



THE PARISH
OF ATHY

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



MASS OF THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT, ST. PATRICK'S DAY, 17TH MARCH 2024

PRAYER

Now may the God of peace who by the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead the great shepherd of the sheep, our Lord Jesus Christ, equip you with every good thing to do his will, working in us what is pleasing before him through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever. Amen.
(Hebrews 13:20-21)



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

Today 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.

Monday is a **bank holiday**. Parish Office will be **closed**.

Area Distributors are reminded to collect their bundles of **Easter timetables & Due envelopes** from behind the high Altar after Mass or during the coming week (parishioner with Contribution boxes have Easter Due env inside)

Next Sunday is **Palm Sunday**. Blessed palms will be distributed at Mass.

Lent is a time for **prayer, fasting & alms giving**
Trocaire Boxes are at the doors of the church.

Stations of the Cross on Friday after 9.30am Mass

Last Weekend Collections:

P. Dev.: €852 **Common:** €1,415 **Share** €1,055

Thanks to all who contribute

Lenten Prayer Evenings

The Parishes of Narraghmore, Moone, Athy and Castledermot Lenten Prayer evenings will finish this

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

Our Lenten Prayer evenings, have reflected on the following themes: **Healing, Forgiveness, faith, Hope & Love**.
All welcome as we prayer together on our Lenten Journey.

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

EASTER MASS BOUQUETS

ARE AVAILABLE FROM
THE PARISH OFFICE

READINGS

1st Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalm: (Ps. 50)

2nd Reading: Hebrews 5:7-9

Gospel: John 12:20-30

PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

Recently Deceased:

Mary Scally nee Robinson, Castlemitchell, Funeral Monday at 11 am. Burial in Churchtown Old Cemetery

Pauline Brennan nee Dempsey, formerly Tinakill who died in Wimbledon, buried today in England.

Tom Conway, Kells

Rina-Ann Orlandini McGovern, USA & late of Ballyroe Athy

Saturday 6pm

Month's mind:

Rec Deceased: Pauline Brennan nee Dempsey,

Birthay Remembrance: Ann Patricia Mahon

Anniversaries: Roy & Michelle Thomas, Sean Moloney, Christopher & Ethna Ludlow, Andy Doogue (3rd A), Seamie Lawler (2nd A), John Joe Murphy, Susan, John & Gerard Conaty, Betty Bride, Tosh Bambrick, Kathleen, Mannix & Bernadette Thompson, Anna May, Philomena & Jack Perse, Claire & Harry Troute, Madge O'Neill, Michael Dowling,

9 am Sunday Barrowhouse:

Elizabeth Dunne, Michael & Annie Dowling

10.30 am: Rec Deceased: Margaret Moran

Birthay remembrance: Daniel Butler,

Months Mind: Eddie Doyle

Anniversaries: Josie Dooley (2nd A), Matt, Tina & Paula McHugh, Stanley Mullery, Kathleen Staunton, Margaret Hayes, Patrick O'Connor, Jack Dillon, Patrick McArdle, Kathleen, Mannix & Bernadette Thompson, Patrick & Bridget Cooney, Mary Carbery,

12 noon: Birthay rem: Padraic O'Saoraí, Patricia Kelly, Ann Patricia Mahon

Anniversaries: Stephen Fitzgerald, Pat Flood, Nuala Birthistle, Patrick & Mary Murphy, Dec. mem of Murphy family, Michael Murphy, Esther Ball, Maureen Robinson, Eileen McGlynn, Lil Murphy, Patrick McArdle, Michael & Marcella Loughman, Kathleen, Mannix & Bernadette Thompson, Mary Carbery, Stephine Bland nee Mulhall

Monday 9.30 am: Kevin Mullery, Josie Dooley, Ian Alexander, Donor's Intention, Holy Souls

Tues. 9.30 am: Martin & Margaret Fox, Josie Dooley (2nd A), Gerry & Ellen Quinn, Dec. members of Quinn family, William & Ellen Flynn, Dec. mem of Flynn family, Dec mem of Curtis Family, Dec mem of Keeffe Family, Dec mem of Chatfield Family, Special Intention, Stephine Bland nee Mulhall

Wednes. 9.30 am: Birthay rem: Paddy Kelly

Anniv: Roseanne Delahun, Josie Dooley (2nd A),

Thur 9.30am: Roseanne Delahun, Josie Dooley (2nd A)

Friday 9.30am: Josie Dooley (2nd A), Thanksgiving

DAFFODIL DAY

next, **Friday, 22nd March 2024**

There will be people with daffodils collecting before and after 9.30am Mass in aid of cancer research. Please support.



PUBLIC VIGIL

will be held on Good Friday on 29th March
Emily Square, Athy
12 noon – 1pm
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)
Continues until Friday 22nd March 7.30pm



COME JOIN US

Veneration of the Holy Face of
Jesus
Good Friday 29th March
12noon -1pm
at potato market (opposite
McDonalds Carlow)
All welcome

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

at the Moat of Ardsclull at 12 noon on Good Friday.

Applications are open at St Patrick's
Pontifical University, Maynooth, for our
**Master's in Liturgical Music and
Diploma in Church Music.** Visit
sppu.ie/courses or
call 01 708 4778 for more information.

Bayside Alpha

are showing Bishop Barron's
groundbreaking 10-part documentary
series, 'Catholicism', on Zoom with
discussion afterwards in breakout rooms
starting on Sunday the 7th of April at
7:30pm and continuing for 10 weeks.

To register please email Paul
at alphabayside@gmail.com.

ATHY MERCY ASSOCIATE MEETING

Monday, 25th March at 7.30pm

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.

Athy Parish website www.parihofathy.ie

Parish Radio 107.9 fm

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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

closed Holy Days & Bank Holidays

Hail, glorious St. Patrick, thy words
were once strong
Against Satan's wiles and a heretic
throng;
Not less is thy might where in
Heaven thou art;
Oh, come to our aid, in our battle
take part!

In a war against sin, in the fight for
the faith,
Dear Saint, may thy children resist to
the death;
May their strength be in meekness, in
penance, their prayer,
Their banner the cross which they
glory to bear.



CATECHETICAL CORNER— THANKSGIVING.

"I didn't deserve at all that the LORD would grant such great grace, It was something...I never hoped for or even thought of." St Patrick.

St Patrick has been buried under a mountain of plastic Shamrock and drowned in an ocean of alcohol. But when we strip back of all the celebrations that mark our national saint's feast day, we find a man so in love with God and so driven to make God known and loved. Despite the conditions in which Patrick lived, despite the hardships that he was forced to endure, he was able to say: *"He [God] looked down on my lowliness and had mercy on my youthful ignorance. He guarded me before I knew him, and before I came to wisdom and could distinguish between good and evil. He protected me and consoled me as a father does for his son."* Why? Because *"I turned with all my heart to the LORD"*. There is the first challenge from St Patrick, to turn with all our hearts to the LORD.

St Patrick puts before us a second great challenge *"That is why I cannot be silent – nor would it be good to do so – about such great blessings and such a gift that the LORD so kindly bestowed in the land of my captivity. This is how we can repay such blessings, when our lives change and we come to know God, to praise and bear witness to His great wonders before every nation under heaven."* The challenge St Patrick puts before us is to not be silent about the great and many blessings we have received. This is how we honour our National Saint, this is how we truly celebrate St Patrick, it is also how we honour GOD. In these final days of Lent, having fasted, done penance in preparation for Easter, take some time over the coming days, to honestly count your blessings, and see can you, or would it be good to keep silent about them? Then bring them to Mass with you and as the priest offers the Bread and Wine add your blessings in there too, for this is Eucharist, and the Word Eucharist just means...Thanksgiving!

DONATIONS

A choice as to how you donate
The Archdiocese of Dublin has facilitated 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 February 2024 the
Tap and Go machines in Athy Parish
collected €310 for 32 transactions.**

This is split 60% to the Common Fund and
40% to Share. Thanks for your donations.

LOURDES PARISH PILGRIMAGE Moone, Narraghmore, Athy

25th Aug– 1st Sept 2024

Cost: €975

Spiritual Director:

Fr. Francis McCarthy

Contact

Christopher Rowan 087 2707 182



ORIGINAL SOUNDS THE SONGWRITERS HAVEN

Join Mags B

An evening of songs
penned and performed by special guests
in Athy Community Arts Centre
on Thursday, 21st March 2024 at 8 pm
Tickets €10 ring or text Margaret 086
3254931
(see church notice board)