



THE PARISH
OF ATHY

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



MASS OF THE THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 19TH NOVEMBER 2023

PRAYER

Saving God, you have destined us for salvation in your Son, Jesus Christ. Help us to embrace fully the grace of salvation and enjoy life in abundance. Amen.

Lord Jesus Christ
Son of God
Have Mercy on Me.



PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

Recently Deceased: *Ger Kelly*, formerly Pairc Bhríde died in England

**Saturday 6pm
Month's Mind:
Anniversaries:**

Denis 'Bertie' O'Rourke, Maeve Batchelor, Maggie Kelly, Nancy Quinn, Grzegorz Renn (1st A), Sheila Moore, Noel Clifford, John Hickey, James Birney, Mary & Paddy Foley, Dec. members of Foley family, Margaret & Madge Foley, Frank Foley, Christy Hickey (1st A), Patricia Mulhall, Nancy Quinn (18th A), Paddy & Mona Kelly, Dom & Ger Kelly, Judy Mahon, Biddy Nolan, Billy Hutchinson, John O'Neill, Sean O'Neill, Annie O'Neill, Ellen Kelly, Frank & Bridie Mulqueen, Michael Maher, Kate Byrne, Tucker Carbery, Joe Birney (2nd A), Michael & Rachel Birney

Sunday 9am Barrowhouse: Joseph & Mary Murphy, James Brennan, Mary 'Ciss' Brennan, Mary & Brigid 'Birdie' Brennan, Gerard Bowden

10.30 am:

Birthday remembrance:

Denis Chanders, Abbey George

Anniversaries: John Joe O'Keefe, Kathleen Walsh, Denis 'Bertie' O'Rourke, Margaret Delaney, Noel Clifford, Lilly & Vared Kachnapilly, Christy Hickey (1st A), Nancy Quinn (18th A), Paddy, Mona, Dom & Ger Kelly, Gerard Bowden, Frank & Bridie Mulqueen, Larry Cullen, Kathleen Cullen, Dec. mem of Cullen family Annie & Darby Delaney, Pat Harris, Frank Mathew, Michael Conlon, Josie Dooley (Remembrance)

12.00 noon: Anniversaries:

Nancy Quinn, Noel Clifford, Eamon Gray, Mary Roche, Nancy Quinn (18th A), James 'Jim' Coughlan, William 'Billy' Connell, Patricia Mulhall, Paddy & Mona Kelly, Dom & Ger Kelly, Romeo Silacan, Rosalinda Silacan, Nollie Silacan, Michael & Bridget Sullivan, Dec. members of Sullivan family, Michael & Winifred Kelly, Dec. members of Kelly family, Matt Farrell

Mon. 9.30 am: Anna Brady, Robert Brennan, Patrick & Elizabeth Murphy, Michelle Woods

Tues. 9.30 am: Remembrance: Michael Moylan, Special Intention

Wednes. 9.30 am: Birthday rem: James Byrne
Anniv. Eamon Gray, Special Intention

Thur. 9.30 am: Josie Dooley

Friday 9.30 am: Brigid McHugh, Special Intention, Josie Dooley (Remembrance)

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 7 weeks.

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.: €3,824 (includes annuals)

Common: €1,205 **Share:** €965 *Thanks to contributors.*

WORLD DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

FOR TRAFFIC VICTIMS SUNDAY 19TH NOV.

provides us with an opportunity as road users to reflect on the loss of loved ones, the suffering of families and others bereaved by someone killed on our roads.

SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

Annual Appeal will take place 9th /10th December. The collection will be taken up during all Masses.

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

Many thanks for your ongoing support

READINGS

1st Reading:

Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31

Psalms: Ps. 127: 1-5

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-6

Gospel: Matthew 25: 14-30 or (14-15, 19-20)

Athy Parish
website

www.parishofathy.ie

Parish Radio
107.9 fm

ANNUAL MASS FOR DECEASED OF OUR PARISHES

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

Crookstown	Monday 20th November	@ 7.30 pm
Kilmead	Wednes 22nd November	@ 7.30 pm
Moone	Wednes 29th November	@ 7.30 pm

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

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.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS REFLECTION MORNING

Saturday 25th November from 10am-2.30pm in Moone Parish Hall. Eucharistic Ministers and those who wish to become a Eucharistic Minister are invited to a reflection and retraining. It is a nice opportunity for us to get together as a group to reflect and refresh our ministry.

For more information contact Natasha Geoghegan 0876730300 or Conor McCann 086790654

CATECHETICAL CORNER – HEAVEN KISSES EARTH.

IN THE BOOK OF REVELATION in the Bible we read about the Marriage Feast of the Lamb, the Heavenly Banquet. The book which is also called the Apocalypse, is often misunderstood as a vision of end times. It is more properly understood as a vision into Heaven. Indeed, the word 'apocalypse' means un-veiling. In other words, this book gives us an insight into Heaven and the worship of the Lord of Hosts and His Lamb by the courts of Heaven. We are invited to join "...the company of Angels and Saints...sing the hymn of your praise as without end we acclaim..." It is from chapter 4 of Revelation that we get that lovely prayer that we then go on to say or sing just before the consecration at Mass, the "Holy, Holy, Holy..." or **Trisagion** (Thrice Holy) as it is called. It is this song that the angels gathered around the throne "never stopped singing" (Rev. 4:8). So Mass is not an act of mere duty, it is not a dry, boring ritual where we come seeking to be entertained by inspiring homilies, or outstanding choirs, all of which are wonderful and add greatly to the sense of occasion. It is the very act of worship of those who are in Heaven, the Angels and the Saints. It is an unceasing act of worship and praise to GOD, the Lord of hosts. It is the manifestation of the Lamb of GOD who was "...sacrificed and by HIS blood has ransomed people for GOD from every tribe and tongue and people and nation and made them a line of kings and priests for our GOD." (Rev. 5:10). The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) says: "the Eucharist is...an anticipation of the heavenly glory." #1402. The Sacrament of the Eucharist makes present the grace, the life of Heaven, that it signifies: "The sacraments are perceptible signs (words and actions) When we come to Mass, we are, in effect, in Heaven. As one writer said: "In the Mass, Heaven kisses Earth..." In Holy Mass, we receive graces of Heaven and are present there at and able to join with, the worship of GOD.
To Do: Make a conscious effort to be more present at Mass to be more mindful when we are in effect, in Heaven.

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MONTHLY MAGAZINES

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

MERCY ASSOCIATE MEETING

Meeting of Athy Lay Associates of Sisters of Mercy

Monday, 20th November at 7.30pm
 in Parish Centre, Mount Hawkins

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
 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 details.

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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.

