



THE PARISH  
OF ATHY

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



## MASS OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY 15TH JUNE 2025

### PRAYER

God of every grace and gift, we come before in gratitude and great joy. Send your Holy Spirit once more into our hearts and lives that we may truly know your love and come to love you by the power of the same Holy Spirit.  
Amen.



### PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

#### Recently Deceased:

*Esther 'Essy' Dunne nee Bannon*, Bennettsbridge  
*Patrick Joseph Fitzpatrick*, The Moate, Ardsclull  
*Mary Dunny nee Walsh*, Burtown

**Sat. 6pm: Month's mind:** Breda Delaney

**Birthday remembrance:** Bernard Whelan,

**Anniversaries: & Remembrance:**

Myles & Elizabeth Whelan, Mark Carroll, Nora Mary Gallagher, Henry Howard (1<sup>st</sup> A) Kathleen & Breda Henry (1st Anniversaries), Lily Quinn (2nd A), Bernadette Kelly (3rd A), Harry Foley, Anne & Michael Hegarty, Geraldine Corcoran nee Hegarty, Anne Jenkins, John Flanagan, John & Ellen Kirwan, Peter Ging, Paul Cunningham (1st A), Dec. mem of Cunningham family, Mary & Jack Hayes, Dec. members of Hayes family, Tommie Comerford, Dec. members of Comerford family, Eileen Mahon, Francis 'Ya' Foley (26th A), Joan Rice nee Hyland, Harry Foley, Winifred Ingram, John Shaughnessy, Tommy Moran (9th A), Mary & John O'Brien, James & Eileen O'Brien, Kevin & Bridie Hyland, Sean Mullin, Theresa Breen, Mary Breen

#### Sunday 9am Barowhouse:

**Sunday 10.30am: Month's mind:** Breda Delaney

**Anniversaries: & Remembrance:**

Henry Howard (1st A), Michael Joyce (9th A), Dolores Mulhall, Anne & Michael Hegarty, Geraldine Corcoran nee Hegarty, Anne Jenkins, Paul Cunningham (1st A), Deceased members of Cunningham family, Esther & Andrew Murphy, Mary & Jack Hayes, Dec. mem of Hayes family, Tommie Comerford, Dec. mem of Comerford family, Michael & Andy Doogue, Joseph & Patrick Delaney, Maureen Moran, Mary, John, James & Eileen O'Brien, Special Intention

#### Sunday 12 noon:

**Month's mind:** Breda Delaney, Noel Walsh

**Birthday remembrance:** Tony Bracken, Kevin Reardon

**Anniversaries: & Remembrance:**

Nora Mary Gallagher, Magalisha Knee, Henry Howard (1<sup>st</sup> A) Michael Joyce (9th A), Dolores Mulhall, John Murphy, Lily Quinn (2nd A), Sr. Dolores O'Grady (2nd A), Paul Cunningham (1st A), Dec. members of Cunningham family, Derek Candy, Seamus Mageean, Mary Fleming, Mary Roche (40th A), Dec. members of Roche & Connolly families, Mary & Jack Hayes, Dec. members of Hayes family, Tommie Comerford, Dec. mem of Comerford family

**Monday 9.30 am: Birthday rem.** Michael Joyce Paul Cunningham (1st A), Seamus Mageean, Special Intention

**Tues. 9.30 am:** Teddy Kelly, Lil Cleary, Holy Souls, Special Intention

**Wednes. 9.30 am:** Christopher & Mary Cleary, Paddy & Bridie Dunne, Dec mem of Dunne family

**Thur 9.30am:** Liz Scully

**Fri 9.30am: Birthday Rem:** Bernard Whelan, Marie Kirby  
**Anniv:** Jim Doyle, Dec. mem of Doyle family

### 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.

Today is **Day for Life**.

**Area Distributors** are reminded that their bundles of *Summer Dues* envelopes are bundled behind high Altar ready for collection and distribution.

Parishioners with weekly boxes have a Summer Dues envelope inside their boxes. Dues contributions can be made through Parish website via Donate button, just click and select Summer Dues from the Donate option menu.

You can use your Donor ID/your parish env number.

Last Weekend Collections

**P. Dev.:** €614    **Common:** €1,050    **Share** €826

*Thanks to all who contributed*

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

### GAIELGE CHOIS BHEARÚ

**25th Anniversary Pattern to Tubberara Well,  
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:** Proverbs 8:22-31

**Psalm:** Ps. 8: 4-9

**Second Reading:** Romans 5: 1-5

**Gospel:** John 16:12-15

### ROSARY & PRAYERS

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

Anam Cara - supporting parents after bereavement, are hosting an **Online Bereavement Information Evening on Tuesday 17th June 2025 at 7pm**

Guest speaker Bryan Nolan has an M.A. in Healthcare Chaplaincy from DCU. He has worked with the Irish Hospice Foundation for over 13 years. Bryan's talk will focus on what lies ahead for parents who have experienced the loss of a child, how we can face the challenges ahead, and what can help us to move forward.

People can register via the link below.

[Register here for Online Bereavement Information Evening](#)

### PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Athy, Moone & Narraghmore  
4 Star Hôtel 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



### ATHY MERCY ASSOCIATE MEETING

final meeting before Summer recess

Monday, 16th June 2025, 7.30pm

Parish Centre, Mt. Hawkins



"...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



### 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

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

### CATECHETICAL CORNER – THE TRINITY.

It can be difficult to make sense of the Most Blessed Trinity. St Patrick used a Shamrock to try and explain it – three leaves but one plant. St Joseph of Cupertino used a blanket with three folds in it: three folds, one blanket. Our national flag, the Tricolour, might be another way; three distinct colours - one flag! But still none of those attempts really explain what the Holy Trinity is. To put it simply, the Trinity is a relationship of love.

"God is love" (1 Jn. 4:7 & 16). But for love to have any meaning it must have an 'object'. We don't just say 'I love.' We say; 'I love...you, I love...chocolate, I love...reading'. These are the 'objects' of our love. The Son – Who became Incarnate - the second person of the Trinity is the 'object' of the love of the Father. So too, the Father, the first person of the Trinity, is the object of the love of the Son. The Father loves the Son, the Son loves the Father. It is a mutual outpouring, a self-emptying of love, one for the other. So, the Father is both the lover and the beloved, so too the Son, is both the lover and the beloved. Their love flows from one to the other in an infinite outpouring of love. This love flowing from one to the other is what we call the Holy Spirit, the Holy Spirit is the fruit of the love flowing from Father to Son and Son to Father. That is why we say in the Creed, "I believe in the Holy Spirit...who proceeds from the Father and the Son..."

It is from this relationship of love that the Church draws her understanding of Sacramental Marriage and human sexuality. It is why the Church exalts human sexuality in marriage to such a high degree. The Church's understanding of human sexuality is not negative, rooted in sin and shame but rather, it is almost divine. The Church understands the marriage relationship as being the closest thing to the relationship of the Most Holy Trinity that we can encounter in this life. It is an expression of the mutual self-giving that we see in the Trinity that the Church sees in the marriage relationship. The wife, loving and being loved in return. The husband, loving and being loved in return. The fruit of the love that flows from one to the other, the outpouring of self-emptying love, being an openness to children. (See the Catechism of the Catholic Church 2260 – 2279)

It is this total self-giving, self-sacrificing love, that we see in the Trinity and in marriage. 'A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life...for his wife'. To love in this way is to be Trinitarian. To understand this love is to understand the Trinity.

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

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

Thanks to collectors and all who donated to Pro Life Campaign Church Gate Collection held on 7th/8th June at St Michael's Church €380 was raised.



**100th Anniversary of the Death of the Venerable Matt Talbot, 7th June 2025, Matt Talbot – Apostle of Hope,**

**Extract from the Homily of Archbishop Dermot Farrell**

"A man who came to know the darkness and the depths to which addiction can bring the person. Born in the poverty of Dublin's inner city, Matt Talbot began drinking at twelve years of age and became a chronic alcoholic. After sixteen years, aged 28, he decided to 'kick the habit'. In the mystery of his life, the Lord had knocked on Matt's door, and his turning to his Lord, 'the Way, the Truth and the Life' (John 14:6), became the way for him to fight, and overcome, his addiction. His rediscovery of his Lord and his active participation in the life of the Church—some might use the word 'conversion,' his turning to prayer, his reconnection with the Eucharist and the community that gathered for it, were central to his recovery. We are reminded that the spiritual and the physical dimensions of the person go hand-in-hand in the renewal and rebuilding of life. Matt once said to his sister, "Never think harshly of a person because of the drink. It is easier to get out of hell than it is to give up the drink." He then continued, "For me, it was only possible with the help of God and our Blessed Mother." Matt's life became one of prayer, penance, fasting and acts of charity. His journey to recovery was also a journey to the heart of what the Church and our mission is: a witness to the power of Christ for us and in us, a service of others—especially the poor."

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### 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**