



THE PARISH  
OF ATHY

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



## PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION 24TH MARCH 2024

### Prayer

O Lord, we tell again of the death of your Messiah, Jesus the Christ. In his story we see the story of your love as you reach out to us in the darkness of tragic death and tremendous suffering. Touch our hearts again with your compassionate love that we may be return to you with all our hearts. Amen.



### PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

#### Recently Deceased:

Alan Langton, Barrowhouse  
Maureen Bowden, Garronagh, Barrowhouse  
Mary Scally, Castlemitchel  
Ann Mulhall nee Flood, Geraldine Rd.  
Elizabeth McConville, Coke lane, Kilberry  
Ger Clancy, Coisbhearú. Funeral Mass Tuesday at 11am. Burial in St. Michael's New Cemetery.

### 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 Palm Sunday** Blessed palms will be distributed at all Masses.

**Area Distributors** are reminded to collect their bundles of **Easter timetables & Due envelopes** from behind the high Altar for distribution please. parishioners with contribution boxes have Easter Due env inside. Easter timetable is posted on Parish notice board and around the church.

**Penitential Services** including individual confessions, takes place Monday in Athy Church at **7pm**

**Thurs. 9.30am** Morning Prayer of the Church  
**7 pm** **Mass of the Lord's Supper** followed by *Watch & Pray Hour of Repose*

**Friday 9.30am:** Morning Prayer of the Church  
**3pm:** Solemn Celebration of the Passion  
**7pm:** Stations of The Cross

**Good Friday is a day of Fast and Abstinence**  
(one main meal & two small snacks, Abstinence from meat)

**Saturday 7.30pm: Easter Vigil Athy Church**

**Congratulations** to children from Scoil Phadraig Naofa who received the Sacrament of Confirmation Athy in Friday.

**Last Weekend Collections:**  
P. Dev.: €819 **Common:** €1,240 **Share** €1,053  
*Thanks to all who contribute*

#### Saturday 6pm Month's mind:

**Birthday remembrance:** Nancy Dooley, Paddy McLoughlin, Peter Luttrell

**Anniversaries:** Special Intention, Jean Burrow nee Kavanagh, Joan Cahill, John & Ellen Kirwan, John Flanagan, Kathleen Whelan (3rd A), Michael Harris, Dermot Goulding, Tom Shaw (3rd A), Margaret Hoare (33rd A) Joe Kane, May Kane, Sean & Jason Dooley, John & Maggie Hoare, Bill & Pat Hoare, May & Noel Murphy, John & Ann Murphy, Ted & Rita Ward, Kathleen Mackey, Betty Cusack, Pat Fitzsimons, Kathy Brown, Martin Holohan, Mary Hyland, Marjorie Austen, Kitty Byrne, Doris Pratt, Bernadett Thompson, Maureen Coyle, Dec. members of Kane & Hoare families, Frank Honer, David Whittle, Peg Fingleton, Brian & Sheila Kelly, Jack, Kathleen & Geraldine Kelly, Margaret Breen (50th A), John Breen, Peggy Hicks, Michael Harris, Peg Fingleton

#### 9 am Sunday Barrowhouse:

#### 10.30 am: Birthday rem:

Philomena Dempsey, Maureen Dalton  
**Anniversaries:** Maura Bergin, Peggy Ennis, Mary Bolger, Michael Mullery, Kathleen McHugh, Eddie Dempsey (13th A), Maureen Guidrea, Mikey & Mai Dempsey, Dec. members of Dempsey family, Mary & George Robinson, Dec. members of Robinson family, James & Maria Davis, Dec. members of Davis family, Ken Murphy (1st A), Pat Mc Geen, Tom Shaw (3rd A), Maisie English, Mary & David Bolger, Lil & Bridget Murphy, Rosalinda Silacan, Romeo Silacan, Rollie Silacan, Michael Synotte, Eileen Brock, Eddie Owens, Tony Poole, Margaret Breen (50th A), John Breen, Peggy Hicks

#### 12 noon: Anniversaries:

Kathleen Whelan (3rdA), Ken Murphy (1st A), Annie Powell, Dominic Harte, Tom Shaw (3rd A), Rosalinda Silacan, Romeo Silacan, Rollie Silacan, Michael Synotte, Dominic, Ann & Sara Dempsey, John & Kathleen Hyland, John & Ellen Hyland, Kitty Keyes Margaret Breen (50th A), John Breen, Peggy Hicks Nancy Murphy nee O'Brien (10th A)

**Monday 9.30 am:** Kevin Fitzgerald (20th A) Sean Kelly

**Tues. 9.30 am:** Eddie Dempsey (13th A)

**Wednes. 9.30 am:** Sheila Carton, Paddy Myles, Dec. mem of Myles family, Jack Clare, Special Intention

### 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 4pm and they will be added to the Easter Day List

### EASTER MASS BOUQUETS

ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE PARISH OFFICE



### READINGS

**1st Reading:** Isaiah 50: 4-7

**Psalm:** Ps.21:8-9.17-20.23-24

**2nd Reading:** Philippians 2:6-11

**Gospel:** Mark 11: 1-10

**FRIENDS OF CALCUTTA Clothes collection** supporting Friends of Calcutta (CHY No. 13218) on **Tuesday next 26th March**. All wearable items clothing, footwear, curtains etc welcome. We cannot accept duvets cushions or pillows. Collection **ends at 3pm** Parish Car park collection point near Parish office. For home collection contact Michael 0879073074

**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

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**  
at the Moat of Ardscurr  
at **12 noon on Good Friday.**

### 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).

Are you unemployed or looking to upskill?  
would you like to gain a recognised QQI  
Level 5 Qualification Business  
Administration and Digital Media,  
Healthcare Support, Applied Social Studies  
or Early Learning and Care.  
Athy VTOS have places available for our  
September and January enrolments.

For additional information please call: Una  
Burke on 059 8632044 Ext 2/087 9787727  
Further Education and Training Centre,  
Carlow Road, Athy. Co  
Kildare. [www.athyfetc.ie](http://www.athyfetc.ie)

### ATHY MERCY ASSOCIATE MEETING

**cancelled**

Monday, 25th March  
due to Penitential Service

**Athy Parish website**  
[www.parihofathy.ie](http://www.parihofathy.ie)  
**Parish Radio** 107.9 fm

### 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 afternoon)  
**Sat:** 10.30am-12.30 only  
**closed Holy Days & Bank Holidays**



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

**Lent**  
is a time for  
**prayer, fasting &  
alms giving**

**Trocaire Boxes** are at the  
doors of the church.

**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](mailto:alphabayside@gmail.com).

### 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**



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



### DUBLIN DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

takes place

**SATURDAY, 27TH APRIL 2024**

**CATECHETICAL CORNER** - Is it any wonder You have so few friends?" That would be a pretty hurtful thing to say to someone, don't you think? "Is it any wonder you have so few friends?" If you wanted to lash out at someone who had hurt you, you might say something like that. Imagine saying it to GOD? But we'll come back to that later. As Lent draws to a close and we begin Holy Week, the focus shifts to Jesus and all that He endured for us, and rightly so. During this week we will encounter Jesus as the suffering servant in Isaiah 53. We will see Jesus portrayed as the innocent Lamb for slaughter of the Jewish Passover in the book of Exodus. And we will encounter, in often gory detail, all that Jesus had to endure during His passion. To die by crucifixion still remains one of the most horrible ways to die, not to mention the torture that He had to endure beforehand. We will hear those haunting words: "My GOD, My GOD, why have YOU forsaken Me?" Then we think back to the story of the Transfiguration from the second Sunday of Lent when we hear GOD saying: "This is MY Son, the Beloved One..." It seems hard to equate these various images; Jesus, the Beloved Son, Jesus, the suffering servant, Jesus, the sacrificial lamb and Jesus, the crucified and abandoned One. How can GOD, allow HIS 'Beloved Son' to suffer like this? How can GOD allow us, whom HE also claims to love, to suffer so much, while HE seemingly remains far removed, detached and un-involved? This is the heart of one of the greatest questions of all time. Why do good people suffer? Why does GOD not stop suffering, especially of little children? I think at some point we have all asked questions like this. At the heart of such questioning is our image of GOD. What do we imagine GOD to be? How do we picture GOD? The scriptures tell us GOD is Father, the word most often used is 'Abba', which is best translated as 'Daddy'. Only last Sunday, we heard the story of the death of Lazarus, and we encountered Jesus weeping at the death of His friend. On Easter Sunday we will hear the account of how Mary went to the tomb and was in great distress when she thought that the body of Jesus had been taken, but Jesus was there, with her in her distress. On Sunday week we will hear the story of the journey to Emmaus, when Cleopas and his companion, were similarly distraught. As they understood it, all their