



THE PARISH  
OF ATHY

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



MISSION SUNDAY TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 22ND OCTOBER 2023

**READINGS**

**1st Reading:**

Isaiah 45:1,4-6

**Psalm:** Ps. 95

**2nd Reading:**

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

**Gospel:**

Matthew 22:15-21



Athy Parish website [www.parihofathy.ie](http://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.

Today is **World Mission Sunday**. A special collection will be taken up today instead of the usual Share collection. Theme *'Hearts on Fire, Feet on the Move'*

**Altar List of the Dead** envelopes and sheets are available at the doors of the church. Your loved ones listed will be remembered in our Masses around All souls Day in November and at the First Friday Mass for the next twelve months.

**Area Distributers** are reminded that new boxes of envelopes for distribution will be ready from Friday next, 27th October, from the Parish Office and after that from behind the high altar.

The current Parish development year ends next weekend. We remind those who pay their subscriptions annually that they can pay there subscription now.

**Last Weekend Collections:**

P. Dev.: €648 Common: €1,097 Share: €733

*Thanks to contributors.*

August Tap & Go to Diocese was €185 from 19 transactions

**ANNUAL MASS FOR DECEASED  
OF OUR PARISHES**

Those who died in the Parish since last November will be Remembered;

Athy	Thursday 16th November	@	7.30 pm
Crookstown	Monday 20th November	@	7.30 pm
Kilmead	Wednesday 22nd November	@	7.30 pm
Moone	Wednesday 29th November	@	7.30 pm

**PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD**

**Recently Deceased:** *Patrick McGrath*, Enniscorthy

**Saturday 6pm**

**Month's Mind:** Bridie Bolger

**Birthday remembrance:** John Moore,

**Anniversaries:**

Jimmy Robinson, Gertie & Tony Healy, Philip O'Brien (1st A), Brendan Heydon, Molly 'Mary' Hyland, Jimmy Hickey, James 'Jimmy' Wright, Paul Maher, Maureen Shaw, Mary Anne Rowan, Denis Rowan, Dec. members of Rowan family, Jer O'Sullivan, Bridie & Jimmy Connell, Shey Anderson, Gay Coffey, Angela Eustace (1st A), Elizabeth Rowan, John Cusack, Maureen Dalton (6th Anniv)

**Sunday 9am Barrowhouse:** Thomas & May Gibson, Daniel & Mary O'Connor, Terry Taylor,

**Months Mind:** Bridie Bolger

**10.30 am:**

**Birthday remembrance:** John Moran

**Anniversaries:**

Robert Young, Martin & Christina Dalton, David & Frances Dalton, Christopher & Catherine Byrne, Jimmy Paddy & Mary Byrne, Dec. members of Cassidy family, Maureen Shaw, Mary Anne Rowan, Denis Rowan, Dec. members of Rowan family, Jer O'Sullivan, Dan Boland, Mary & James Geraghty, Geraldine Solan nee Daly, Thomas Lynch

**12.00 noon:**

**Birthday remembrance:** John Moran

**Anniversaries:**

Elizabeth Luttrell, Ann, Peter & Robert Redmond, Jimmy Hickey, Maureen Shaw, Mary Anne & Denis Rowan, Dec. members of Rowan family, Jer O'Sullivan, Bridie & Jimmy Connell, Dan Boland, Michael May, Derry Matthia nee May, John Cusack, Mary Lynch

**Mon. 9.30 am:** Patrick Dunne, Jer O'Sullivan (anniv),

Special Intention

**Tues. 9.30 am:** Ann, Peter & Robert Redmond, Brigid McHugh, Robert Young

**Wednes. 9.30 am:** Dickie Flanagan, Jer O'Sullivan

**Thur. 9.30 am:** Robbie Robinson, Frank Webb, Baby Webb, Hanna Webb, Hannah Egan

**Friday 9.30 am:** Betty & Paddy Brennan, Dec. members of Bambrick & Brennan families, Michael Roddie, Betty Fitzsimons, Dec. members of Fitzsimons family

**ATHY MUSICAL & DRAMATIC SOCIETY**

**Rehearsals for While Shepherds Watched** start Tuesday, 24th October, in Ard Scoil na Trionoide at 7.30pm. New members welcome. Further info from 0872546098

**Athy Lions Club**

Presents 'South! Always South! in St. Michael's Church, Athy, today, Sunday, 22nd October at 7.30pm.

**CHILD SAFEGUARDING TRAINING INFORMATION EVENING**  
**On Thursday 26th of October 2023 from 7:00pm-9:00pm in the Clanard Court Hotel, there will be an Information Evening lead by Mr Garry Kehoe a member of the Diocesan Child Safeguarding & Protection Service for all volunteers in the Parishes of Athy, Narraghmore & Moone, for more information please contact Conor McCann on 0867905654 /conor.mccann@dublindiocese.ie.**

**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



Children Liturgy Sheets available at doors of church

**PARISH TEAM**

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**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AND HOLY ROSARY FOR WORLD PEACE**  
 KILCULLEN PARISH CHURCH 3:00PM  
 SUNDAY 22ND OCTOBER



**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**  
**Email:** athyparishrc@eircom.net  
**Phone** 059 86 38391  
**Address:** Parish Office, St. Michael's Church, Athy, Co. Kildare. R14 CA 26



**CATECHETICAL CORNER - THE WORK OF THE PEOPLE**

We are all illiterate to some degree. For example, generally speaking, only those with specialised knowledge, experience or training could read and understand a medical or science journal or a Theology or Philosophy book. Language is no different, I have seen enough TV medical dramas to know that when medics start talking about LFT's and U's & E's, I am totally illiterate. The Mass can be the same. We use language, both written and spoken, and we think and expect that people understand. Words like Eucharist, which literally means thanksgiving. But can also refer to the whole Mass and/or to the Host. It can also refer to that part of the Mass, the Liturgy of the Eucharist, from the Presentation of the Gifts (Offertory) to the Great Amen after the Doxology (*there's another term that we use*), just before the Our Father.

The word 'Liturgy' comes from two Greek words; LAOS (people/Laity) and ERGON (meaning work from where we get the word Ergonomics). So then liturgy, LAOS ERGON, means the 'Work of the People'. Another thing to say about Liturgy is that it is the official, common prayer of the Church, that is what defines liturgy. So, when people come together to pray the Rosary, even if it is led by a priest, that is not liturgy. But when we gather for Mass, or a Baptism, or a Wedding, that is Liturgy. So too, is the prayer of the Church, what is called the Liturgy of the Hours or the Divine Office. This was often seen as reserved to priests and religious but increasingly, and thankfully, many of the laity are praying this liturgy.

At Mass, we are not spectators, who observe something being done by the priest. Liturgy – Laos Ergon – is something that we all do together: *“Mother Church earnestly desires that all the faithful should be led to that fully conscious, and active participation in liturgical celebrations which is demanded by the very nature of the liturgy.”* So says the document on the Liturgy from the Second Vatican Council.

At Mass we are offering the ultimate act of Worship to God. This short prayer, the significance of which is often overlooked, captures the essence of Mass. The priest says: *“Pray brethren, that my sacrifice and yours, may be acceptable to God the almighty Father.”* And the Laos/Laity reply: *“May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands to the praise and glory of HIS name, for our good and the good of all His Holy Church”.* This is the heart of what we are doing at Mass, offering sacrifice to the praise and glory of GOD. We are not there to be entertained by good music or great preaching, they are very much secondary. We are at Mass to worship GOD.

So when we are at Mass are we sitting back, observing and receiving, being done to? Or are we consciously and actively participating, in offering sacrifice and worshipping GOD?

**BEGINNING EXPERIENCE**  
 Residential Weekend Programme 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> November 2023  
 Dominican Retreat Centre, Tallaght Village, Dublin 24  
 Dublin Team:086 087 7379-bedublin@gmail.com  
 For more Support Programmes Nationwide & GB in 2023 contact  
 Charity No: 2020205972 Ireland  
 www.beginningexperiencegbandi.org

B.E. support 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. 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.

**Synod Prayer**

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.  
 With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;  
 Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.  
 We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.  
 Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.  
 Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.  
 All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time,  
 in the communion of the Father and the Son,  
 forever and ever. **Amen.**



*Synod newsletter issue 4 is at the doors of church*