



THE PARISH  
OF ATHY

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



## MASS OF PENTECOST SUNDAY 8TH JUNE 2025

### PRAYER

God of every consolation and encouragement, in our day we are called to be witnesses to what we believe, to you yourself, to Jesus risen from the dead. Send us your Spirit so that we do not have to worry about what to say and when to say it but rather let the Spirit speak through us. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



Pentecost  
SUNDAY

### 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.

Father's Day is 15th June. **St. Joseph**, the earthly father of Jesus, is a powerful example of fatherhood marked by humility, faith, and quiet strength. Though little is recorded of his words, his actions speak volumes. He protected Mary and Jesus, provided for them through honest labour, and followed God's will with unwavering trust.

**Trociare** boxes can be returned to the Parish Office if you are having difficulty banking the money yourself.

Last Weekend Collections

**P. Dev.:** €645. **Common:** €1,295 **Share** €930  
*Thanks to all who contributed*

### *Building Hope*

**Novena Prayer to the Holy Spirit  
for the renewal of the Church in the Archdiocese of  
Dublin**

**1st-9th June 2025**

*Ascension to Pentecost to Feast of St Colmcille*

You are warmly invited to join with every parish in the diocese in the **Novena to the Holy Spirit – our dedicated period of prayer, reflection and planning for the renewal of the Church in the Archdiocese of Dublin.**

The Novena ends 9th June, the Feast of St Columba.

### PRAYER

Come, Holy Spirit, revive and renew us  
Come, Holy Spirit, inspire and enthuse us  
Come, Holy Spirit, unbind and release us  
Open our eyes to see God's grace around us  
Open our ears to hear God's voice within us  
Open our hearts to welcome God among us  
Send us out with joy to live the Gospel  
Send us out with peace to act as one  
Send us out with love to build up hope  
Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us  
St Laurence O'Toole, pray for us  
St Kevin, pray for us  
St Brigid, pray for us

### PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

#### Recently Deceased:

*Kenneth Phillips, Castlepark. Edward Keating, Smallford*

#### Sat. 6pm: Month's mind:

**Birthdays remembrance:** Stefano Colapicchioni, Dan Foley  
**Anniversaries: & Remembrance:**

Nora Mary Gallagher, Michael Brady, Josephine Doran O'Reilly, Patrick & Mary Howard, Nel McEvoy, Anthony Lawler, Micheál O'Neill (15th A), John Flanagan, John & Ellen Kirwan, John Brennan, Margaret Julian, Dec. members of Foley family, Margaret & Donal Kennedy, Seamus Davis, James & Eileen Hanratty, Nuala Dwyer (6th A), Valerie McCabe nee Leonard, Dec. mem of Leonard & McCabe families,

#### Sunday 9am Barowhouse:

Bridie (Gra) Davis, Bobby Smithers, Arnold McDonald (25th Anniv)

**Sunday 10.30am: Birthdays remembrance:** Philip Cleary  
**Anniversaries: & Remembrance:**

Joseph & Margaret Bergin, Joe Markey (1st A), Cyril Osborne, Patrick & Mary Murphy, Tony McArdle, Ann Deering (9th A), Eddie Doyle (1st A), Bridie (Gra) Davis, Bobby Smithers, Margaret & Donal Kennedy, Mattie Kirwan, Nuala Dwyer (6th A) Patricia 'Pat' Doyle

#### Sunday 12 noon:

**Anniversaries: & Remembrance:**

George Robinson, Magalisha Knee, Nora Mary Gallagher, Cyril Osborne, Patrick & Mary Murphy, Eddie Doyle (1st A), Anthony Doyle, Dec. members of Doyle family, John & Julie Lammon, Mary, Johnny & Jimmy Lamon, Dec. members of Lamon family, Bridie (Gra) Davis, Bobby Smithers, Margaret & Donal Kennedy, Richard 'Dick' Donovan, Nuala Dwyer (6th A), Julia Fleming

**Monday 9.30 am: Birthdays rem.** Dan Foley, Peg Nolan Eddie Doyle (1st A), Dec. mem of Foley family, Margaret & Donal Kennedy, Martin Mullin (25th Anniv), Special Intention. Thanksgiving, Donor's Intention

**Tues. 9.30 am:** Veronica McConville

**Wednes. 9.30 am:** Mary O'Sullivan, Mary Carr, Holy souls

**Thur 9.30am:** Paddy Cahill, Mary O'Sullivan, Daniel Butler (9th A), **Birthdays Rem:** PJ Davis, Bobbie Smithers

**Remembrance:** Joan Smithers, Bridie Davis

**Fri 9.30am:** Paddy Owens, Frank Foley

**Birthdays Rem:** Steven Lawlor

### ROSARY AND PRAYERS

at Our Lady of Fatima Grotto, Kilkenny Road  
every Sunday at 7.30 pm All welcome

### 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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### PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Athy, Moone & Narraghmore  
4 Star Hótel Padoue

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

Final payment is now due

Spiritual Director Fr. Francis McCarthy

Further details contact Christopher Rowan 087 2707 182



### YOUTH FUNDING CONCERT FOR ROME JUBILEE

Fundraiser Praise and Worship Concert, for young adults going to Youth Jubilee in Rome will take place on **Friday 13th June** at 7pm in St. Michael's Church, Athy R14 CA26. Tickets are €5 and will be on sale at the doors of St. Michael's Church at all Masses this weekend Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th June, or you can contact Kirsten on 085 7386083. (see notice board)  
Looking forward to seeing you there.

### VENERABLE MATT TALBOT CENTENERY WEEKEND

finishes **Sunday, 8th June, 2 pm-**

Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Sean McDermott St., Dublin 1

**Talk:** The church's role in addiction and recovery,  
& a PTAA talk.

**Prayer** Lord in your servant, Matt Talbot, You have given us a wonderful example of triumph over addiction, of devotion to duty, and of lifelong reverence of the Holy Sacrament. May his life of prayer and penance give us courage to take up our crosses and follow in the footsteps of Our Lord and Saviour.

### PADRE PIO'S GLOVE

in Fitzpatrick's House, Kilberry

on Saturday, 14th June 2025 at 11 am -5pm

Items of St Pio will be available on the day

For info call -Ann 085 1696189. Everyone welcome

### UNIFORM DONATION

For the upcoming Second hand Uniform Sale.

Ardcoil Na Trionóide Parents Council

are seeking uniforms suitable for sale.

Please hand into school before 28th June 2025

in a bag marked *Uniform*.

All proceeds towards student supports and activities

The **Rally for Life 2025**, the biggest pro-life event of the year is **JUST 4 WEEKS** away!

**Help promote the rally with friends and family.**

If you are able to help, please contact us on

[info@thelifeinstitute.net](mailto:info@thelifeinstitute.net) or call 01 8730465.

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



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

**Parish Radio** 107.9 fm

Children Liturgy Sheets  
available at doors of church



### CEMETERY MASSES 2025

#### ST MICHAEL'S NEW

**Monday, 9th June @ 7.30 PM**

*(this is an amended date since early May publication)*

#### ST MICHAEL'S OLD

**Wednes. 11th June @ 7.30 PM**

*(this is an amended date since early May publication)*

#### BARROWHOUSE

**SUNDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> JUNE @ 9:00 AM**

#### CROOKSTOWN

**SATURDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> JUNE @ 7:00 PM**

#### MOONE

**SUNDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> JUNE @ 12 NOON**

#### KILMEAD

**SUNDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> JUNE @ 10:30 AM**

#### KILBERRY

**THURSDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> JUNE @ 7:30 PM**

#### FONTSTOWN

Date to be decided

### CATECHETICAL CORNER – KINDNESS

There is an old saying that goes: "If you can be anything in this world...be kind" But what does it mean to be kind? First, kindness is an attribute of God. His kindness calls forth our repentance (Rom 2:3-4). Kindness is a fruit of the Holy Spirit (Gal 5:22). Kindness should characterise our lives in Christ. Any failures or shortcomings in this area are not of God and must be cast aside.

St. Paul exhorts us to focus on what is excellent, true, pure, and honourable (Phil 4:8). In chapter 13 of his First Letter to the Corinthians, he goes to great lengths in explaining a "more excellent way" (1 Cor 12:31), the way of charity. In verses 1-3, he sets the stage by emphasizing the absolute necessity of charity, or love. Then, in verses 4-7, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, he defines charity. He begins: "Love is patient and kind..." The "more excellent way" that we are to focus on is fundamentally patient and kind.

Kindness is nothing other than loving our neighbours as ourselves — putting others in our place. "This world" has no use for such nonsense. After all, "nice guys finish last." But if we allow Christ, who judges hearts, not appearances (cf. Is 11:3) to transform our perspective, we are able to escape our small, selfish worldviews. He allows us to see and reverence ...the God-given dignity of our neighbour. The "will of God" is to draw all people to Himself (cf. 1 Tm 2:4; 2 Pt 3:9). If that's so, we truly need to be instruments of God's unrelenting kindness.

The characteristics of kindness: The kind person is obliging - anticipating others' needs. They are also courteous, in that the respect they have for the other person is manifested in their conduct — everything from a polite greeting or acknowledgment of another's good deed to being punctual and thoughtful.

Kindness also breeds cheerfulness or affability. The kind person is also forgiving, patient, courageous (able to cope peaceably with difficulties and offer them as sacrifices), and agreeable, among other things.

Kindness is a welcome "sign of contradiction" in today's world. Kindness is a virtue which "lifts the spirits" and "touches the hearts" of the people we encounter in our lives. When amplified by grace ... it is a manifestation of the fruit of the Holy Spirit. It can be a kindness to say no. It can also be a kindness to correct, with love and respect. And it is definitely a kindness, both to yourself and the other person, to be no one's doormat.