



THE PARISH
OF ATHY

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



MASS OF THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 28TH JANUARY 2024

PRAYER

Loving God, your call to us is a costly grace, asking "not less than everything." Help us to respond in our different situations in life that we may find a way to have you at the centre of all that we do. We make our prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



Athy Parish website
www.parishofathy.ie

Parish Radio 107.9 fm

PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

Recently Deceased:

Julia Bambrick, Convent Vew,
Noel McLoughlin, Tonlegee Lawn
Thomas 'Curly' Kelly, Kilberry
John Leahy, Heath Farm. Funeral Mass Monday, at 11am. Burial in St. Michael's New Cemetery
Maura Kelly, Bleeding Horse, Funeral Mass Monday, at 2pm . Burial in Oakvale Cemetery, Stradbally

Saturday 6pm -

Month's mind: Jimmy Fitzpatrick, Frank Breen
Birthday remembrance: Rose Kenny, Mary Perse
Anniversaries: Anthony Stynes, Kathleen Stynes, Jack Buckley, John 'Johnny' Moloney, Johnny & Bridget Rigney, Martin Rigney, Pearl Cooke (10th A), John Miller, Mary Miller, Valerie Hickey, Bernadette Duggan nee Byrne, Michael Moran, Brigid Shinkins, Jack Shinkins, Seán Shinkins, Anthony Shinkins, Kathleen Delahun, Eddie Delahun, T.J. Shinkins, Elizabeth 'Betty' Mulhall (1st A), Mary 'Mollie' Owens (9th A), Joe & Josie Luttrell, Noreen Moran, Sean McDermott (8th A), Rose Kelly, Dec. members of Nolan & Reid families, William & Jane Holligan, Jim O'Sullivan, Annie Foley, Dec. mem of Foley family, Brian & Sheila Kelly, Gaberial Coffey, Jason Dooley (22nd A), Peggy Maher, John & Josie Maher, Jack Maher, Eileen Brophy, Margaret Wynne, Fr. Philip Dennehy

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

Last Weekend Collections:

P. Dev.: € 4,084 Common: €1,295 Share: €1,181

Thanks to all who contribute

Thursday next, 1st February, is St. Brigid's Day

(2nd patron of Ireland)

Crosses will be available from the Parish Office from Tuesday next. Donation €5 each. Crosses will be blessed at 9.30am Mass on 1st February.



Friday next, 2nd February, is Candlemas Day

Candles will be blessed at the 9.30am Mass for use in the home throughout the year

If you wish to have candles blessed you can purchase some in Parish Office, write your name on them, and they will be blessed during the Mass. You can collect later.

Saturday next, 3rd Feb, is Feast of St. Blaise, bishop & martyr

READINGS

1st Reading:

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Psalms: (Ps. 94)

2nd Reading:

1 Corinthians 7:32-35

Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

9 am Sunday Barrowhouse:

10.30 am: Birthday remembrance: Tommy Nolan
Anniversaries: Kevin Dooley, Terry Dooley, Tracy Bowden, Elizabeth 'Betty' Mulhall (1st A), Nora Dalton, Sean McDermott (8th A), Dec. mem. of Reid & Nolan families, Pauline Higgins, William Noonan, Jim O'Sullivan, Theresa Carbery, Jason Dooley (22nd A) Fr. Philip Dennehy

12 noon:

Birthday remembrance-56th Declan Roche
Anniversaries: Johnny & Brigid Rigney, Martin Rigney, Bridget Crowe, Caroline Quinn, Sean McDermot (8th A), Phil Gorman, Dec. members Gorman & Redmond families, Jason Dooley (22nd A), Michael & Bridget Noonan, Fr. Philip Dennehy

Monday 9.30 am: Michael & Mary Doyle

Tues. 9.30 am: Martha Donoghly, Rose Kelly, John Watchorn, Jason Dooley (22nd Anniv)

Wednes. 9.30 am: Fr. Philip Dennehy (2nd A), Paddy Harrington, Kathleen Condon, Martin Joe Rigney, William Holligan, Helen Delaney (1st anniv),
Birthday Remembrance: Anne Deering

Thur 9.30am: Golden Book

Friday 9.30 am: Altar List of the Dead



Children Liturgy Sheets available at doors of church

GIVE BLOOD, SAVE A LIVE

An opportunity arises to
donate blood

Monday & Tuesday 29th/30th January
at the Clanard Court Hotel

15.45pm to 20.00pm

Call 1800222111 to book an appointment

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MESSENGERS 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.

ATHY PARISH OFFICE

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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

REMEMBERING JOSIE

A fundraiser, marathon (26.2 Miles) in reverse will be take place 16th March in Athy GAA

Proceeds will go to Athy Lions Club, St. Michael's Parish redevelopment & Athy GAA development.

Online donations can be made to www.idonate.ie/fundraiser/rememberingjosie or donations on the day (More details including time later.)

Newbridge Kildare Samaritans are holding a recruitment information evening in the Clanard Court Hotel on the 13th February at 19.30. We would welcome anyone interested in joining us in our important work we will give all the necessary information to help make the decision.



Pro Life Walk Portmarnock Beach, Co. Dublin, Sunday, January 28th, 2024

Ⓢ Time: 1:30 PM. **Meeting at White Strand Hotel Car Park**

👶 Goodie bags for the little ones

☕ Refreshments to energise your stroll

☂ Don't forget your rain coat for a worry-free day

See plc website: prolifecampaign.ie

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@spnathy.ie

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Scoil Mhichíl Naofa

Junior infants boys & girls

Mon. 15th Jan. 9am-Tues. 6th Feb. 3pm

Forms available on website

www.smnathy.ie

ENROLMENT

Kilberry National School

now accepting enrolments for Sept. 2024

Application form on line

www.kilberryns.ie

Contact school office 0598638448

Email kilberry.ias@gmail.com

Closing date for applications 22nd March

St. Ignatian Spiritual Exercises for Men

Led by Fr Stephen Kennedy, IVE, Fri Feb 2nd to Mon Feb 5th (bank holiday) in De La Salle retreat centre, Castletown, Laois, R32N6D8. Cost €200 - includes all meals and en-suite single rooms. Call Sr. Constance 089 - 2152307 or

c.puertadelauroral@gmail.com

Tap and Go Contactless Donation

First Collection (**Common Fund** Priest Collection)

and the Second Collection (**Share Fund**)

&

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.

December 2023 Tap & Go machine in Athy collected €427 from 38 transactions split between Common & Share

CATECHETICAL CORNER – ME, A PROPHET?

What is it to be a prophet? A prophet is not one who sees into or predicts the future like some sort of fortune teller. A prophet is one who speaks for GOD, a prophet is one who shares the love and the truth of GOD with those around them. In this sense, Jesus Christ was a prophet of the Father, proclaiming a message that never tires.

In today's First reading from the book of Deuteronomy we see Moses outlining the role of the prophet. *'...I will raise up a prophet like yourself for them from their own brothers; I will put my words into his mouth and he shall tell them all I command him.'* We, the laity, have the very onerous role and responsibility to be prophets, to share in the Prophetic role of Christ, making the love of GOD known to all around us. But surely that is the role of the ordained priest? Yes it is, but it is also ours, by virtue of our baptism. According to St Thomas Aquinas *"To teach in order to lead others to faith is the task of every preacher and of each believer."* The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC), quoting the document on the Church from Vatican II says: *"Christ . . . fulfills this prophetic office, not only by the hierarchy . . . but also by the laity. He accordingly both establishes them as witnesses and provides them with the sense of the faith [sensus fidei] and the grace of the word"* (CCC 904) We are called to do this not only by the example of our way of living but also by word, when the opportunity arises or requires it: *"This witness of life, however, is not the sole element in the apostolate; the true apostle is on the lookout for occasions of announcing Christ by word, either to unbelievers . . . or to the faithful."*

So every Baptised Catholic has the duty and responsibility to bear witness to the love of GOD and to draw others to GOD, not only by example but also by word. This duty comes from our Baptism the newly baptized, who has become a Christian, that is, "an anointed one", anointed by the Holy Spirit, incorporated into Christ who is anointed priest, prophet, and king It is a divine commission. In order to accomplish this, we need to have knowledge of the Word, *"Ignorance of the Scripture is ignorance of Christ."* To be a prophet is to be a spokesperson for GOD advocating for GOD in the ordinary every day. Are you a prophet?

LENT BEGINS

ASH WEDNESDAY

14TH Feb 2024

