



THE PARISH
OF ATHY

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



MASS OF THE THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 12TH NOVEMBER 2023

PRAYER

All-wise and loving God,
the desire for you lies deep
within us. Awaken us to the
quest for true wisdom that
by being true to ourselves
we may come home to you,
the source of all wisdom.
Through Christ, our Lord.
Amen.



PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

Recently Deceased:

Betty Cody nee Connell, died in the UK
Sheila O'Halloran nee Connell, died in Timolin
formerly of Prusselstown

Saturday 6pm

Month's Mind: Tommy Dalton

Anniversaries: Eileen Cleary, Dan & Deirdre Dunne,
James Moore, Thomas Hyland, Philip O'Brien (1st A),
Elizabeth & James O'Brien, Declan Cardiff, Pascal
Malone (1st A), Mary Mulhall, Christopher Byrne,
Paddy O'Meara (2nd A), Jack Phillips (43rd A), Dolly
Phillips, Josephine Byrne (5th A), Eileen Prendergast
(24th A), Philomena O'Keefe, Johnny Kelly, John
Morgan, Pat O'Gorman, Josie Tierney, Cis & Bill
Tierney, Kate & Charlie Sourke, Benny Anderson,
Paddy Digan, Pat O'Callaghan (2nd anniv)

Sunday 9am Barrowhouse: Paddy O'Meara (2nd A)

10.30 am:

Anniversaries: Eileen Cleary, Declan Cardiff, Ned &
Bridget Fitzgerald, Jack Phillips (43rd A), Dolly
Phillips, Christopher Pender, Edward Maher, Sarah &
Peter Maher, Patrick Donnelly, Owen Bracken, Tommy,
James & Margaret Murphy, Benny Anderson, Paddy
Digan, Pat O'Callaghan (2nd anniv)

12.00 noon:

Birthday Remembrance: Peggy & Michael Doyle
Anniversaries: Eileen Cleary, Rita Dooley nee May,
Declan Cardiff, Sean McNamara (10th A), Esther
Dooley, Dec. members of Murphy & Dooley families,
Dina Byrne, Benny Anderson

Mon. 9.30 am: John Flanagan, John & Ellen Kirwin
Special Intention

Tues. 9.30 am: Margaret Fitzpatrick, Patrick Donnelly,
Ann LaCumber

Wednes. 9.30 am: Birthday rem. Elizabeth Moran
Tony & Margaret Doyle, Winifred Aldridge, Declan
Cardiff, Christopher Byrne, Jack Phillips (43rd A),
Dolly Phillips

Thur. 9.30 am: Maeve Batchelor, Maggie Kelly,
Winifred Doolan, **Birthday Remembrance:** Tommy
Donnelly

Friday 9.30 am: Tommy Brophy, Margaret & Tommy
Doyle, Margaret Callaghan

CHURCH NOTICES

Weekend Mass times:

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

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

We remind those who pay their **Annual subscriptions** to
the Parish development Fund that they can pay their
subscription now. Payment methods, including setting up
standing orders, are explained in the **finance newsletter**.

Last Weekend Collections:

P. Dev.: €3,045 (includes annuals)

Common: €1,120 & Holy Day €370

Share: €995 & Holy Day €115 *Thanks to contributors.*

READINGS

1st Reading: Wisdom 6: 12-16

Psalms: Ps. 62:2-8

2nd Reading:

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Gospel: Matthew 23: 1-12

**ATHY PRAYER
MEETING**

Every Tuesday at 8pm
Fr. Dennehy's house
All welcome

ANNUAL MASS FOR DECEASED OF OUR PARISHES

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

Athy Thursday next 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

REPAIR OF HEATING SYSTEM

Work on main central heating system in Athy Parish
church is expected to continue for 7 to 8 weeks.

Sorry for inconvenience and dust.

Cost of this job to the parish will be €167,000
(professional fees not included)

Athy Parish website www.parishofathy.ie

Parish Radio 107.9 fm

MORNING ROSARY

Due to work on heating 9am Rosary before Mass will
not take place over the next 7 to 8 weeks.

CATECHETICAL CORNER – “OH SWEET MYSTERY OF...”

For many, if not most Catholics, the primary and perhaps only point of contact with our faith is Holy Mass. But how many of us actually understand what happens when we come to mass? Mass is so rich and divers in it's meaning, while at the same time, being a great mystery beyond understanding. Over the course of the next few weeks we will touch on some aspects of the Mass as we try to deepen our understanding, in as much as we are able, of this inexhaustible treasure, while never losing sight of the fact that it should invoke in us a sense of wonder and awe, if for no other reason than we are in GOD's presence. We will begin by looking at mass as an act of worship.

Just as the priest is finishing preparing the gifts of bread and wine he invites the people to prayer: *“Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.”* The people respond with: *“May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands to the praise and glory of His name. For our good and the good of His holy church.”* That short prayer sums up why we come to mass, to offer sacrifice to GOD, to praise and glorify His name. Why? For our good and the good of the Church.

The document on Sacred Liturgy - Sacrosanctum Concillium (SC) - from the Second Vatican Council points out that: *“the liturgy of the word and the Eucharistic liturgy, are so closely connected with each other that they form but one single act of worship.”* (SC 56). The mass, when properly understood is not offered by [man] at all. It is the Divine Liturgy, offered by Jesus to the Father. The priest acts as a ‘stand in’ almost for the High Priest who is Jesus. The priest, as the old Latin expression is: *“In persona Christi, capita. - In the person of Christ of the Head”*. There is only one High Priest, Jesus (Heb 4:14 & Rev. 5:6). Ordained priests share in HIS priesthood. Christ offered Himself to the Father as a ‘living sacrifice’. It is this living sacrifice that is the ultimate act of worship. When we come to mass we join in this Act of Worship. We are present at the sacrificial act of worship and we participate in it, in as much as those who stood at the foot of the cross. Coming to mass is not about us, it is about GOD, it is an act of worship to GOD. As we shall see in the coming weeks, when we come to mass we are in fact getting a glimpse into heaven. We are standing at the heavenly banquet, and joining with all hosts of Heaven in worshipping GOD. *“The Eucharist...Is the culmination both of GOD's action sanctifying the world in Christ and of the worship [people] offer to Christ and through HIM to the Father in the Holy Spirit.”* CCC1325

To Do: Reflect on this question: ‘What does the Mass mean to me?’”

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

Walk 1000k For St Vincent's Hospital

Walk/donate on Tuesday evenings at 6.30

in Rheban GFC walking track

Or

Walk and send your steps to Rheban GFC on social media and donate on gofundme

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Saturday: 10.30-1pm.

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MONTHLY MAGAZINES

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

ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH CHURCH
Heating Fund

Please take a
Donation Envelope

All returned envelopes will be included in a
Christmas Draw

Sunday 17th December, '23
after 12 o'clock Mass

Every donation appreciated

Prizes: €250, €150, €100

€100 Liffey Mills Voucher	€75 Voucher Clanard Court Hotel
Bradburys Christmas Hamper	Clean Jean Voucher
€50 Manleys Voucher	Drinks Hamper from Lock 13
€50 Perry's Voucher	Greenfields Festival '24, 2 Tickets

ALL prizes kindly sponsored

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.

Thank you for your continued generosity.