



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 5TH NOVEMBER 2023

Prayer

Good shepherd, bless the shepherds who care for us in your name. Help us also to know how we can enable truly Christian leadership in our time. **Amen**



PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

Recently Deceased:

Margaret Owens nee Moore, Kilberry, Anne Harrison Webster, formerly of Butler Row who died in Portadown, Co. Armagh

Saturday 6pm

Month's Mind: Bridie Bolger, Triona Harrington, Birthday remembrance: Michael Perse, Michael Mulhall, Anne Casey,

Anniversaries: Bridget Doyle, Dec. members of Heffernan family, Jim Fogarty, Nicola Keogh Kenny, Mary Scally, Stefano Colapicchiani, Brendan Byrne, Patrick Daly, Christopher Byrne (7th A), Pat McCarthy, Dec. mem of McCarthy family, Joe Maher (33rd A), John Fennin, Michael Finn (13th A), Christopher & Mary Dunne,

Sunday 9am Barrowhouse:

Month's Mind: Bridie Bolger Anniversary: Patrick Daly (38th A), Nessa Manley Dooley (13th Anniv)

10.30 am:

Month's Mind: Bridie Bolger Birthday Remembrance: Anne Casey Anniversaries:

Anthony Mullery, Rose & Myles Quinn, Christopher Byrne (7th A), Pat McCarthy, Dec. mem of McCarthy family, Joe Maher, John Finnan, David Molloy, Nessa Manley Dooley (13th Anniv), Frank, Margaret & Christopher King, Jane, Christopher, Edward & Paul Dunne,

12.00 noon:

Month's mind: Bridie Bolger Anniversaries:

Michael & Margaret Byrne, Michael & Kate Fleming, Trish Ryan, Kevin Fingleton, Mary Prendergast, Lily Lamou

Mon. 9.30 am: Patrick Daly (38th Anniv), Special Intention, Donor's Intention

Tues. 9.30 am: David Molloy, Special Intention

Wednes. 9.30 am:

Birthday Remembrance: Lorraine Keogh

Anniv: Nicola Keogh Kenny

Thur. 9.30 am: Golden Book

Friday 9.30 am: Josephine Daeton, Special Intention

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.

The new Parish development year has commenced. We remind those who pay their subscriptions annually that they can pay their subscription now. Payment methods are explained in the finance newsletter

Last Weekend Collections:

P. Dev.: €942 Common: €1,240 Share: €980 Thanks to contributors.

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

REPAIR OF HEATING SYSTEM

Work on main central heating system in Athy Parish church will commence on Monday, 6th November and 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)

ADORATION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT

The usual Tuesday Adoration/Holy Hour which normally takes place Tuesday, 2-3pm will **not** take place in the next 7-8 weeks because of work happening in the church

CARE OF THE ELDERLY AGM

Monday 6th November in The Parish Centre, Mount Hawkins, at 8pm. New members welcome.

Athy Parish website www.parihofathy.ie

Parish Radio 107.9 fm

READINGS

1st Reading: Malachi 1: 14-2: 8-10

Psalm: Ps. 130

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2: 7-9.13

Gospel: Matthew 23: 1-12

CATECHETICAL CORNER – "...A GREAT CLOUD OF WITNESSES"

November is one of my favourite months. The autumn colours are in full bloom, the days are getting cooler and the mornings are crisp and fresh. As the poet said: 'A season of mists and mellow fruitfulness...' At the start of November, the church puts before us two wonderful feast days when the whole Church is united. On November first, All Saints day, we remember the Church Triumphant or Glorified, in other words the Church in Heaven. On November second, All Souls day, we remember the Church Suffering, the Holy Souls in Purgatory. So the three parts of the Church; the Church Triumphant, the Church Suffering and the Church Militant - that's us - are all united together in praising GOD.

The author of the letter to the Hebrews reminds us that "...we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses..." (Heb. 12:1) This great crowd of witness is before GOD interceding on our behalf. In the book of Revelation we read: "*The twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and with golden bowls of incense, which are the prayers of the saints*" (Rev. 5:8) The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) says this: "*Being more closely united to Christ, those who dwell in heaven fix the whole Church more firmly in holiness.... They do not cease to intercede with the Father for us...*" (CCC #956) St Therese of Lisieux famously said: "*I want to spend my heaven in doing good on earth.*" This is what we call the 'Communion of Saints' which we pray every time we pray the Creed.

But what about the Holy Souls? The Catechism says this: "*All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven. The Church gives the name Purgatory to this final purification of the elect...*" (CCC #1030-1031) Why is this the case? Because we read in the book of Revelation "*Nothing unclean can enter Heaven...*" (Rev.21:27). In the second book of Maccabees we read: "*It is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins.*" (2 Macc. 12:46). But here is the other thing, they can also pray for us. This is what St Robert Bellarmine said: "*that because the Church Suffering is so close to God – much closer than we are and having the great consolation of knowing they are saved – their prayers for us are very effective. So, as you pray for your dead loved ones and all the holy souls in purgatory, ask them to pray for you, too.*"

So in November, as we pray for our deceased relatives and friends we also ask them to pray for us. We unite our prayers with the Church in Heaven and the suffering Church, such a 'great cloud of witnesses' as the universal Church continuously prays for each other and praises GOD.

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

Distribution of Communion for those visiting our Parish

Welcome to St. Michael's Parish Church. For those who have a gluten intolerance, at communion time you can receive gluten free consecrated host from a Eucharistic minister standing at the bottom of the ramp at the side of the altar.

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Athy Parish Office

Mon 2.15-4 pm

Tues & Wednes: 9.30am –1.30 pm & 2 -4 pm,

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(afternoon by phone/email only)

Saturday: 10.30-1pm.

CLOSED HOLYDAYS

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Advanced Certificate Early Learning and Care

Course Information Session and Registration Friday
17th November at 2pm, in Athy FETC.

(Course begins in January 2024)

Meet course leaders, fellow students, take a tour of the centre. Programme leader will be available to give a talk about the course and answer any questions that you may have.

For more information contact:

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First Collection (**Common Fund** Priest Collection)
and the Second Collection (**Share Fund**)

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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.

Anam Cara South Dublin,

the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding it's monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Monday 13th November at 7:15pm in the Maldron Hotel, Whitestown Way, Tallaght. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not.