



THE PARISH  
OF ATHY

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



## MASS OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH, SUNDAY 31ST DECEMBER 2023

### PRAYER

O God, you cradle us at the beginning of life and embrace us at our journey's end, for you love us as your own. Bind our families together and deepen our faith, that, like the Holy Family of Nazareth, we may grow in wisdom, obedient to your word. We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit in the splendour of eternal light, God for ever and ever.



### CHURCH NOTICES

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> December & Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December**  
Normal weekend Masses in the Parish Church.

**Monday, 1st January**, Mass at **11am** New Years Day  
World Day of peace.

Monday 1st January, is a **Bank Holiday**.

**Parish Office** will be **closed**.

**Parish Office** re-opens **Tuesday, 2nd January, at 9.30am**

#### Weekend Mass times:

Weekday Mass returns to **normal** time of **9.30am** on **Tuesday, 2nd January 2024**.

**Saturday, 6th January**, Feast of the Epiphany, **Holy Day** of Obligation. Mass in Athy at **11 am & 6pm**

**Sunday, 7th January**, Feast of the Baptism of the Lord,  
Sunday Masses: 10.30am & 12 noon & 9am Barrowhouse

**Christmas Dues** can be placed in collection bags at any Mass or handed into Parish Office when it re-opens.

#### Last Weekend Collections:

P. Dev.: €4,001 (includes annuals)

**Common:** €945 & €3,355 (Christmas Day)

**Share:** €840 & €2,530 (Christmas Day)

*Thanks to contributors.*

### READINGS

#### 1st Reading:

Genesis 15: 1-6, 21: 1-3

**Psalm:** Ps. 104

**2nd Reading:** Hebrews 11:8.1-12.17-19

**Gospel:** Luke 2: 22-40

### 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](mailto:accordcarlow@gmail.com)

### PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

#### Recently Deceased:

*Jimmy Fitzpatrick, Kilberry.*

#### Saturday 6pm

##### Month's mind:

Oliver Callaghan, Alice Ashe, Tom Kelly

**Birthday rem:** Theresa Wakeman Perse, Dan Foley,

Johnny Hickey

##### Anniversaries:

Marie O'Mara, Adrian Whelan, Special Intention, Frank Moran, Nancy Rochford, Maureen Fanning, Margaret 'Peg' Moloney, Gay Coffey, James Prendergast, Macella O'Sullivan, Jim & Moira Bolger, Edward & Mollie Walsh, Peter & Catherine Bolger, Denis & Kay Bergin, Bridget Bolger, Mary Bolger, Bill Clinton, Esther & Con Ronan, Betty Muckerman nee May, Christy May, Hans Peter Mathia, Jean & Charlie O'Donnell, Kathleen Brennan (3rd Anniv), Johnny Quinn, John, Josie & Jack Maher, Peggy Maher, Eileen Brophy

#### 9 am Barrowhouse:

John, Jim & Mary Malone, Marie McMahon, Tom Gratta & Berry Fennelly, Josie Fennelly, Dec members of Malone Family, Dec members of Hayes Family, Pat Prendergast, Peggy Keville, Patsi Keegan, Holy Souls

#### 10.30 am:

##### Anniversaries:

Annie & Michael Dooley, John Cahill, Jim Fenlon & Dec members of Fenlon Family, John & Christina Moore, Willie Delaney, Dec members of Dempsey Family, James, Margaret & Tommy Murphy, Liam & Margaret Callan, Esther & Con Ronan, Joseph Donnelly

#### 12 noon:

##### Anniversaries:

Jimmy Connell, Margaret 'Peg' Moloney, Liam Hyland

#### Monday 11 am:

Bart, Rose, Frank & Phil Browne, Margaret Blanchfield, Edward & Mollie Hughes, Maurice Gannon, Charlie & Jean O'Donnell, Liam & Margaret Callan, Esther & Con Ronan, Joseph Donnelly, Charlotte Walsh, Pat 'Hank' Cummins, May & Georgie O'Mara, Mick & Betty O'Mara, Adrian O'Mara,

#### Tues. 9.30 am:

#### Wednes. 9.30 am:

Marcella O'Sullivan, Eamon Johnson, Anne Brennan

#### Thur. 9.30 am:

Golden Book

#### Friday 9.30 am:

Altar List of the Dead

## PRAYER FOR THE UKRAINE

Loving God  
We pray for the people of Ukraine,  
for all those suffering or afraid,  
that you will be close to them  
and protect them.  
We pray for world leaders,  
for compassion, strength and  
wisdom to guide  
their choices.  
We pray for the world that in  
this moment of crisis,  
we may reach out in solidarity  
to our brothers and  
sisters in need.  
May we walk in your ways so  
that peace and justice  
become a reality for the people  
of Ukraine  
and for all the world.

Amen.

May the Holy Family, who had to overcome many painful trials, watch over all the families in the world, especially those who are experiencing difficult situations. May the Holy Family also help men and women of culture and political leaders so that they may defend the institution of the family, based on marriage, and so that they may sustain the family as it confronts the grave challenges of the modern age! . . . may Christian families find the light and strength to be united and to grow as the 'domestic church' especially in their diligent participation in the celebration of the Eucharist on Sunday.

*Saint John Paul II, – Prayer from Angelus Message for the Feast of the Holy Family 2004*

## Athy Parish Office

Parish Office closed Monday, 1st January 2024

Open normal hours Tuesday, 2nd January 2023  
commencing at 9.30am

Email: [athyparishrc@eircom.net](mailto:athyparishrc@eircom.net)

Phone 059 86 38391

Address: Parish Office, St. Michael's Church, Athy,  
Co. Kildare. R14 CA 26



## DONATIONS TO THE PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND

### Parish Bank details;

Name of A/c: Athy Parochial A/c  
IBAN: **IE09 BOFI 9009 6511 1988 17**

BIC: **BOFIE2D**

Branch: Bank of Ireland, Emily Sq

Or

See donate button on parish website  
[www.parityofathy.ie](http://www.parityofathy.ie)

## Anam Cara South Dublin,

the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding its monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Monday 8th January 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.

## ENROLMENT IN SCOIL PHADRAIG NAOFA 2024

For Junior infants or ASD classes  
From Friday 12th January - Friday 2nd February  
Contact details 059 8634811  
or e mail [info@spnathy.ie](mailto:info@spnathy.ie)

## Sycamore

Sycamore is a fantastic book that goes through 20 key aspects from the Catechism in a gentle conversation style allowing young people to engage and explore their faith in a new way. For the first time, we will run a gathering based on exploring Sycamore together. The gatherings will take place every Tuesday evening on Zoom, beginning **January 16**. Two in-person retreat/gathering days will take place over the course of reading the book. To find out more and to sign up, fill in your details here: <https://forms.office.com/e/knBdvbepAn>

## BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

The Irish Hospice Foundation provides a free Bereavement Support Line. This National Freephone Service is available from 10am to 1pm, Monday to Friday, by calling 1800 807077.

Visit [www.hospicefoundation.ie](http://www.hospicefoundation.ie) for more information.

## AWARE – SUPPORT & SELF CARE GROUPS

If you or those with whom you work wish to connect with people in relation to your mental wellbeing, consider using Aware's phone-in and Zoom support and self-care groups, support line or support mail. For more information, visit [www.aware.ie](http://www.aware.ie).

## Tap and Go Contactless Donation

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.

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## B.E. - BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

B.E. is a support group for those coping with the pain of loss of their life partner, through Death, Separation or Divorce. Do you find that you need more support than family and friends can provide? Seeking help is a sign of strength and self-knowledge not weakness. This is a healing ministry, which helps to resolve the grief that goes with the end of a marriage or relationship. A team, who are themselves widowed, separated or divorced share their experiences with you.

Athy Parish website [www.parityofathy.ie](http://www.parityofathy.ie)  
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