



THE PARISH  
OF ATHY

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



## MASS OF THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY 9TH FEBRUARY 2025

### PRAYER

Most holy God,  
the earth is filled with your glory  
and in your presence angels stand  
in awe.

Enlarge our vision, that we may  
recognise your power at work in  
your Son and join the apostles  
and prophets as heralds of your  
saving word.

**Amen**

*The Lord has  
done great things  
for us; we are  
filled with joy.*



### PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

#### Recently Deceased:

#### Saturday 6pm

**Birthday rem:** Ben Whelan, Esther Maher

#### Month's mind:

**Anniversaries:** Martin Rowan, Gretta Dunne, Catherine 'Kay' Kelly (3rd A), Robert 'Bobby' Mulhall, Richard & Mary Moloney, Mattie Moloney, Henry Kelly (20th A), Charlie Sourke (5th A), Kate Sourke, Bill & Cis Tierney, Billy Tierney, Rosie Doyle, Tommy Deering, Bridie Hickey, Margaret Bolger, James Doran O'Reilly, Mary & Jimmy Sweeney, Noelle Sweeney, Patrick Walsh, Michael Dooley, Paddy & Paul Foley, Martin Behan, Charlie & Nellie Sourke, John Sourke, Bridget & Jimmy Behan, Mary & Mairead Byrne, Bridget 'Bids' Mahon Forkin, Mary Morrow, Tommy & Frances Morrow, Kathleen & Sean O'Neill, Michael & Rosanna O'Connor, Joe Prendergast, Séan Kelly and Bids Mahon Forkin

#### Sunday 9am Barowhouse:

#### Sunday 10.30am:

**Birthday remembrance:** Esther Maher

**Anniversaries:** Catherine 'Kay' Kelly, Robert 'Bobby' Mulhall, Joe & Ellen Bergin, Ann & David Bach, Micheál Behan, Michael & Nel McCormack, Anne Dunne, Paddy & Paul Foley, Mai & Joe Germaine, Patick Brennan (40th Anniv), Ethna Melady, Frances Lanigan, Séan Kelly and Bids Mahon Forkin, Johnny Haskins

#### Sunday 12 noon:

**Birthday rem:** Esther Maher, Betty Watchorn

**Anniversaries:** Robert 'Bobby' Mulhall, Frank English (15th A), Michael & Nel McCormack, Ann Dunne, Carmel Conroy, Mary O'Kafor, Paddy & Paul Foley, Tommy Donnelly, Johnny Haskins

**Monday 9.30am: Recently Deceased:** Mona McDonnell  
Special Intention, Sarah & Patrick McGann, Donors Intention, Frances Lanigan

**Tues. 9.30 am: Birthday rem.** Ben Whelan  
Anniv. Elizabeth & Edward O' Beirne, Micéal Kelly, James & Mary Ennis

#### Wednes. 9.30 am:

**Thur. 9.30 am:** Patrick Farrelly, Elizabeth Farrelly, Mary & Patrick Howard

**Friday 9.30am:** Elizabeth Kingston, Joseph McConville, John O'Brien (Anniv)

### 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.

**ACCORD** Annual collection will be made at all Masses next weekend, **15th & 16th February**. It will replace the Share collection. Accord are involved in marriage preparation and marriage guidance.

Last weekend collections;

**Common:** €1,100      **Share:** €830

**P. Dev.:** €928 of which  
€260 is **annual donations** &  
€668 is **weekly donations**

*Thanks to all who contributed*

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

### 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)

### PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

**Athy, Moone & Narraghmore**

4 Star Hôtel Padoue

24th June – 1st July 2025

€965 pps

Spiritual Director Fr. Francis McCarthy

Further details contact Christopher Rowan 087 2707 182



### WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

Pope Francis invites us to celebrate the  
**33rd World Day of the Sick on 11 February,**  
**the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes.**

The Pope's Message this Jubilee Year focuses on hope and leads with the quotation 'hope does not disappoint' from Romans 5:5. This is supported by a phrase 'but strengthens us in times of trial'. This quality of hope reaches out to those who are ill and those who care for them who may not have reached that point of apparent certainty about hope.

There are three points of focus in the 2025 Message.

*Encounter, Gift and Sharing.*

### READINGS

*Year C*

**First Reading:** Isaiah 6:1-8

**Psalm:** Ps. 137:1-5,7-8

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

**Gospel:** Luke 5: 1-11

**ADORATION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT**  
in

Crookstown Church on Tuesday evening  
7pm-8pm  
All are welcome

**HOLY HOUR**

in Athy Parish Church every Tuesday 2-3pm  
All welcome



**Anam Cara,**

the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on Monday 10th February at 7.30pm in the Maldron Hotel, Whitestown Way, Tallaght.

This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or how recent their death was.

You do not need to register in advance.

We also offer an online support group meeting.

To find out more call 01 4045378 or email [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie)

**CATECHETICAL CORNER – “GUILTY OR NOT GUILTY?”**



Imagine you were to put you on trial for being Catholic. Would there be enough evidence to convict you? What evidence do you think might be presented?

Perhaps that you attended Mass weekly – if you do. If not weekly, that you attended Mass from time to time, when it suited your life style. They might say that you have been known to pray, especially when you needed something or someone in your family was sick or in trouble. They might even say you contributed to the annual collection for the society of St Vincent De Paul. What else might they say?

If you were facing conviction based on this evidence, what would you say in your defence? Perhaps you might say something like; “Ah yes, but I only did those things out of habit. I was brought up as a Catholic and my parents made me this way.” Is the evidence that was presented enough to convict you of being a Catholic? Is that what Catholicism boils down to?

Fr Terence Henry, a Franciscan priest, said recently: “The age of casual Catholicism is over the age of heroic Catholicism has begun. We can no longer be Catholics by accident but instead we must become Catholics by conviction.” What does it mean to be “Catholic by conviction”? If it not obvious to others around us that we are Catholic, then we are doing it wrong. If love for GOD, made visible in our love for other people, is not our guiding principle, then we are doing it wrong. If being Catholic is not hard, really hard, then we are doing it wrong. Why? Because to be Catholic by conviction, to be a heroic Catholic, goes against our human nature.

But here is the good news, we have a super-power that enables us to be ‘Super-Catholic-Heroes’. It is called Grace! There is ‘Sanctifying Grace’ given to us in Baptism; “...the free and undeserved help that God gives us to respond to his call to become children of God, adoptive sons [and daughters], partakers of the divine nature and of eternal life...Grace is a participation in the life of God.” (Catechism of the Catholic Church #1996-1997). There are also ‘Actual Graces’ which “refer to God’s interventions, whether at the beginning of conversion or in the course of the work of sanctification” (CCC # 2000) This grace is offered and we either cooperate with or we don’t, in which case it goes away. Then there are “...sacramental [actual] graces, gifts proper to the different sacraments.” (CCC #2003). The more we avail of the sacraments the more we are disposed to receiving these graces. Catholics by conviction, heroic Catholics, shouldn’t need to put on trial, it should be a foregone conclusion, we are guilty as charged!



**Enrolment –Kilberry NS –September 2025**

On line enrolment for pupils wishing to commence in Junior Infants

opens Wed. 13th January to Friday 14th February at 3pm  
Application forms can be requested through school office  
059 8638448

Our website is [www.kilberryns.ie](http://www.kilberryns.ie)

**Enrolment Churchtown N.S.**

Enrolments for the academic year 2025-2026 currently taking place.

See our website for a copy of our Admission Policy and Annual Admission notice  
[www.churchtownnathy.com](http://www.churchtownnathy.com)

Applications are available from our website or email [churchathy@gmail.com](mailto:churchathy@gmail.com) or by writing to our school Churchtown N.S. Athy, Co. Kildare R14VE89. Tel: 059 8632178

**Enrolment Shanganamore N.S.**

Enrolments will take place from  
20th January-14th February

Places are available in Junior Infants with only one space in An Ghairdín Beo (ASD unit)

Applications forms are available from the school or the school website: [shanganamorens.ie](http://shanganamorens.ie)

**Gaelscoil Átha Í enrolment for the school year 2025-2026**

is open for junior infants starting school. Please see our website <https://www.gaelscoilathai.com/> for further information or come into our office for a hard copy of the enrolment form.

Have you ever dreamed of

**walking the Camino de Santiago?**

Breakthrough Cancer Research are taking on the 'Portuguese Way' from the 13th - 20th of June 2025.

Starting in the charming town of Baiona, experience camaraderie and reflection as you walk toward Santiago de Compostela, creating lasting memories on this historic pilgrimage. You can enjoy this amazing adventure with our experienced guide and help

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