



THE PARISH
OF ATHY

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



MASS OF THE TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 10TH SEPTEMBER 2023

PRAYER Confirm, O God, in unity and truth the Church you gather in Christ. Encourage the fervent, enlighten the doubtful, and bring back the wayward. Bind us together in mutual love, that our prayer in Christ's name may be pleasing to you. Grant this 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



Athy Parish website
www.parihofathy.ie

Parish Radio
107.9 fm

READINGS

1st Reading: Ezekiel 33: 7-9

Psalms: Ps. 94

2nd Reading: Romans 13: 8-10

Gospel: Matthew 18: 15-20

CHURCH NOTICES

Weekend Mass times:

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

CROSSCARE Annual Appeal 16th/17th September in aid of Homeless Prevention Services. A collection will replace the Share.

Last Weekend Collections:

P. Dev. € 795

Common: €1,237 Share €867

Thanks to contributors.

PARISH CHOI

St. Michael's Parish choir resume singing 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.

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

PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

Recently Deceased:

Rena Morrin, Ballitore Hs., Churchtown

Saturday 6pm

Month's Mind:

Birthday remembrance: Delia Connolly, Stefan Clarke Perse, Joe Perse

Anniversaries:

Mary Keogh, Albert Rotherham, Betty Byrne, Maureen Kelly, Sarah `Sadie` Moore, Eileen McCluskey, Maura Hyland, Dec. members of Perse family, Jack, John & Josie Maher, Eileen Brophy, Ann Maher, Thomas McDonnell Jnr., Charlie McDonnell, Christy & Mary Stynes, Mick & Cecilia Howard, Benny & Gwen Fox, Sadie & Bridget Fox, John Y Fennin, Lizzie Hutchinson, James Hutchinson, Sheila Moore, Bridget Dooley, Kevin, Peg & Mark Merlehan, Jim Kirwan, Susan Roycroft, Ellen Shaughnessy, Phil Martin (10th A)

Sunday 9am Barrowhouse:

10.30 am:

Month's mind: Maura Mulhall

Anniversaries:

Mary Keogh, Christy & Mary Stynes, Mick & Cecilia Howard, Benny & Gwen Fox, Sadie & Bridget Fox, John Y Fennin, Esther Hickey, Kevin, Peg & Mark Merlehan, Jim Kirwan, Mark Molloy, Carol Carpenter, Phil Martin (10th A), John, Bridget & Ned Moore

12.00 noon:

Birthday remembrance: Delia Connolly

Anniversaries:

Anna McStay, Dec. members of Moran & McStay families, John Y Fennin, Richard Byrne, Kevin, Peg & Mark Merlehan, Jim Kirwan, Phil Martin (10th A)

Mon. 9.30 am: Albert Rotherham, Betty Byrne, Lizzie Johnson, Dec. members of Johnson family, T.J. Shinkins (5th A)

Tues. 9.30 am: Eileen McCluskey (2nd A), Brenda Warren, Dec. members of Warren & Bastable families

Wednes. 9.30 am: Holy Souls, Special Intention

Thur. 9.30 am: William & Ann Doyle, Margaret & Tony Doyle,

Birthday Remembrance: Bernie Hoban

Friday 9.30 am: Dora & Patrick O'Donoghue, Mary Doyle (1st A)

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.

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.

CATECHETICAL CORNER – ARE YOU HAPPY OR CONTENT?

Billy Connolly, the great Scottish comedian and entertainer was asked, some years ago, if he was happy. He replied by saying that when he changed the word happy to content he realized that he was happier than he thought he was. Sounds like a good way of looking at things. Except for Christians, and especially so for Catholics, we are destined for much more than mere contentment. We have been given a charter for complete and utter happiness.

This Charter for Happiness comes in two parts; the first is the Commandments. I know, we don't normally consider the commandments in this way, surely it is a set of "dos and don'ts"? It can be seen that way. Or, it can be seen as plan for living in right relationship with GOD and people, happiness.

The first three commandments relate to living in right relationship with GOD:

I AM THE LORD YOUR GOD: YOU SHALL NOT HAVE STRANGE GODS BEFORE ME – *remove those things that get in the way of GOD, TV, scrolling, endless entertainment.*
YOU SHALL NOT TAKE THE NAME OF THE LORD YOUR GOD IN VAIN – *How many times each day do we harm our relationship with GOD by misusing the name of GOD (Jesus)?*
REMEMBER TO KEEP HOLY THE LORD'S DAY – *give GOD priority, especially on Sunday.*

So that is the first key to happiness, living in right relationship with GOD, getting our relationship with GOD right before worrying about our relationships with other people. As St Augustine famously said: "Our hearts are made for thee O GOD and our hearts are restless until they rest in Thee" Jesus put it another way: "I have come that you may have life and have it to the full." Jn.10:10. So we can't be happy, truly happy, until we are happy in GOD.

The second key to happiness is living in right relationship with the world and those around us. Having focused on GOD first, the remaining seven commandments relate to living in right relationship with each other, beginning with our parents.

HONOUR YOUR FATHER AND YOUR MOTHER – *live in right relationship with your family.*

YOU SHALL NOT KILL – *consider the ways that we can 'kill' or harm others.*

YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY – *human sexuality is one of GOD's greatest gifts and should not be misused.*

YOU SHALL NOT STEAL – *living an honest life.*

YOU SHALL NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS AGAINST YOUR NEIGHBOUR – *is it ever helpful to talk about someone else, even if it's true? What about when it's not true?*

YOU SHALL NOT COVET YOUR NEIGHBOUR'S WIFE – *wanting what others have is a sure fire recipe for unhappiness.*

YOU SHALL NOT COVET YOUR NEIGHBOUR'S GOODS – *do we really need more stuff? Acquiring/ desiring more 'stuff' is harming the earth, 'our common home' as Pope Francis called it.*

Next week we will look at the second part of the Charter for Happiness, which is found in Chapter 5 of Matthew's Gospel.

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

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

COMHLAS CEOLTORI EIREANN ATHY BRANCH

Open Night 12th September in Gaelscoil Ath Í
6.30PM
All welcome
Enjoy a cup of tea and try an instrument

Lessons begin 19th September in Gaelscoil 6 to 8 pm
Children & Adults
Contact no. 087 4266029

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.

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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,

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Saturday: 10.30-1pm.

CLOSED HOLYDAYS

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