



THE PARISH  
OF ATHY

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



MASS OF THE THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 29TH OCTOBER 2023

CHURCH NOTICES

**Weekend Mass times:**

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

Wednesday next is the **Feast of All Saints**, a Holy Day. Mass in the Athy Parish church is at 9.30am.

**Altar List of the Dead** envelopes and sheets are available at the doors of the church. Please take a sheet fill out those who you wish to have remembered. When complete you may hand it into the office or place it in the baskets during Mass times. Your loved ones listed will be remembered at Mass on All Souls Day, Thursday next, 2nd Nov First Friday Mass for the next twelve months.

Mass on **All Souls day** will be 9.30am. See Cemetery Blessing times list below taking place on all souls Day.

**Area Distributers** are reminded that new boxes of envelopes and finance newsletter for distribution are ready behind the high altar.

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

**Last Weekend Collections:**

P. Dev.: € 1,222 Common: €1,096 Mission Sunday: €1,645  
*Thanks to contributors.*

PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

**Recently Deceased:**

Michael Ryan, William St.

**Saturday 6pm**

**Month's Mind:** Mary Byrne

**Birthday remembrance:** Roseanne O'Connor

**Anniversaries:** Mary Scally, Pat Farrell, Anne Moran, Mary & Seamus Maher, Jim Lochrin, Peg Nolan, Brian Finn (1st A), Patrick Nolan, Mary 'Molly' Bramwell, Sean Buckley Flynn, Helen Lawler (2nd A), Baby William Lawler, Mary & William Lawler, Martin & Bridget Quinn, Michael & Noel Quinn, Martin & Mary Mullin, James Doyle, Willie Carty, Willie Webb, Jack & Margaret Murphy, Brendan Murphy, Mary & Jim O'Mara, John Kilfeather, John Murphy, Nonie Heatherley, John & Tony Foley (Anniv), Patricia Kelly

**Sunday 9am Barrowhouse:** Lowery Maher, Jimmie & Cillian Maher

**10.30 am:**

**Anniversaries:** Mary Joyce, Patrick Mullery, Pat Farrell, Michael & Margaret Byrne, Pat Sheridan, Dec. members of Ring & Sheridan families, Mary & Seamus Maher, Robbie & Carrie Robinson, Frank Webb, Hanna Webb, Baby Webb, Dora O'Rourke (10th A), Julia Lammon, Dec. members of Lammon family, Ellen & Owen Scully, Dec. members of Scully family, Sean Buckley Flynn, Helen Lawler (2nd A), Baby William Lawlor, Mary & William Lawler, Martin & Bridget Quinn, Michael & Noel Quinn, John & Margaret Murphy, Brendan Murphy, Mary & Jim O'Mara, John Kilfeather, John Murphy, Nonie Heatherley, Mary & Tommy McDonagh, Patricia Kelly

**12.00 noon: Birthday remembrance:** Margaret Heskins

**Anniversaries:** Pat Sheridan, Dec. members of Ring & Sheridan families, Mary & Seamus Maher, Romeo & Rosalinde Silacan, Rollie Silacan, Ellen & Owen Scully, Dec. members of Scully family, Sean Buckley Flynn, Helen Lawler (2nd A), Baby William Lawler, Mary & William Lawler, Martin & Bridget Quinn, Michael & Noel Quinn, Benedict Ashu, Ambrose Martin, Jack & Margaret Murphy, Brendan Murphy, Mary & Jim O'Mara, John Kilfeather, John Murphy, Nonie Heatherley, Alf & Birdie Kane, Patricia Kelly, John & Maura Anthony, Don Dunlea

**Mon. 9.30 am:** Pat Sheridan, Dec. mem of Sheridan & Ring Families, Dympna Murtagh, Peg Nolan, John Finnan, Patricia Kelly (3rd Anniv), Special Intention

**Tues. 9.30 am:** Mary 'Molly' Bramwell, Frank & Nora Flahive, Martin & Margaret Fox, Martin Fox, Paul Keefe, Annie Keefe, Rita Chatfield, Bridget Nolan (40th Anniv)

**Wednes. 9.30 am:** Patrick Nolan, Francis O'Brien, Michael Griffin, Patricia Kelly, John & Mary Foley

**Thur. 9.30 am:** Altar List of the Dead

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CEMETERIES PRAYERS

**Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November, All Souls Day**  
Prayers, Rosary & Blessings of Graves

**Barrowhouse @3:00pm**

**Tankerstown @3:30pm**

**Crookstown After 9:30am Mass**

**Moone After 9:30am Mass**

**Old St. Michael's @ 11:15**

**New St. Michael's 10:45am**

**Geraldine @ 12:00noon**

**Covent Cemetery @ 10:15am**

**Cloney @ 1:30pm**

**Kilberry @ 1:00pm**

**Nicholastown @ 2:30pm**

**Churchtown @ 2:00pm**

**Toberara @ 2:15pm**

**St. Mary's (near Vincent's) @ 3:00pm**

**Kilmead @ 12:30am**

**Fontstown @ 1:30pm**

**Glashealy @ 12:00pm**

**Kilelin @ 11:00am**

## CARE OF THE ELDERLY AGM

Monday 6th November  
in Parish Centre, Mount Hawkins  
New members welcome.

## ATHY DISTRIBUTOR ROAD

Prelaunch Monday 30th October, **5 K walk**,  
Stroll / Jog or run.  
Meeting & Parking: Athy Rugby Club Grounds  
Arrival time from 9.30am  
Event start time 10.30am  
Celebratory morning with fun for all the family  
Music, Workshop etc

## CATECHETICAL CORNER – THE MINDFUL SIGNER

Mindfulness is everywhere lately. So too in Mindlessness, doing things without thinking or having any awareness of what we are doing, like making the Sign of the Cross. Many Catholics don't realise that the Sign of the Cross is a prayer itself, not just the beginning and end of prayer, like a spiritual full stop. It should be said with reverence; we shouldn't rush through it on the way to the next prayer. The Sign of the Cross is not merely a pious gesture but is a very powerful prayer.

Why do Catholics make the sign of the cross? What do the Scriptures, the Church Fathers, saints, and Catholic teaching teach us about the Sign of the Cross? Here are six thinking points, about, each of which, much more could be said.

The Sign of the Cross is a mini-Creed, a profession of faith in God as Trinity and in all that GOD has done. We also open ourselves up to the abiding presence and action of God in our lives.

First-century Christians began making the sign of the cross as a reminder and renewal of what happened to them when they were baptized. It still works the same way for us, reminding us that in Baptism we have, sacramentally, died and risen with Christ (see Rom 6:3-4 and Gal 2:20). We are asking the Lord to renew in us those baptismal graces.

At baptism the Lord claimed us as his own by marking us with the Sign of the Cross. Now, when we sign ourselves, we are affirming our loyalty to him, and declaring that we belong to him alone (see Lk 9:23). The sign of the Cross marks us belonging to Christ, as sheep to a shepherd, commissioned to work at advancing the Kingdom of GOD on earth.

Some suffering in life is inevitable (see Lk 9:23). The sign of the Cross reminds us that, we are to embrace whatever pain comes as a consequence of our faith in Christ. Making the sign is our "taking up the cross and following" him while at the same time being a comfort that Jesus joins in our suffering as we join in His. It is through our suffering that we, the body of Christ, contribute to His saving work of perfecting the Church in holiness (see Col 1:24).

The Church Fathers taught that the Sign of the Cross diffused the force of powerful temptations such as anger and lust. So no matter how strongly we are tempted, we can use the Sign of the Cross to activate our freedom in Christ and conquer even our besetting sins. Making the sign of the cross expresses our decision to crucify these desires of the flesh and to live by the Spirit (see Col 3: 5-15).

## 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

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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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## ALL SOULS DAY

**Commerating the faithful departed** is a practice observed by many Christian denominations. It is a day of prayer and remembrance for the faithful departed, usually observed on November 2nd<sup>1</sup>. The day is also known as All Souls' Day<sup>1</sup>

The Catholic Church, for example, commemorates the faithful departed with a special Mass on All Souls' Day. In addition to religious observances, people may commemorate the faithful departed in other ways.

For example, they may light candles or visit gravesites to pay their respects.

Some visit the church and recite the Our Father and the Apostles Creed. Others go to Confession and Communion and pray for the Pope's intentions to gain plenary indulgence.



## 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