



THE PARISH
OF ATHY

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



MASS OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE SUNDAY 26TH NOVEMBER NOVEMBER 2023



PRAYER

Wake us up, O God, and rouse us from the slumber of the everyday that we may recognise you in every moment and in every person, each day of our lives. Amen.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

The image of the king is a foundational metaphor in the Bible, which in ordinary usage suggests power and glory. But even in the ancient biblical tradition, there are two significant modifications. According to an Old Testament vision, a king is meant to be a shepherd to his people, a true shepherd who cares for and who knows and even loves his sheep. According to a New Testament vision, Jesus our king rules paradoxically by loving service, humility and the gift of himself.

PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

Recently Deceased:

Tommy Tougher, Newbridge

Saturday 6pm

Month's Mind: Michael Ryan

Birthday remembrance: Eddie Roycroft, James Rowan

Anniversaries: Carrie Robinson, Anne Marie Kelly nee Smyth (1stA), Annette Kelly nee Lawlor (2ndA), Paul Perse, Nancy & Mutt Myles, Christy & Edward Myles, Mary & Edward Perse, Mick & Joe Perse, Dec. mem. of Perse & Myles families, Charlie McDonald, Thomas McDonald, Anne Spring, Gerry & Ellen Quinn, Dec. mem. of Quinn family, Mary Bridie Moloney, Assumpta Mullaniff, Patrick Bolger, Mairead Byrne (5thA), Nancy Quinn, Esther Supple, Annie Nolan, Biddy Nolan, Dec. mem. of Hutchinson family, William Lawler, Mary Lawler, Helen Lawler, Mary O'Shaughnessy, Adrian O'Mara, Josie McEvoy, Dec. mem. of Spring & Hunston families, Stephaine Brophy, John Conway, John & Mary Foley, Katie & Bill Morrin Theo & Adam Davis,

Sunday 9am Barrowhouse: Theo & Adam Davis, Ned & Betty Whelan, Mountbrook, Richard 'Dick' Murphy

Months Mind: Michael Ryan

10.30 am:

Recently Deceased: Martin Kiernan

Month's mind: Michael Ryan

Anniversaries: Dec. mem. of Athy G.A.A.

Michael Myles, Tony Bracken, Gerry & Eileen Quinn, Dec. mem. of Quinn family, Dec. mem. of McNamara & Conroy families, Robert Brennan, Peg & Dan Perse, William Lawler, Mary Lawler, Helen Lawler, Josie McEvoy, Katie & Bill Morrin, Theresa Hickey,

12.00 noon:

Month's mind: Michael Ryan

Anniversaries: Tom Murphy, Michael Myles, Tony Bracken, Peg & Dan Perse, William, Mary & Helen Lawler, Mary O'Shaughnessy, Emily McEvoy, Stephaine Brophy, Ellen O'Toole, Jack & Peggy McDonagh, Jack Brogan, Paul O'Sullivan, Katie & Bill Morrin, Johanna Hurley

Mon. 9.30 am: Michael Myles, Annie Nolan

Tues. 9.30 am: Anne Spring

Wednes. 9.30 am: Dec. mem. of An Garda Siochána, Athy Station and their families.

Thur. 9.30 am: Richard Flanagan, Patrick Aldridge Bridget Doyle, Dec members of Heffernan Family,

Friday 9.30 am: Altar List of the Dead

CHURCH NOTICES

Weekend Mass times:

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

Due to work on heating 9am Rosary before Mass will **not** take place over the next 6 weeks.

Next Sunday is the First Sunday in Advent

We remind those who pay their Annual subscriptions to the Parish development Fund that they can pay their subscription now.



Last Weekend Collections:

P. Dev.: €2,829 (includes annuals)

Common: €1,145 Share: € 1,000 Thanks to contributors.

REMEMBRANCE MASS

Deceased members of An Garda Siochána Athy Station & their families will be included in in St. Michael's Church on Wednesday next 29th Nov at 9.30am Mass

SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

Annual Appeal will take place 9th /10th December.

The collection will be taken up during all Masses.

It will replace the Share Collection.

Donations can be made in the following way.

Drop it into the Parish Office where there is a collection box.

Leave it into the charity shop, Vincents on William St.

You can also post it to head office, by using the blue envelope

SVP House, 91-92 Sean McDermott St. Dublin Freepost .

Donation will be returned to Athy.

Donate on line svp.ie/svpathyappeal23

ANNUAL MASS FOR DECEASED OF OUR PARISHES

Those who died in the Parish since last November will be Remembered Moone Church Wednes 29th November @ 7.30 pm

Athy Parish website

www.parihofathy.ie

Parish Radio
107.9 fm

READINGS

1st Reading:

Ezekiel 34:11-12.15-17

Psalm: Ps. 22

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26.28

Gospel: Matthew 25: 31-46



REPAIR OF HEATING SYSTEM & HEATING FUND

Work on main central heating system in Athy Parish church has commenced and it is hoped that it will be completed before Christmas. The Cost is €167,000, which a huge amount of money for our parish. The Parish Finance Committee have established a Heating Fund. We need your help. If you are willing to support please take a Heating Fund envelope which you will find at doors of the church. In appreciation of all donations, big and small, all envelopes will be included in a **Christmas Draw** which will take place on Sunday, 17th December 2023, after 12 noon Mass.

THE GAELSCOIL ÁTHA Í ENROLMENT FOR 2024-2025

is now open for junior infants starting school.

Open night on Thursday, 7th of December at 5:30pm to 7pm.

All prospective parents and students are welcome to the school on the night for a tour and information about the school.

Totus Tuus Magazine is a Catholic magazine, full of articles from Irish priests and laity, which aims to highlight the beauty and joy of our faith. For free copy please contact Fiona 086 8760058.

CATECHETICAL CORNER – “REPRESENTING” - CONTINUING OUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE MASS.

ONE OF THE CRITICISMS often levelled at Catholics by some Protestant denominations is that we seek to crucify Jesus over and over again. In other words, that mass is seen as a re-crucifying of Jesus. To be fair, it is a very easy mistake to make, as we do talk about the sacrifice, and offering the Body and Blood.

But it is precisely that, a mistake because correctly understood, the mass, in addition to being the perfect act of worship and a joining in the heavenly banquet of the marriage feast of the Lamb, as we have seen over the past couple of weeks, is also the Sacrifice of Jesus on the cross.

However, it is not a re-crucifying. We are not crucifying Jesus over and over again, we are in fact making the crucifixion present in our time and place. So every mass that we attend, or to say it more correctly, every mass at which we assist, is not a re-crucifixion but rather a re-presenting of the sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross.

It is not a 'representation' of the sacrifice, in the sense of a picture or a re-enactment but rather it is making it present in real time, RE-PRESENT-ING. At mass, in addition to being present at the Marriage Feast of the Lamb we are also present at Calvary. In the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) we read: *“When the Church celebrates the Eucharist, she commemorates Christ’s Passover, and it is made present: the sacrifice Christ offered once for all on the cross remains ever present. As often as the sacrifice of the Cross by which “Christ our Pasch has been sacrificed” is celebrated on the altar, the work of redemption is carried out.”* (CCC #1364). So at every mass Christ is not re-crucified but the salvation that HE won for us by the offering of HIMSELF to GOD is made real, present and available to us as if for the first time.

To Do: Claim the redemption, forgiveness of our sins and the promise of eternal life, that GOD offers to us through the Mass, the redemption won by Christ on Calvary.

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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: 10.30-12.30 pm. (note change in closing time)

CLOSED HOLYDAYS

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MONTHLY MAGAZINES

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

BARROWHOUSE HOLY HOUR

6.30pm - 7.30pm

PLEASE NOTE NEW TIME CHANGE

ATHY PRAYER MEETING

Every Tuesday at 8pm in Fr. Dennehy’s Old house
All welcome

YOUTH 2000 CHRISTMAS RETREAT

8th-10th December

Newbridge College Co. Kildare

Age 16-35 FREE BUSES

Inspiring Talks & Workshops, Fantastic music, Group activities, Youth Masses, Adoration, Reconciliation, prayer, Games & plenty of time to chill out, meet new people and find out what it means to be young & Catholic today!

Book online www.youth2000.ie

Christian Meditation Ireland are hosting a

Morning of Prayer and Meditation with Fr Laurence Freeman, Director of the World Community for Christian Meditation. The event will take place in Balally Parish Centre, Dublin D16 E032 on Saturday, 02 December 2023 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. No previous experience necessary. See www.christianmeditation.ie for booking

ATHY BRIGID 1500 ART EXHIBITION

Thursday 30th November at 6pm featuring artwork by Athy Women & Men’s sheds, Cathy Callan & guests.
Athy Community Arts Centre, Woodstock St. Athy
All very welcome to attend.
Exhibition Introduction, Video, Poetry & Song

Exhibition will open to the public from 1st-7th December inclusively.

Opening Times ;
Saturday 11-5pm Sunday 2-5pm Weekdays 12-4pm