



THE PARISH  
OF ATHY

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



## MASS OF THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT 10TH MARCH 2024



### Prayer

Heavenly physician, heal whatever in us is dead or wounded or unfree that we may know the wholeness, freedom, life and joy of the Gospel. **Amen**

### PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

#### Recently Deceased:

*Angela Hyland nee Murphy, Rosebran*

#### Saturday 6pm

#### Month's mind:

**Birthdays remembrance:** Derek Donohue, Dicky Kelly  
**Anniversaries:** Jim & Ann Mulhall, Tosh Bambrick, John Joe Murphy, Madge O'Neill, Malachy Cardiff, Maureen Cardiff, Josephine Aldridge, Eamon Walsh (1st A), Breda Cleary (13th A), Ivan Farrell, Margaret Doyle, Mag Webb, Thomas Moran, Anne Casey, Pat & Michael Quinn, Peg Cambie, Judy Mahon, Dec. members of Mahon family, James Keane, Haddie Haughton, Mattie Carroll, Patrick Delaney, Elizabeth 'Bess' Curtis (4th A), Betty Collins (4th Anniv),

**9 am Sunday Barrowhouse:** Annie McDonald (A) Mary Martin & Maura Fenlon (remembrance)

**10.30 am: Anniversaries:** William, Brigid & Ellen Kelly, Sean Bowden, Jim & Ann Mulhall, Annie McDonald, Mary Martin, Maura Fenlon, Margaret Delaney, Ellen Doogue, Andy Doogue, John Murphy (1st A), Dec. mem of Murphy & Byrne families, Susan Page, Dec. members of Ryan & Conlan families, Judy Mahon, Dec. mem of Mahon family, Joseph Murphy, Jim Harris, Dec. mem of Harris family, Nuala & William Fenlon, Lucy Bannon nee Harris, Betty Collins (4th Anniv), Philomena Dempsey, Mary McGarr,  
**Mother's Day Rem:** Josephine Harris

**12 noon: Anniversaries:** Jim & Ann Mulhall, Gertie Gray, John Murphy (1st A), Dec. members of Murphy & Byrne families, Tom Heskins, Mary Stynes, Brendan Lalor, Elizabeth Murphy, Nuala & William Fenlon, Lilly & Christy Lammon, Mary, Jimmy & Noelle Sweeney, Donor's Intention, John Donohue, Sr. Mary Boneventure, Elizabeth Ryan, George Rigney, Special Intention for parishioner undergoing surgery,  
**Mother's Day Rem:** Lilly Quinn, Mary Foley

**Monday 9.30 am:** Sean Moloney, Jim & Ann Mulhall Robert O'Connor

**Tues. 9.30 am:** Anne Casey, Peggy Owens, Betty & Paddy Brennan, Dec. mem of Brennan & Bambrick Families, Michael Raddie, Frank Carbury, Derek Donohue, Tom & Jean Donohue, Dec. members of Fleming & Philips families, Kevin & Eileen Fingleton, John, Molly & June Fingleton, Jim & Josephine Harris, Dec. members of Harris family

**Wednes. 9.30 am:** Brid Byrne (1st A), Mary Murphy (1st A)

**Thur 9.30am:** Mary & John Murphy, Betty Kelly (12th anniv)

**Friday 9.30am:** Susan, John & Gerard Conaty, John Joe Murphy, Kathleen Gleeson

### CHURCH NOTICES

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

**Weekday Mass times:** 9.30 am. Rosary at 9.10 am

Lent is a time for prayer, fasting & alms giving

Trocaire Boxes are at the doors of the church.

'I believed, even when I said, "I am greatly afflicted. (Psalm 116:10)

Stations of the Cross each Friday in Lent after 9.30am Mass

Congratulations to Ballyroe, Churchtown & Model School children who received the Sacrament of Confirmation Friday.

Next Sunday, is St. Patrick's Day The 6 pm Vigil Mass Saturday will be the Mass of St. Patrick. 10.30 am & 12 noon Mass as normal Sunday with special Irish music by parish choir at 12 noon Mass.

Last Weekend Collections:

P. Dev.: €691 Common: €1,060 Share €875

Thanks to all who contribute

### EASTER REMEMBRANCE

If you wish to have your deceased loved ones remembered at Easter Masses please give their names into the Parish office by Wednesday 27th March and they will be added to the Easter Day List

### READINGS

**1st Reading:** 2 Chronicles 36: 14-16, 19-23

**Psalm:** (Ps. 136)

**2nd Reading:** Ephesians 2:4-10

**Gospel:** John 3:14-21

### Lenten Prayer Evenings

The Parishes of Narraghmore, Moone, Athy and Castledermot will be holding Lenten Prayer evenings for the following Wednesday during Lent.

- Wednesday 13th March @7pm in St. Ita's Church, Kilmead
- Wednesday 20th March @ 7pm in St. Michael's Church, Athy

Our Lenten Prayer evenings, will reflect on the following themes: **Healing, Forgiveness, faith, Hope & Love.** All are Welcome as we pray together on our Lenten Journey.

### St. Patrick's Day 17th March

cards, emblems and badges available from Parish Office

**DUBLIN DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK**  
takes place SATURDAY, 27TH APRIL 2024

## PUBLIC VIGIL

Will be held on Good Friday 29th March  
12 noon - 1 pm  
Blessed Holy Face will be displayed.  
Vigil prayers commence at 12 noon  
Blessed Holy medals and Prayers  
will be handed out

## SOLEMN NOVENA

to

### Our Lady of Perpetual Help

takes place in St Peter's & Paul's Church  
Monasterevin (W34KD61)  
Wednesday 20th –Friday 22nd March 7.30pm

## Athy Historical Society

Information event and New  
Member Registration on  
Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm  
in Athy Community Arts  
Centre. Tel: 059 8633075

## Kildare County Council

**Homeless Advice Clinic** –  
Monthly Outreach Clinic on  
Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> March Athy  
Family Resource Centre (R14  
NN97)- **2pm – 4pm**  
Telephone 045 980230

## Social Prescribing Day

Thur 14th March 10.30am-12.30  
St. Mary's Resource Centre,  
R14 XY60

## DONATIONS

*A choice as to how you donate*  
The Archdiocese of Dublin has introduced a  
"Tap and Go" contactless donation method  
to enable people to donate directly to the  
**First Collection (Common Fund Priest  
Collection)**  
and the **Second Collection (Share Fund)**

Card machines are in place in the  
Church for this purpose.

You can use your Debit/Credit  
Card or indeed your mobile  
phone



During the month of January 2024 the Tap  
and Go machines in Athy Parish  
collected €425.00 from 40 transactions.  
This is split 60% to the Common Fund and  
40% to Share. Thanks for your donations.

## UPDATE

### ON HEATING SYSTEM in St. Michael's church

Heating System work has been  
suspended the last two weeks  
due to shortage of valves and  
material supplies.  
Work will recommence as soon  
as these can be sourced.

## LOURDES PARISH PILGRIMAGE Moone, Narraghmore, Athy

25th Aug– 1st Sept 2024

Cost: €975

Spiritual Director:  
Fr. Francis McCarthy

### Contact

Christopher Rowan 087 2707 182



Website:  
[www.rednuns.com](http://www.rednuns.com) Service is inspired  
by Micah 6:8

The third service for the Year of Prayer

## Act - Love - Walk

Monday 11th March 2024 at 8pm -

Monastery of Saint Alphonsus

Presented by DCU Full Time Chaplaincy Students and  
the Dublin Diocesan Music Group

**Fundraiser "Remembering Josie"** is a **marathon in reverse** on 2nd Anniversary of Josie Dooley, Sat. 16th March. Brian Dooley will attempt 26.2 miles backwards. A backward walk, a pilgrimage of remembrance for his mother, and for all who have lost loved ones. You can donate on the link below, which will be divided evenly between the 3 charities or on the day donate to any of the 3 charities. <https://www.idonate.ie/fundraiser/rememberingjosie>  
Athy Lyons Club, St Michael's Heating fund, Athy GFC development



**New Bishop:** The Holy Father Pope Francis appointed Fr Donal Roche as Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese. At <https://dublindioocese.ie/fr-donal-roche-appointed-auxiliary-bishop/> you can find an overview of the life and ministry of Fr Roche.

## 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).



## 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.hospice  
foundation.ie](http://www.hospicefoundation.ie)  
for more  
information.

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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 afternoon)  
**Sat:** 10.30am-12.30 only

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

**Parish Radio**  
107.9 fm

## CATECHETICAL CORNER— "...YOU DID IT TO ME."

Over the last few weeks we have taken a look at two of the 'pillars of Lent'; namely Fasting and Prayer. The third pillar of Lent is Almsgiving. Almsgiving is an old English word for what we might call, 'giving to charity', helping those who are less fortunate than we are. We read in the letter of St James that *'faith without good works is quite dead.'* (Jas.2:17). So, although, as Christians, our primary duty is to offer worship and praise to GOD, this is not where our faith ends. If our faith does end here, after Mass, *'[it] is quite dead'*. In the Gospel we read that Jesus says quite clearly: *"Whatsoever you did to these, the least of my brothers [and/or sisters] you did it to ME."* (Mt. 25:40).

So, what should we do for our brothers and sisters? Well, the Church has made it very easy for us. She has given us a list of practical actions, taken from the Gospel of Matthew, chapter 25, that we can do to prove that our faith is no dead thing but rather is alive and has meaning in our life and the lives of others.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) in paragraph 2447 makes it very plain: *"The works of mercy are charitable actions by which we come to the aid of our neighbour in his/her spiritual and bodily necessities...The corporal works of mercy consist especially in feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, clothing the naked, visiting the sick and imprisoned, and burying the dead. Among all these, giving alms to the poor is one of the chief witnesses to fraternal charity: it is also a work of justice pleasing to God"* (CCC #2447). These are the practical, tangible ways that we live out the faith we profess and the worship that we give to GOD in our prayer and especially at Mass. In addition to these bodily or corporal works of mercy, whereby we help our sisters and brothers in physical need, there are other spiritual works of mercy which are: *"To instruct the ignorant, to counsel the doubtful, to admonish the sinners, to bear patiently those who wrong us, to forgive offenses, to comfort the afflicted, to pray for the living and the dead."*

All of this is based on the understanding that we recognise Jesus in the *'least of [His] brothers...'*, which isn't easy. Let us try to take some time in these final weeks of Lent to reflect on these 'Corporal Works of Mercy' to see if they have found expression in our lives and if they have, could we do more? If they have not, does our time or treasure allow us to start? How could we go about: feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, clothing the naked etc...? Bearing in mind that the it is a command of Jesus, not a request, there is no *"Ah yes, but what about..."* with Jesus.