



THE PARISH  
OF ATHY

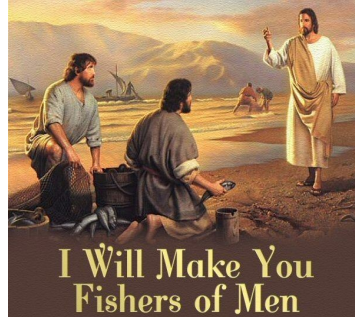
Comprising the Faith Communities  
of:  
ST MICHAEL'S, ATHY  
&  
ST MARY'S, BARROWHOUSE



## MASS OF THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 21ST JANUARY 2024

### PRAYER

O God, often we are overwhelmed by life, our lives shadowed by anxiety. Help us to choose the values by which we may live according to the Gospel vision and be free from worries and from unnecessary attachments. Give us the peace which comes from Christ, who is our lasting peace and lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.  
Amen.



### CHURCH NOTICES

**Weekend Mass times: 6pm, 10.30am & 12 noon & Barrowhouse Sunday at 9 am**

**Weekday Mass times: 9.30 am**

Due to work on heating 9am Rosary before Mass will **not** take place yet

**Christian Unity Week** ends today.

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK** 21-27th January

**Last Weekend Collections:**

P. Dev.: € 660 **Common:** € 965 **Share:** € 730

*Thanks to all who contribute*

### READINGS

**1st Reading:** Jonah 3:1-5. 10

**Psalms:** (Ps. 24)

**2nd Reading:** 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

**Gospel:** Mark 1:14-20

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

**Parish Radio**  
107.9 fm

**FOYERS OF CHARITY** will hold silent retreat this year as follows: Feb 5-11, Mayo; Apr 1-7, Tipperary; May 6-12 Waterford; June 3-9, Derry; Aug 26 – Sept 1, Waterford; Oct 14-20, Mayo; Nov 25 – Dec 1, Mayo. Contact Helen 086 167 -8027. "We need to find God and He cannot be found in noise and restlessness. God is a friend of silence" – St Teresa of Calcutta.

**ST ANTHONY OF THE DESERT** (+356AD) was commemorated on Jan 17<sup>th</sup>. During Mass one day, his life was changed forever when he heard the words: "If you wish to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven." Anthony felt in his heart the sudden conviction that the words were meant for him. He gave away all he owned and walked into the desert. Anthony is known as the father of monasticism and lived to the old age of 105 praying, fasting, and battling demons. visit <http://tiny.cc/STAD>.

### PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

#### Recently Deceased:

*Maura Walsh nee Ryan*, Butlar's Lane  
*Anthony 'Tony' Johnson*, Dooley's Tce  
*Eric Butler*, Donneycarney, Dublin  
*Michael Mulqueen*, Kiltrush, Co Clare

#### Saturday 6pm -

**Month's mind:** Martin Phillips, Frank Gregory  
**Birthdays remembrance:** Harry Foley, Kathleen Lynch  
**Anniversaries:** John O'Donoghue, Dec. mem. of O'Donoghue family, Marie Kirby, Mick Keogh, Jack Buckley, Barney Dunne (40<sup>th</sup>A) Johnny Wall, Mary & Joseph Kinahan, John Kinahan, Janet Ryan, Alice Hayden, Billy Delahunt (24<sup>th</sup> A), Robert Chambers, Gobnait Cremin, Hannah McSweeney, Sarah Doyle, Dec. members of Doyle family, Fabian Dunne, Michael Eaton (20<sup>th</sup>A), Betty Lawler (4<sup>th</sup> A), Melanie O'Brien (6<sup>th</sup> A), May Harris, Michael & Stasia McLoughlin, Olive Harte, Agnes McLoughlin, Francis Joe & Josephine Moloney, Johnnie Loughman, Mary Perse, Dec. mem. of Perse family, Kathleen Carolan, Angela Dempsey, Rita Kehoe, Noreen & Des Noonan, Bridget Thomas, Carmel & Declan Ayres, Stephen Leonard, Dec. mem. of Leonard family, Hugh & Betty O'Rourke, Christopher 'Tunny' Fingleton, (6<sup>th</sup> A), Paddy Keogh 10<sup>th</sup> A)

#### 9 am Sunday Barrowhouse:

Dec. mem. of Phelan family, Paddy & Kitty Burke

**10.30 am: Anniversaries:** Barney Dunne (40<sup>th</sup>A), Billy Delahunt (24<sup>th</sup>A), Robert Chambers (1<sup>st</sup>A), Sarah Doyle, Dec. mem. of Doyle family, Joe & Michael Dooley, Peter Hollick, Mary Moran, Thomas & Marcella Whelan, Edward & Angela Clancy, Fabian Dunne, Elizabeth Doyle, Mary Howe (50<sup>th</sup>A), Angela Dempsey, Rita Kehoe, Mary Foley (20<sup>th</sup>A), John O Mooney,

**12 noon: Anniversaries:** Jeremiah & Letitia Moloney, Shelly Kelly, Mary Foley (20<sup>th</sup>A), Barney Dunne (40<sup>th</sup>A), Janet Ryan, Billy Delahunt (24<sup>th</sup>A), Mary Robinson, Sarah Doyle, Dec. mem. of Doyle family, Maureen Robinson, Edward & Angela Clancy, Tommy Donnelly, Suzanna Ntangtang, Elizabeth Doyle, John Finnan Snr., Angela Dempsey, Rita Kehoe, Christopher 'Tunny' Fingleton (6<sup>th</sup>A) Dec. mem. of Fingleton family, Lila Peters

**Monday 9.30 am:** Olive Cullen (2nd anniv), Mary Foley (20th Anniv), Special Intention, Exam Success

**Tues. 9.30 am: Birthday rem.:** Martin Phillips  
**Anniv.** John & Patricia O'Donovan, Lil & George McEntee, Mary Donovan, John O'Donoghue, Dec. mem. of O'Donoghue family, Johnny Wall, Michael Eaton (6<sup>th</sup>A)

**Wednes. 9.30 am: Birthday rem.** Edel Foley  
**Anniv.** Maggie Cahill, Jim O'Sullivan, John O Mooney

**Thur 9.30am:** Tim Scully, Donors Intention

**Friday 9.30 am:** Special Intention

**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).

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## 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.

## ATHY PARISH OFFICE

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Co. Kildare. R14 CA 26

**OPEN: Monday:** 2.15-4pm  
**Tuesday & Wednes:** 9.30-1.30 pm & 2-4pm  
**Thur & Fri:** 9.30-1.30pm (by phone in the afternoon)  
**Sat:** 10.30am-12.30 only

**Office closed Holy Days & Bank Holidays**

The shop now accept payment by visa/master card

## Child Safeguarding - Volunteer Evening - Zoom Meeting

On Thursday 25th January at 7pm there is a Child Safeguarding meeting through Zoom for Volunteers. This online Zoom meeting is specifically for those who couldn't attend the meeting in the Clanard Hotel last October.

Gary Kehoe, Safeguarding Officer in the Dublin diocese will hold the meeting. If you did not attend meeting in October, it is essential that you attend this meeting. Please contact Conor McCann for further details.

## A Time of reflection for Ministers of the Word

All ministers of the Word are invited to join other Ministers of the Word from across the Partnership of Parishes for a time of Reflection in the **Moone Parish Hall on Saturday January 27th**. We will begin with hospitality at 10am, beginning our reflection at 10:30am to finish no later than 2:30pm, if not before. Tea/Coffee and biscuits will be provided but please bring lunch if needed.

**Saint of the Week:** Our Children's Newsletter is available on our Parish Website in the Children's Corner along with a new feature of our Saint of the Week.

## CATECHETICAL CORNER – "FOLLOW ME."

In the Gospel for the third Sunday we hear Mark's account of the call of Peter, Andrew, James and John. It can be very easy to dismiss the call of Jesus to, 'follow me' as not applying to me. To think that they only apply to those who can 'leave all things' and follow Him as a priest or nun. But the call of Jesus to follow Him is addressed to each of us. "The Church...", according to the documents of the Second Vatican Council "...was founded to spread the kingdom of Christ over all the earth for the glory of God the Father." (*Decree on the Apostolate of the Laity, AA #2*). That is the role of the Church, and the Church is made of all of its members, the Baptised. So anyone who is Baptised is, by virtue of their Baptism, called "to spread the kingdom of Christ...". The call to be a Christian, which is the call to follow Christ, is to be called into mission: "For the Christian vocation by its very nature is also a vocation to the apostolate [the work of the lay faithful in spreading the kingdom of Christ]." (*AA #2*) The same document continues in the very next paragraph: "...incorporated into Christ's Mystical Body through Baptism and strengthened by the power of the Holy Spirit through Confirmation, they [the lay faithful] are assigned to the apostolate by the Lord Himself." (*AA #3*) We do not just have an invitation from Christ but also a divine mandate to "spread the kingdom of Christ".

So the Church recognises that the lay faithful have "the right and duty" (*AA #3*) to spread the message of Christ. The role of the lay faithful is to Christianise the everyday life of our world; "...the mission of the Church is not only to bring the message and grace of Christ to [people] but also to penetrate and perfect the temporal order with the spirit of the Gospel." (*AA #5*). How do we go about this? By following Christ and sticking closely to Him. The document put's it like this: "... the success of the lay apostolate depends upon the laity's living union with Christ, in keeping with the Lord's words, 'He who abides in me, and I in him, bears much fruit, for without me you can do nothing'...chiefly by active participation in the liturgy...[so that] while meeting their human obligations lay [people] do not separate their union with Christ from their ordinary life" (*AA #4*)

It is our job to bring Catholic values and principles into the circumstances of our everyday lives. The Catholic politician cannot say: 'I don't let my Catholicism influence me, I was elected by all my constituents.' The Catholic shopkeeper cannot knowingly short change people or knowingly sell defective products. The Catholic judge cannot treat people differently based on random criteria. Everything that we do, based on our situation in life, should be about 'spreading the kingdom of Christ; "...being simultaneously a believer and a citizen, [we] should be continuously led by the same Christian conscience." (*AA #5*), The call to 'follow Me' is addressed to all of us each and every day in each and every circumstance of ordinary life.

"Oh that today you would listen to His voice. (Ps.95:7)

## ENROLMENT IN SCOIL PHADRAIG NAOFA 2024

For Junior infants or ASD classes from Friday 12th January - Friday 2nd February  
Contact details 059 8634811  
or email: info@sfnathy.ie

## ENROLMENT

### Scoil Mhichíl Naofa

Junior infants boys & girls  
Mon. 15th Jan. 9am-Tues. 6th Feb. 3pm  
Forms available on website  
[www.smnathy.ie](http://www.smnathy.ie)

## ENROLMENT

### Kilberry National School

now accepting enrolments for Sept. 2024  
Application form on line  
[www.kilberryns.ie](http://www.kilberryns.ie)  
Contact school office 0598638448  
Email [kilberry.ias@gmail.com](mailto:kilberry.ias@gmail.com)  
Closing date for applications 22nd March

## Meeting of Athy Mercy Associate

(Lay associates of Mercy Sisters)

Monday,  
22nd January, at 7.30 pm.  
in Parish Centre,  
Mount Hawkins



## MESENTERS 2024

Reminder to those who have not yet paid their Messenger magazine subscription. €24 that it is due.

January and February edition are now available at the Parish office.

### Ardscóil na Tríonóide Clothing Drive

Are you having a Spring Clean? Any clothes that no longer suit?

Ardscóil na Tríonóide is having a Clothes Collection.

We accept clean re-wearable Men's, Women's, and Children's Clothes, paired Shoes, Boots, Belts and Handbags.

Drop them, suitably bagged, to Ardscóil na Tríonóide during school hours by latest Friday 23rd February.