



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



MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI) SUNDAY 22ND JUNE 2025

PRAYER

You have blessed all generations,
O God most high, in Jesus, our
compassionate saviour, for through
him you invite us to your kingdom,
welcome us to your table, and provide
us with nourishment in abundance.
Teach us to imitate your unfailing kind-
ness and to build up Christ's body, the
Church, by generously handing on to
others the gifts we have received from
your bounty. Amen.



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, an initiative in recent years and replacing
the Harvest Dues, is launched again this weekend to help
return the Common fund to a healthy position,
Please support your priests, sick priests, and those in poorer
parishes. "The generosity that you have towards your priests
is indispensable. Please play your part, too, in a renewed
and active involvement of all parishioners as together we
nourish and support each other, counting the wonderful
blessings of God in our lives" Archbishop Dermot Farrell

Last Weekend Collections

P. Dev.: €804

Common: €1,515 **Share** €1,229

Thanks to all who contributed

GAIELGE CHOIS BHEARÚ

**25th Anniversary Pattern to Tubberara Well,
Today, Sunday, 22nd June 2025**

leaving St. Vincent's Hospital at 2pm

Those travelling by car can meet with walkers at entrance
gate.

This 25th Anniv. will pay honour to Maisie Candy RIP
who restarted the pattern 25 years ago.

READINGS Year C

First Reading: Genesis 14: 18-20

Psalm: Ps. 109: 1-4

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Gospel: Luke 9: 11-17

LOUGH DERG 2025

Sanctuary of St. Patrick, Pettigo, Co. Donegal

Bus to Three Day Pilgrimage

Fri 4th July-Sunday, 6th July &

Wednes 13th August-Fri 15th August 2025

Pick up available Monasterevin 6.25am, Kildare town
6.35am See notice board

For information & Booking

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Deirdre 087 2467594 email deirdregleeson@medwise.ie

PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

Recently Deceased:

Sean Ellard, Whitebog, Barrowhouse

Nora Core nee Hunt, formerly Castledermot, who died in
London

Sat. 6pm Vigil:

Month's mind:

Anniversaries: & Remembrance: Nora Mary Gallagher,
Sadie Eustace (2nd A), John Shaughnessy (4th A), Patrick
'Pa' May, Rose Campbell, Andrew & Esther Murphy, Al &
Marion Prendergast, Elizabeth Rigney, Dan Foley (19th A),
Andrew 'Andy' Doyle, Mary Robinson (3rd A), Gladys Pink,
Peter Smyth, Thomas, Charlie & Patrick McDonnell,
Mary Hyland (4th A), Harry Mulhall, Mary Eaton, Sheila
Gough, Bridget Luttrell (Anniv)

Sunday 9am Barrowhouse: Month's mind; Dylan Steele

Sunday 10.30am:

Anniversaries: & Remembrance: John Shaughnessy (4th A)
Patrick 'Pa' May (22nd A), Rose Campbell, Christina Doyle
(29th A), Sadie Eustace (2nd A), Mary Robinson (3rd A),
Gladys Pink, Mary Myles, Carmel & Mary Pat Cahalane,
Mary Hyland (4th A), Betty & Jack Bride, Harry Mulhall,
Mary Eaton, Seán Dalton (3rd Anniv), Eamon McCauley

Sunday 12 noon:

Anniversaries: & Remembrance: John Peters, Nora & Mary
Gallagher, Michael Cremin, Sean Kiely, John Shaughnessy
(4th A), John O'Neill (3rd A), Connie Stafford (10th A),
Mary Mahon, Mary Robinson (3rd A), Gladys Pink,
Mary Hyland (4th A), Mary Eaton, Annie Raddie

Monday 9.30 am:

Prayers for Vocations for the Priesthood.
Holy Souls

Tues. 9.30 am:

Mary Robinson (3rd A) Martin O'Brien (1st Anniv)

Wednes. 9.30 am:

Birthday remembrance: Lena Reeves

Thur 9.30am: Connie Stafford (10th A)

Fri 9.30am:

Month's mind: Margaret Havens

Anniv. Patrick Havens, Lar Tynan, Betty Tynan, Mark Wall,
Martina Cambie (Anniv)

ROSARY & PRAYERS

at Our Lady of Fatima Grotto, Kilkenny Rd
every Sun at 7.30 pm
All welcome

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES
Athy, Moone & Narraghmore
4 Star Hôtel Padoue
Tue., 24th June – Tue., 1st July 2025



Spiritual Director Fr. Francis McCarthy
Contact Christopher Rowan 087 2707 182

We pray that the group will travel safely
and have a prayerful and peaceful pilgrimage



"...You will find rest for your soul..."
Mt. 11:29

HOLY HOUR

every Tuesday
in
St Michael's parish Church
at
the new time of
3pm-4pm

Messenger Sacred Heart Novena

Thursday, 19th June - Friday, 27th June



CATECHETICAL CORNER – BIG WORDS

Some times it takes a big word to capture the true meaning of something. An idea or a concept can be so big that it would take a long time to explain, so we use one word. For example, did you know that the milk we drink is homogenized? What does that mean? "*A process in which the fat droplets are emulsified and the cream does not separate.*" Imagine putting that on the outside of a carton of milk?

Another big word is Transubstantiation, which the Catechism explains it like this:

By the consecration [at Holy Mass by a validly ordained priest CCC#1411] the transubstantiation of the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ is brought about. Under the consecrated species of bread and wine Christ himself, living and glorious, is present in a true, real, and substantial manner: his Body and his Blood, with his soul and his divinity (CCC #1413)

In other words, the substance of the bread is changed and becomes the 'Body and Blood of Christ'. But what does it mean? Well, the word literally means to change the substance of a thing, that which makes a thing what it is. Human beings are defined not by their bodies but by their 'human nature'. Our bodies may fail but we have our human nature, hence why all human life is sacred to the moment of natural death. This human nature is our substance. Our body is what we call the accidents or our outward appearance.

If you are a Sci-Fi fan an android may have the outward appearance (*accidents*) of a human but the nature or make up (*substance*) of a machine/robot. So, before the consecration at Holy Mass the substance and accidents of the host is bread and wine but after the consecration the accidents appear the same but the substance has changed – Transubstantiation/Changed Substance.

For many people, some Catholics included, this is hard to take. But ask yourself this question: 'If God wanted to change the substance of bread and wine into the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Christ, could HE?' 'And if HE could, why wouldn't HE if it is for our good?'

For Catholics, the Eucharist is not a mere symbol. In fact the American Catholic writer, Flannery O'Connor said; '*If it be a symbol, to hell with it.*' It is no mere symbol. Rather it is the totality of Jesus fully present in the appearance (*accidents*) of Bread and Wine. This isn't something that we made up, it isn't something that is optional. It is fundamental to our faith, just like the Holy Trinity. We read in John's Gospel: *Jesus said: "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; if any one eats of this bread, he will live for ever; . . . he who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life and . . . abides in me, and I in him" (Jn 6:51, 54, 56).*

When some people found this teaching difficult and walked away, Jesus didn't try to stop them, in fact HE said to his disciples: 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' (Jn. 6:67)

If Jesus is fully present in the Eucharistic host, (*Host from the Latin term "Hostia" meaning a sacrificial victim*) – then what?

The **Rally for Life 2025**, the biggest pro-life event of the year is **JUST 3 WEEKS away!**
Saturday, 5th July 2025

Help promote the rally with friends and family.

If you are able to help, please contact us on
info@thelifeinstitute.net or call 01 8730465.

See more: rallyforlife.net or thelifeinstitute.net

Also please watch and share the Rally promo video on your social media platforms.

VOCATIONS

Please keep our seminarians and those discerning a vocation to priesthood in your prayers. If you know of anyone interested in finding out more about becoming a priest, please ask them to contact the Vocations team, Fr Séamus or Fr Bill, at

vocations@dublindiocese.ie or
bill.oshaughnessy@dublindiocese.ie.

This September join the
Missionaries of the Sacred Heart
as we walk the Camino Frances. We will end this special fundraising pilgrimage with two days in Fatima. Ex Dublin." Spiritual Director Fr Tony Horgan MSC.
For details ring Valerie at 021 4543988 or email Valerie.buckley@mscmisions.ie “

Share & Common Mass collections donate

The Archdiocese of Dublin have 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,
one at the back one at the side.

You can use your Debit/Credit Card or indeed your mobile phone if you it payments enabled on your phone.

**March 2025 tap & Go machine collected
€641 from 66 transactions to Share & Common Fund**
**April 2025 tap & Go machine collected
€500 from 56 transactions to Share & Common Fund**

There is also a Tap & Go machine in church to donate to Parish

PARISH OFFICE

Monday: 2.15 pm-4pm

(Closed Holy Days & Bank Holidays)

Tue & Wednes 9.30-1.30 & 2-4pm

Thur & Fri: 9.30am-1.30 pm **Sat:** 10.30am-12.30am

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