



THE PARISH
OF ATHY

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



PASSION SUNDAY 13TH APRIL 2025

PRAYER

O God of eternal glory, you anointed Jesus your servant to bear our sins, to encourage the weary, to raise up and restore the fallen. Keep before our eyes the splendour of the paschal mystery of Christ and, by our sharing in the passion and resurrection, seal our lives with the victorious sign of his obedience and exaltation.
Amen.



CHURCH NOTICES

Today is Passion Sunday

Weekend Mass times: 6pm, 10.30am & 12 noon & Barrowhouse Sunday at 9 am

Weekday Mass times: 9.30 am. Rosary at 9.10 am.

Trocaire Boxes at the doors of the church.

PENITENTIAL SERVICES -

Including individual confession

Monday, 14th April in Athy Church at **7pm**

Tuesday, 15th April in Crookstown Church at **7pm**



Timetable for Holy Week see notice board at back of the Church. Contact you area distributor if you did not receive one

Holy Thursday 9.30 am: Morning Prayer
7.00 pm: Mass Of The Lord's Supper.

Good Friday 9.30 am: Morning Prayer
3 pm: Solemn Celebration of the Passion
7pm: Stations of the Cross in Athy

Good Friday is a Day of Fast & Abstinence

Holy Sat Vigil in Athy Church 7.30pm

Some **Area Distributors** have yet to collect their bundles of Easter Timetables and Due envelopes which are ready behind the high Altar for distribution in their area.

If you wish to have your Deceased loved ones remembered during our Easter Masses, please give in their names to the Parish Office by 1 pm on Holy Thursday to ensure their names will be printed on the **Easter List**.

We congratulate the Children from Scoil Padraig Naofa will received the Sacrament of **Confirmation** on Friday.

Last weekend collections;

Common: €1,235 **Share** € 960 **P. Dev.:** €800

Thanks to all who contributed

READINGS Year C

First Reading: Isaiah 50: 4-7

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

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel: Luke 19:28-40

PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

Recently Deceased:

Charlie Pearce, Lutton

Sadie Smith nee Davis, died in Cavan formerly Athy
Sam Mulhall, formerly of Larkfield, Athy, who died in Dublin.

Saturday 6pm Month' mind: Ross Kelly, Esther Mulhall

Remembrance: Nora Mary Gallagher

Birthday remembrance: Micheál 'Gunner' Connolly

Anniversaries: John Kavanagh, Ryan O'Donoghue, Tony Doyle, Ann Murphy, Rita & Bobby Flood, Dec. mem of Flood & O'Callaghan families, Lil Dalton, Christy Dalton, Andrew Bergin, Alice Hope, Esther Kelly Cahill, John Kelly, Pat Mulhall, John Ellard, May Kane (25th A), Joe Kane, Nancy, Sean & Jason Dooley, John Hoare, Maggie & Bill Hoare, Pat Hoare, Bill Hoare, May Noel & John Murphy, Ann Murphy, Rita & Ted Ward, Kitty Byrne, Mary Hyland, Betty Cusack, Kathleen Mackey, Kathy Brown, Pat Fitzsimons, Martin Holohan, David Whittle, Maureen Coyle, Kathy Honer, Marjorie Austin, Doris Pratt, Joe Carstairs, Dec. mem of Kane & Hoare families, Special Intention, Maura Owens (3rd Anniv), Joe Phillips (12th Anniv), Jack & Margaret Murphy, Mary & Jim O'Mara, Brendan Murphy, John Kilfeather, Phoebe Murphy, Nonie Heatherley, John Murphy, Anthony O'Neill

Sunday 9am Barowhouse: Aidan Howe, Andrew Bergin, Thomas McDonald, Mary Murphy.

Remembrance: Joseph Murphy

Sunday 10.30am: Birthday rem. Anne Brennan

Anniversaries: Martina McDonnell, Kathleen McHugh, Joyce McHugh, Jimmy Connell, Martin Brophy, Joseph Delahunt, Andrew Bergin, Tommy Nolan, Dec. members of Reid & Nolan family, Mark Browne, Billy, Cis & Bill Tierney, Kate & Charlie Sourke, Bernie, Anna & Paddy Hoban, Michael Ryan, Special Intention
Jack & Margaret Murphy, Mary & Jim O'Mara, Brendan Murphy, John Kilfeather, Phoebe Murphy, Nonie Heatherley, John Murphy, Patrick & Rosanna Keegan, John Dalton, Mary & Tom Nolan, Annie & Willie Hutchinson, Seán Byrne

Sunday 12 noon:

Month's mind: Joe Dalton

Birthday remembrance: Michael Gunner Connolly

Anniversaries: Kathleen McHugh, Joyce McHugh Jimmy Connell, Nicholas Cahill, Joseph Delahunt, Eugene Dempsey (21st Anniv), Andrew Bergin, Rose Brennan Jordan, Bernard Brennan, John Nolan, , Bill Lawler, Michael Ryan, Betty Watchorn

Monday 9.30 am: Rita & Bobby Flood, Dec. mem of Flood & O'Callaghan families, Maureen Rigney, Anthony O'Neill (anniv)

Tues. 9.30 am: Michael 'Gunner' Connolly, Seán Byrne, Peter & Margaret Fenlon & Dec mem of Fenlon Family

Wednes. 9.30 am: Martin Brophy, John Kavanagh, Kathleen Stewart (11th A), Hannah Webb (2nd A), Betty Watchorn, Frank, Margaret & Christopher King, Jane Christopher, Paul & Edward Dunne, Cecil & Bill Kavanagh (Anniv)

Easter Mass Bouquets & Greeting cards are

available from the parish office

PARISH OFFICE OPEN;

Monday: 2.15 pm-4pm

Tue & Wednes 9.30-1.30 & 2-4pm

Thur 9.30am-1.30 pm

(Closed Good Friday)

Saturday: 10.30am-12.30am

Phone: 059 86 38391 Email: athyparishrc@eircom.net

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Athy, Moone & Narraghmore

4 Star Hôtel Padoue

24th June – 1st July 2025 Cost €965 pps

Spiritual Director

Fr. Francis McCarthy

Further details

contact Christopher Rowan 087 2707 182



Monster Auction

**in aid of Church Heating Fund
takes place**

in Athy GAA Centre on

Sunday 11th May

See flier in church and on notice board



CATECHETICAL CORNER – DO I HAVE TO?

I wonder how many times parents have heard the question, 'do I have to?' 'Clean your room'. 'Do I have to; can you just do it?'. 'Empty the dishwasher'. 'Do I have to...?' Children can be reluctant to do what is good for them. Be it eating healthy or learning the discipline and responsibility associated with household chores. As Christians we can also be reluctant to do what is good for us. 'Help the poor'. 'Do I have to; can you just do it?' 'Pray...be loving...be forgiving...feed the hungry...go to Confession'. 'Do I have to...?' In many cases the answer is the same, be it from parents or from GOD; 'Yes, I can do it, but that's not how this works'.



Why do I have to go Confession? The answer is the same that we might give children; 'because it is good for you'. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is good for us in so many ways. Firstly, it is a Sacrament, so it is a means of receiving Grace. Sacraments are outwards signs of invisible realities. Wearing a wedding ring signifies that a person is married, but wearing a ring on the third finger of your left hand does not make a person married. This is where Sacraments are different, they actually accomplish what they signify. Confession accomplishes forgiveness, absolution and reconciliation with GOD, the Church and ourselves. *"The whole power of the sacrament of Penance consists in restoring us to God's grace and joining us with HIM in an intimate friendship... reconciles us with the Church... the forgiven penitent is reconciled with himself...[and] is reconciled with all creation"* (CCC #1468 - 1470)

The Church is the Body of Christ and we are all part of it, (see 1 Cor. 12), our sin not only damages our relationship with GOD. Our serious sin can have the effect of breaking our connection with the Church. Our sin also damages the Church, Confession restores those damaged relationships, "...but has also a revitalizing effect on the life of the Church which suffered from the sin of one of her members." (CCC # 1469) In addition, "...reconciliation is usually followed by peace and serenity of conscience with strong spiritual consolation." Confession is like laying down a heavy burden, if there is something that we have been carrying for a long time, bring it to GOD. There is no expiry date, on GOD's mercy and forgiveness, The practice of Confession of sin can be found in the book of Leviticus – (Lev. 5:5). It was also mandated by Jesus. On Easter Sunday, Jesus appeared to the Apostles and gave them authority to forgive sins – (Jn.20:22-23). HE would only do this if HE wanted us to confess our sins and receive the forgiveness being offered. The Church requires that we receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation a minimum of once a year, but that is a pretty low bar. Regular confession reduces the effects of sin in our lives. It sanctifies us and leads us closer to GOD. 'Be reconciled'.

32 County Holy Face Public Vigil

Good Friday, 18th April, 2025

12 noon-1.35 pm

**at the Marian Grotto, Rathstewart
(near Parish Church)**

All welcome.

Local contact David 085 1323869



CARE OF THE ELDERLY

Meeting takes place Monday next 14th April

Parish Centre, Mount Hawkins at 8pm

Deaf or Hard of hearing outreach clinic

Wednes 30th April

Wednes 28th May

Kildare Town library, R51 P403

Contact

Email: dublinsouth@chime.ie

No appointment necessary.

Athy Further Education

**Courses in Athy Further Education and Training Centre
commencing in September with enrolment open now.**

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Ruth at 059 86 32044 or**

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