



THE PARISH  
OF ATHY

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



## FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY 6TH JULY 2025

### Prayer

Help us, who have heard  
your Good News, to help  
others to be open to the  
Christ and his teaching,  
that people everywhere  
may know your salvation.



### 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,** Please support your priests, sick priests,  
and those in poorer parishes. Dues envelopes can be  
placed in collection bags or handed into parish office  
during the week.

Last Weekend Collections

**P. Dev.:** €955 **Common:** €905 **Peter Pence** €855

*Thanks to all who contributed*

A group of six young adults will be going to the  
**Youth Jubilee in Rome**  
from the 29<sup>th</sup> July-4th August.

They will be collection at the doors of the church to help with  
the cost of the pilgrimage.

Any donation however small would be greatly appreciated to  
cover the cost.

Scan the QR code below to donate securely;



Scan to connect to Charitable fund-raiser  
"St. Michael's Athy & St. Mary's Barrowhouse Youth Jubilee"  
"All in prayer"

### READINGS Year C

**First Reading:** Isaiah 66:10-14

**Psalms:** Ps. 65:1-7.16.20

**Second Reading:** Galatians 6:14-18

**Gospel:** Luke 10:1-12. 17-20

### ROSARY & PRAYERS

at

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

### PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

#### Recently Deceased:

*Veronica 'Bonnie' McEvoy, McDonnell Drive*

*Eugene Donnelly, Clonmullion*

*Maurice Cahill, Butler's Lane*

*Kevin Bowden Jnr., formerly Ashville, who died in New York*

**Sat. 6pm Vigil: Birthday rem:** Susan Page, John Harris, Susan  
Roycroft, Charlie McDonnell

#### Anniversaries & Remembrance:

Nora Mary Gallagher, Patrick & Dora O'Donoghue, Eileen  
McCarthy, Betty, Ann & William Doyle, Dec. members of  
Doyle & McGrath families, Tom Smith, Joe & Veronica  
Bradley, Anne & Jack Foley, Christy 'Kit' Pender,  
Jack Murphy (8th A), Dec. mem of Bambrick & Murphy  
families, Mary 'Dolly' Phillips (8th A), Gavin Rowan,  
Winifred Byrne (20th A), Bill Brennan (7th A), Bertie Kelly,  
Peggy McDermot Donnelly (2nd A), Brian & Sheila Kelly,  
Jane McLoughlin, Kathleen Barnard, Pat Fennin, Dec. mem of  
Nolan family, Mary Foley (1st A), Anne King,  
Daniel & Nora Thornton, Kathleen Connolly nee Thornton,  
Sheamus Thornton, Michael Thornton Jnr., Nigel Healy,  
Danny Kane, James & Robbie Reid, Dec mem of Reid & Foley  
Family, Eddie & Una Purcell, Martin Wall, Jack &  
Margaret Murphy, Mary & Jim O'Mara, Brendan Murphy,  
John Kilfeather, Phoebe Murphy, Nonie Heatherley, John  
Murphy

#### Sunday 9am Barrowhouse:

Gerry Howe, John Howe, Kevin Bowden Jnr (Rec Dec),

#### Sunday 10.30am: Birthday rem: John Harris

**Anniversaries:** Dorothy Mullan (1st A), Joe & Veronica  
Bradley, Maggie & John Mooney, Phil & Willow Mooney,  
Patrick Dunne (1st A), Winifred Byrne (20th A), Pat Fennin,  
Andrew & Ellen Doogue, James & Michael Doogue, Dec. mem  
of Doogue family, Mary Foley (1st A), Anne King, Percy Pink,  
Dec. members of Broderick family, Daniel & Nora Thornton,  
Kathleen Connolly nee Thornton, Seamus Thornton, Michael  
Thornton Jnr., Nigel Healy, James & Robbie Reid, Dec mem of  
Reid & Foley Families, Eddie & Una Purcell, Mollie Condron,  
Kathleen, Manix & Bernadette Thompson, Jack & Margaret  
Murphy, Mary & Jim O'Mara, Brendan Murphy, John  
Kilfeather, Phoebe Murphy, Nonie Heatherley, John Murphy

#### Sunday 12 noon: Birthday rem: John Harris

**Anniversaries:** Nora Mary Gallagher, Dorothy Mullan (1st A),  
Veronica & Joe Bradley, Winifred Byrne (20th A), Pat Fennin,  
Mary Foley (1st A), Daniel & Nora Thornton, Kathleen  
Connolly nee Thornton, Sheamus Thornton, Michael Thornton  
Jnr. Nigel Healy, Eddie & Una Purcell, Kathleen, Manix &  
Bernadette Thompson

#### Monday 9.30 am: Birthday rem: John Harris,

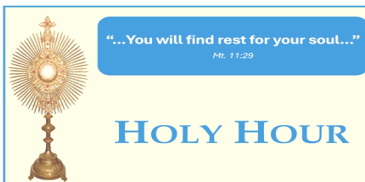
**Anniv:** Winifred & George Aldridge, Special Intentions,  
Donor Intention,

**Tues. 9.30 am:** Betty Connell, James Dayton, Mary Lalor  
Special Intention

**Wednes. 9.30 am:** Pat Spollen, Rachel Martin (1st A),  
Robbie & Jane Reid, Mollie Condron

**Thur 9.30am:** Edward Delahunt, Mary Delahunt, Thomas  
Delahunt., Anna O'Keeffe

**Fri 9.30am:** Bobby & Rita Flood, Dec. mem of Flood &  
O'Callaghan families, Teddy Kelly



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

#### DONATIONS TO THE PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND

There are several way to donate to your parish  
If you wish to set up **standing order** at your bank

**Parish Bank account details;**

Name of A/c: Athy Parochial

IBAN: **IE09 BOFI 9009 6511 1988 17**

BIC: **BOFIE2D**

Branch: Bank of Ireland, Emily Sq.

**Or See donate button** on

parish website: [www.parishofathy.ie](http://www.parishofathy.ie) **Or**

contact your area distributor/Parish office about organising

**weekly boxes or an annual contribution envelope**

*If you have a number on your box  
of envelopes use it as a Ref no. with your name*

#### BETHANY BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

Bethany Bereavement Support Group is a voluntary community and parish-based service. Our objective is to support the bereaved through the grieving process and our services are totally free of charge and confidential within the law. The name Bethany is derived from the story of Jesus' friends Martha & Mary who lived in a village called Bethany and grieved over the death of their brother Lazarus. Visit <https://bethany.ie/>.

#### CATECHETICAL CORNER – THE PRIDE THAT BINDS

Perhaps the fundamental difference between adults and children is responsibility. Children are, as they grow, taught responsibility; for their toys, their room, their hygiene, etc... In the Sacrament of Confirmation, we often say, rightly or wrongly, that the confirmed are now adults in the faith, in that they are responsible for their own faith life. In the human sense we know what it is to be responsible. We take care of ourselves, our homes, our families. We pay our bills and engage with society. But what does it mean to be responsible in the spiritual life?

Jesus said: *'I have come that you may have life, and have it to the full.'* (Jn. 10:10) But what does that mean? Well, it means that we can be the person we are created to be, *'made in the image and likeness of GOD.'* (Gen. 1:26-27). It means that we are created to love. Firstly, to love GOD and then each other – (see Mt. 22:37-40; Deut. 6:5; Lev. 19:18; Ex. 20:1-17). When we fall short of this, when we are not being our best self, we are not living in the image and likeness of GOD.

In John's Gospel we read: *'If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.'* (Jn. 8:31-32) The Catechism of the Catholic Church speaks of human freedom as *'a force for growth and maturity in truth and goodness; it attains its perfection when directed toward God...'* (CCC #1731) As a result of original sin, which was the sin of pride, -wanting to be like GOD (Gen. 3:5) – in our pride, we lie. Not wanting to be caught out, we don't take responsibility for our actions. We try to blame others, we make excuses, we deny. The Catechism says this: *'The more one does what is good, the freer one becomes.'* (CCC #1733). So, the opposite then is also true, *'the choice to disobey and do evil is an abuse of freedom and leads to "the slavery of sin."* (CCC #1733). Failing to take responsibility, failing to admit that we have fallen short of the image in which we are made, is to allow ourselves to be held in the slavery of sin. It is to bind ourselves to the father of lies. It is a rejection of the offer of *'life to the full'*. St Teresa of Avila said; *'Humility is walking in the truth.'* This means that true humility involves a deep understanding and acceptance of oneself, acknowledging both strengths and weaknesses. It means recognising one's limitations and dependence on God, rather than striving for self-reliance or pride. Humility says, *'I was wrong, I made a mistake, and seeks forgiveness...'* Pride blames, denies, accuses and makes excuses.

If we are to be Free, truly free, we must live Humility.

#### 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](mailto:vocations@dublindiocese.ie) or [bill.oshaughnessy@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:bill.oshaughnessy@dublindiocese.ie).



Archdiocese of Dublin

Are You  
Being  
Called To  
The  
Priesthood?

#### LOUGH DERG 2025

*Sanctuary of St. Patrick, Pettigo, Co. Donegal*

#### Bus to Three Day Pilgrimage

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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#### 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)



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

#### 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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