used for producing proof texts, as many non-Catholic Christians do. For example; when we look for Baptism in the Bible we see that it is foreshadowed in the Old Testament, although the word is never used there. When the Israelites were being freed from the Egyptians, from a life of bondage, they were led to freedom through water, in the parting of the Red Sea. Indeed, it was through the waters of the great flood that GOD brought about a new people through Noah. In the same, we are led to new life, to become a new people, through the waters of Baptism.

In the Book of Genesis, we see a tree, a woman - Eve, a man - Adam, and a death of sorts where our relationship with GOD is destroyed. In the Gospels, we see a tree - the Cross, a woman - Mary the new Eve, we see a man - Jesus - the new Adam and we see a death, which this time leads to eternal life - a relationship restored. In the book of Exodus we see a 'Lamb without blemish' being killed and it's blood being used to save the Israelites from the Angel of death. In the Gospel we see an innocent 'Lamb of GOD' being killed and His blood being used to free us all from certain, eternal death.

When reading the Bible we have to keep in mind that the New Testament is revealed and prefigured in the Old and the Old is fulfilled in the New.

So why not make it a practice to take a daily walk through your library and unearth some hidden treasure

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

MONTHLY MAGAZINES

September & October edition of Messenger & St. Martin magazine are now available in Parish Office

ST THÉRÈSA OF LISIEU

Relics arriving to St Brigid's Church, Kildare town
30th Sept. at 5pm.
Veneration before and after 6.30pm Mass.

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

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. Some places still available.
Pre booking & payment essential
Contact Parish Office

Wellbeing Courses

See

www.sanctuary.ie

Children Liturgy Sheets available at doors of church



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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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