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OF ATHY

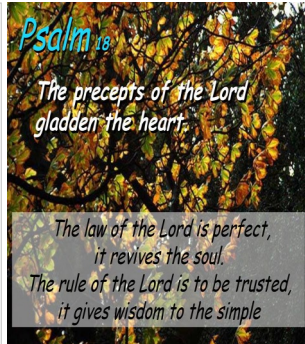
Comprising the Faith Communities  
of:  
ST MICHAEL'S, ATHY  
&  
ST MARY'S, BARROWHOUSE



**TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 29TH SEPTEMBER 2024**

**PRAYER**

Pour out your Spirit, O God, over all the world to inspire every heart with knowledge and love of you. Grant that we who confess Jesus as Lord may shun whatever is contrary to this faith and give witness to your love that has saved us in Christ, for he lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.  
Amen.



**PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD**

**Recently Deceased:**

*Evengiline Musch*, Rathsteward Crescent  
*Peter Kelly* Geraldine Rd.  
*Richard Bracken*, Churchtown  
*Sean Brennan*, late of Cardenton & formerly Chicago whose funeral took place today in Chicago  
*John Alcock*, New Zealand, and formerly Dooley's Tce. Funeral Mass Tuesday at 1pm followed by burial of Ashes. in New St. Michael's Cemetery  
*Florance Armstrong*, Ardreigh. Funeral Monday at 11am in St. Michael's to Ballina, Co. Mayo for burial.

**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

**Area Distributors Meeting**

Meeting of Area Distributors takes place Tuesday next, 1st October at 7.30 pm in Parish Centre Mount Hawkin

St. Michael's **Parish Choir** is looking for new members to join them in singing at 12 noon Mass on Sundays Just call to the choir before Mass and you will be most welcome.

**P. Dev.:** €628

**Common:** €1,160

**Share:** €1,010 Thanks to all who contribute

**Saturday 6pm Month's mind:** Seamus O'Donoghue, Des Ryan, Eamon Hicks

**Anniversaries:** Des Ryan (remembrance), Derek Donohue (2nd A), Joe Carolan, Nancy & Jack Dunne, Triona Harrington (1st A), Mary Brennan (3rd A), Kathleen Coburn, Marian Byrne, Martina Leonard, Declan Roche, Martin Flynn, Dec. mem. of Mulhall & Byrne families, Fr. Cathal Hutchinson, Des & Noreen Noonan, Margaret, James, Tommy & Tony Murphy, Kevin O'Toole, Paddy 'Pro' Murphy, Dec. mem. of Murphy family, Charlie & Nellie Sourke, Charlie & Kate Sourke, John Sourke, Martin Behan, Brigid & Jimmy Behan, Mary & Mairead Byrne, Mary & Eileen Roche, Kathleen Kelly, Sean & Kathleen O'Neill, Michael Grufferty (Birthday & Anniv)

**Sunday 9am Barowhouse:** Charles, Kathleen & Ursula Bowden, Margaret McDonald, Mary Foley

**Sunday 10.30am Recently Deceased:** Sean Brennan late of Cardenton & formerly Chicago

**Month Mind:** Paul McHugh

**Anniversaries:** Arthur Kavanagh, Nancy & Jack Dunne, Roslinda Romeo, Rollie Silacan, Norma Saadra, Merde Cinco, Kevin O'Toole, Timothy & Ellen Buckley, Mary & Eileen Roche, Kathleen Kelly, Noel Dunne (17th Anniv), Michael Godfrey (Birthday & Anniv)

**Sunday 12 noon: Month Mind:** Paul McHugh

**Anniversaries:** Kathy & Matthew Murray, Tony & Aidan Murray, Eamon 'Banford' Doyle (2nd A), Declan Roche, Marian Byrne, Martin Flynn, Martina Leonard, Roslinda, Silacan, Romeo Silacan, Rollie Silacan, Norma Saadra, Merde Cinco, Kevin O'Toole, Sean Redmond (22nd A), Pat Tynan, Mary & Eileen Roche, Kathleen Kelly, Thanksgiving

**Monday 9.30am** Michael Fogarty (20th A), Thomas Doyle, Dec. members of Doyle family

**Tues. 9.30 am:** John Quinn, Tom Walsh

**Wednes. 9.30 am:**

**Month's mind:** Seamus O'Donoghue  
Michael Grufferty (Anniv)

**Thur. 9.30 am:** Golden Book

**Friday 9.30am:** Altar List of The Dead

**ATHY PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK**

**Dominican Sunday, 13th Oct 2024**

led by Fr. Liam Rigney P.P.

The coach will depart from St. Michael's Parish Church car park at 8.30 am sharp. Return time 9.20pm approx.

One stop on route

**Tickets €30.**

Advanced booking & payment required. Places still available

Contact the Parish Office Ph: 059 86 38391



**PARISH OFFICE**

**Open:**

**Tue & Wednes**

9.30-1.30 & 2-4pm

**Thur & Fri**

9.30am-1.30 pm

**Sat**

10.30am -12.30 am

*Closed Monday, 30th Sept*

**email**

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**READINGS**

**1st Reading:**

Numbers 11.25-29

**Psalm:** Ps 18

**2nd Reading:** James 5.1-6

**Gospel:**

Mark 9:38-43.45.47-48

**Athy & District Care of the Elderly Committee Meeting**

takes place Monday, 30th September,  
at 8pm in Parish Centre Mount Hawkins

**Beginning Experience - Separated, Divorced, Widowed**  
**Are you coping?**

Few people are able to cope alone with the pain and loneliness following the loss of a life partner. Do you find that you need more support than family and friends can provide? Beginning Experience is a peer support group dedicated to helping those who are navigating life alone whether through death, separation or divorce. A team of trained facilitators, who are themselves widowed, separated or divorced share with you how they coped with their loss. A Three Day Coping with Life Alone Programme will take place on: Saturday 5th, 12th and 19th October, 2024 (Advance Booking Essential) Carmelite Community Centre, Whitefriar Street, Dublin 2. For further information contact Beginning Experience 086 0877379, or email:

**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).

**Runners and Walkers wanted for Outrun**  
**Hunger 5k**

*Whether you run, jog, or walk you can help St Clare's Hospitality Food Kitchen, Carlow 'Outrun Hunger.'*

**Sat Oct 19<sup>th</sup> 10am - Carlow Rugby Club,  
Oak Park, Carlow R93 RX25**

**Registration opens 8.30am**

Refreshments & prize-giving afterwards in Carlow Rugby Club,

**ACCORD**

Accord Carlow Relationship Counselling at St. Catherine's Community Service Centre Carlow

Phone Mary at 086 4149034 or email [accordcarlow@gmail.com](mailto:accordcarlow@gmail.com)

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**2025 SACRAMENT DATES**  
**PARISHES OF ATHY,  
NARRAGHMORE & MOONE**



**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**  
**Athy SMN** Fri 9th May  
**Athy SPN** Fri 23rd May at 11am  
**Gaelscoil** Fri 16th May at 11am  
**Ballyroe** Fri 16th May at 11am  
**Churchtown** Fri 16th May at 11am  
**Kilberry** Fri 16th May at 11am  
**Model School** Fri 16th May at 11am  
**Barrowhouse** Sat 24th May at 11am  
**Kilmead** Fri 9th May at 11am  
**Moone** 23rd May at 11am  
**Crookstown** Fri 16th May at 11am

*Jesus said:*

*"Let the children come to ME and do not stop them,  
for it is to such as these that the kingdom of  
Heaven belongs." Mt.19:14*

**DONATIONS TO THE  
PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND**

**Parish Bank details; Name of A/c: Athy Parochial A/c**

IBAN: **IE09 BOFI 9009 6511 1988 17**

BIC: **BOFIE2D**

Branch: Bank of Ireland, Emily Sq. Or

See **donate button** on parish website

[www.parihofathy.ie](http://www.parihofathy.ie)

**CATECHETICAL CORNER - WORDS**

Language matters! Words matter! Thankfully we no longer use words like 'handicapped' we say things like, 'less able' or 'having additional needs'. These words evoke different responses within us, calling us to a greater love, respect and appreciation for all people. Similarly, saying 'I am baptised' rather than 'I was baptised', should also evoke a different response within us. What does it mean to me that I am baptised? Being Baptised makes me a Christian. 'Christ' means the anointed one. A Christian, a person following 'the Christ' – the anointed one, is also an anointed one, that is what it means to be a Christian, to be an anointed one. If you are baptised, you are an "anointed one". If you are confirmed you are anointed. You are special. You are royal and you are priestly. *"It is called...anointing for it is priestly and royal as are those who are anointed..."* (CCC #1216) *"...you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession [own people], that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light."* (1 Pet. 2:9) Take a moment and let that sink in.

You have been given a job, a ministry, to do. As St John Henry Newman said: *"God has created me to do Him some definite service. He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission..."* The Church needs us all. It needs our particular gifts, talents and abilities. Just as the body needs the hand, the foot, the eye. While it can function without them, it is never the same, never as good, it is incomplete, it is lacking, so too the Church. (see 1 Cor. 12:12-31). Without each individual member fulfilling their unique role, the Church is incomplete, it is lacking and just not as good as it could be *"Through Baptism we are...incorporated into the Church..."* (CCC #1213) By incorporation into the Church we are given access to eternal life, but that is not the only reason for the Church. *"The Church was founded to spread the kingdom of Christ...for the glory of God the Father"* we are assigned this work, this mission, not by the priest at our baptism, not by the parish priest who might need help, not even by a bishop or the Pope, but rather by the LORD Himself: *"they [the lay faithful] are assigned to the apostolate [the mission of the Church] by the Lord Himself."* Viewing Baptism in this way is challenging. It calls us out ourselves. It calls us to be actively part of the mission. It calls us into ministry/service of our sisters and brothers. Baptism, viewed in this way, is dynamic and active rather than an historical event that has no bearing on my life now.

Be careful how you use words, words change thoughts, thoughts change actions and actions change behaviour. Language matters. Words matter.