



THE PARISH  
OF ATHY

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



## MASS OF THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 7TH JULY 2024

### PRAYER

You are the potter, we are the clay, the earthen vessels in which your treasure is carried. We pray that inadequate as we are —we may offer to all we meet a word of life, a glimpse of the Gospel, a seed of hope. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



### PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

#### Recently Deceased:

*Joseph Anthony 'Tony' Murphy*, Hong Kong formerly Oaklawn Athy. Funeral Saturday, 13th July at 11 am followed by burial of Ashes in St. Michael's New Cemetery.

*Kathleen Conroy nee Farrell*, Dominic's Park  
*Lilia Murphy nee Mulhall*, Dublin

#### Saturday 6pm

**Month's mind:** Tim Kelly

**Birthday remembrance:** Susan Page

#### Anniversaries:

Ann & William Doyle, Dec. members of Doyle & McGrath families, Aidan Corcoran, Seamus Hayden, Winifred Byrne, Sheila Fitzgerald nee Morrin, John Harris, Dolly Phillips (7th A), Jack & Martin Phillips, Gavin Rowan (1st A), Elizabeth & Bill Redmond, Margaret Philips, Clare Phillips, Deceased mem of Phillips, Flynn, Tyrrell, Brogan & Brophy families, Pat Fennin (30th A), Andrew & Bridget O'Brien, Eddie & Una Purcell, Danny Kane, Vincent Dowling (1st Anniv), Jack & Margaret Murphy, Mary & Jim O'Mara, John Kilfeather, Brendan Murphy, John Murphy, Nonie Heatherley, Bertie Kelly, Jane McLoughlin

### 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

**Summer Dues** can be placed in the collection bags during Mass or left into Parish office during opening hours. *Thanks to all those who have already contributed.*

#### Last Weekend Collections:

P. Dev.: €789 Common: €1,065 Peter Pence: €1,075  
*Thanks to all who contribute*

### NEW APPOINTMENT

The Archbishop has appointed Canon Frank McEvoy team assistant to Parishes of Athy, Narraghmore & Moone. He has now retired from administration duties. His appointment takes affect this weekend. We welcome Canon Frank McEvoy back to Athy where he now resides.

### 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.

### READINGS:1st Reading:

Ezekiel 2: 2-5

**Psalm** Ps 122

**2nd Reading:**

2 Corinthians 12:7-10

**Gospel:** Mark 6. 1-6

### YOUTH FESTIVAL

Join young people between 16 and 35 this August at the **Youth 2000 Summer Festival**. The festival takes place in Clongowes Wood College, Clane, Co Kildare from **Thursday 10th August to Sunday 13th August 2023**. The festival includes inspiring talks, music, prayer, concert, workshops, dramas, share groups, reconciliation and healing service and Mass. Donation only and we have buses going from all over Ireland. For more information and to book your place go to [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie)

### HOLY HOUR

in

Parish Church Tuesday's from 2-3pm

### HOLY HOUR

St. Mary's Church  
Barrowhouse  
Tuesday's  
from 7pm-8pm



### 9 am Barrowhouse:

**10.30 am: Recently Deceased:** Thomas O'Brien

**Month's mind;** Eddie Doyle

**Anniversaries:** May Lalor, Andrew, Ellen & James Doogue, Dec. members of Doogue family, Dolly Phillips (17th A), Jack & Martin Phillips, Molly Condron, Pat Fennin (30th A), John Horgan, Josephine Donovan, Fiona Horgan, Andrew & Bridget O'Brien, Eddie & Una Purcell. John Kilfeather, Brendan Murphy, John Murphy, Nonie Heatherley, Robbie & Jane Reid, Dec mem of Reid & Foley Family

### 12 noon: Anniversaries:

Breda Flynn, Pat Fennin (30th A), Andrew & Bridget O'Brien, Eddie & Una Purcell, James & Helen Cunningham, Pauline Loughman

### Monday 9.30 am:

**Recently Dec:** Geraldine Buggy, Horseleap, Moate

**Anniv:** Betty Connell, Edward Delahunt, Mary Delahunt, Thomas James Delahunt, James Dayton

**Tues. 9.30 am:** Thanksgiving to all who sympathised with the family of Oliver Callaghan in their recent bereavement.

**Wednes. 9.30 am:** Anna O'Keeffe (20th A), Molly Condron, MV Thomas

**Thursday 9.30am:** Bobby & Rita Flood, Deceased members of Flood & O'Callaghan families, Teddy Kelly, William 'Wag' O'Keeffe, Teddy Kelly, May & Georgie O'Mara

**Friday 9.30 am:** Kathleen Lyons nee Maher, formerly Bellview, Athy & late of England burial takes place today in England.  
Special Intention

## 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 (afternoon by phone)  
**Sat:** 10.30am-12.30 only

## LOURDES PARISH PILGRIMAGE



Moone, Narraghmore, Athy

25th Aug– 1st Sept 2024

**Cost: €975**

Spiritual Director:  
Fr. Francis McCarthy

Final payment now due

**Contact:**

Christopher Rowan 087 2707 182

## Aware, the National Mental Health Charity, is recruiting volunteers

Would you like to support those impacted by  
anxiety, depression, bipolar disorder and  
related mood conditions?

Aware provides free support, education and  
information services to those impacted by  
mental health and mood conditions. We are  
now recruiting and training volunteers for our  
**National Support Line, Support & Self Care  
Groups** and our **Life Skills Online** services.  
Volunteering can be remote or in person.

Please visit [www.aware.ie](http://www.aware.ie) email  
[info@aware.ie](mailto:info@aware.ie) or call 01-661 7211 to  
learn more about becoming an Aware  
volunteer!

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**Children Liturgy Sheets**  
available at doors of  
church



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



## Athy Parish Centre

Kildare County Council has granted planning permission for the  
renovations and change of use for the Athy Parish Centre. The building was  
formerly used as a Resource Centre and school. As well as making the  
building wheelchair accessible by the inclusion of a new access ramp and  
wheelchair accessible toilets, the renovations will involve some internal  
alterations.

While awaiting the granting of planning permission, the community part of  
the building has been developed over the last year. Slaintecare are renting  
the two prefabs behind the building. Kildare Travellers Association, Athy  
Photographic Society, Childcare Solutions are also renting rooms. The  
building is also being used by Anchor Youth Club, Irish dancing classes, art  
classes, the Knitting Group and various parish groups. Conor McCann, the  
Parish Pastoral Worker has his office there.

Again, we thank the Sisters of Mercy for their wonderful gift to the Parish  
of Athy. Now that planning permission has been granted, we hope to  
continue to develop the building for the benefit of the parish and the wider  
community

Patricia Halligan has been appointed Athy Parish Centre Manager on  
1<sup>st</sup> June. Until the work on the alterations of the Parish Centre are  
completed, she will continue in her present role as Parish Secretary.  
Patricia can be contacted at: Athy Parish Centre, Mount Hawkins, Athy,  
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We give thanks to God as we look forward to this new phase in the life of  
our parish. When works begin regular updates will be shared.

## CATECHETICAL CORNER – SPIRITUAL FATHERHOOD

In the Gospel of Matthew chapter 23, verse 9 we read: ‘...call no man on earth  
your father for you have only one Father in heaven...’. So why then do we call  
our priests “Father” and should we stop? Perhaps we should follow the example  
of non-Roman Catholic Christians and use the term pastor or perhaps Reverend?  
He was using exaggeration to show the scribes and Pharisees how sinful and  
proud they were for not looking humbly to God as the source of all authority and  
fatherhood and teaching, and instead setting themselves up as the ultimate  
authorities, father figures, and teachers. He was doing the same thing when He  
said: ‘if your eye causes you to sin pluck it out or if right hand causes you to sin  
cut it off.’ (Mt.5:29-30). The second is to consider what He means about  
fatherhood. What Jesus is referring to is not to give the loyalty and honour due to  
GOD alone to any human being. That does not mean that we not call people  
father, in either the biological sense or the spiritual sense. The Bible is full of  
references to what is called Spiritual Fatherhood. Joseph (he of the multi coloured  
coat) saw himself as a father to Pharaoh (Gen.45:8); Job was a ‘father to the  
poor...’ (Job 29:16). Eliakim was appointed by GOD to be a ‘father... to the  
House of Judah’ (Isa.25:21).

In the New Testament, St. Peter, Paul and John all refer to themselves as  
spiritual fathers. Example; St Peter: ‘...so does my son Mark.’ (1 Pet. 5:13).  
St Paul: ‘For I became your father through Christ Jesus in the Gospel.’ (1  
Cor. 4:14-15). St John refers to: ‘My little children...’ (1 Jn. 2:1). So what  
does it mean to be a spiritual father? A human father provides for his family,  
he nurtures and educates his family, he defends, protect, and corrects or  
disciplines his family when needed. A priest provides for his spiritual family  
by making the sacraments available especially the Holy Eucharist. A priest  
nurtures and educates his spiritual family by teaching. A priest defends and  
protects his spiritual family keeping them safe from the attacks of the enemy,  
the Devil. And he corrects and disciplines when we, the family, go astray to  
false teaching or false gods.

In the Bible the concept of fatherhood is not restricted to just our earthly fathers  
and God. It is used to refer to people other than biological or legal fathers, and is  
used as a sign of respect to those with whom we have a special relationship. Since  
the Bible frequently speaks of this spiritual fatherhood, we Catholics  
acknowledge it and follow the custom of the apostles by calling pastors/priests  
“father.” Failure to acknowledge this is a failure to recognise and honour a great  
gift God has bestowed on the Church: the spiritual fatherhood of the priesthood.  
(Sources include: ‘Call no man your father.’ By Steve Ray and ‘Call no man  
father’ from Catholic.com)