



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



## EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY 3RD AUGUST 2025

### PRAYER

O God, the giver of every gift that endures, only by your grace can we rightly understand the wonder of life and why it is given. By the word of your Son challenge our foolishness, confront our greed, and shape our lives to the wisdom of the Gospel. We make our prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.



### PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

#### Recently Deceased:

*Reggie Lalor*, White Castlelawn  
*Anita Layden*, Church Rd  
*Rose Keogh nee Perse*, Skerries  
*Denis Murphy*, Church Road  
*Margaret Doogue*, Butler's Lane

#### Sat. 6pm Vigil

**Month's mind:** Eugene Donnelly

**Birthday Remembrance:** Ronan Friel, Norman Glynn

#### Anniversaries & Remembrance:

Brigid & Ned Moore, Nel, Mary, Jim & Mick Kavanagh, Mary Dempsey (7th A), Michael Scally, John Moran (2nd A), Annie McManus, Margaret Deegan, John Kinahan, Nora Mary Gallagher, Kevin Hamilton, Sheila Rigney (3rd A) Joe Dooley, Alice Dooley, Michael 'Spud' Dooley, Michael Ludlow, May & Joe Kane, Nancy, Sean & Jason Dooley, John Hoare, Maggie Hoare (35th A), Bill Hoare, Pat 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, Frank Honer, Marjorie Austin, Doris Pratt, Joe Carstairs, Dec. members of Kane & Hoare families, Sp. Intention.

**Sunday 9am Barowhouse:** Mary Bergin

#### Sunday 10.30am:

**Birthday remembrance:** Norman Glynn

#### Anniversaries & Remembrance:

Brigid & Ned Moore, Joseph Redmond, Margaret, Tom, Pat & Michael Meany, Annie McManus, Margaret Deegan, Maisie Candy, Kevin Hamilton, Sheila Rigney (3rd A), Dec. members of Kinsella family, Mary & Dick Fallon, Sean King (15th A), Mary King (9th A), Michael & Mary Hughes,

#### Sunday 12 noon:

**Birthday remembrance:** Norman Glynn

#### Anniversaries & Remembrance:

Brigid & Ned Moore, Mary Dempsey (7th A), Maisie Candy (1st A), Derek Candy, Dec. members of Kelly & Candy families, Michael Kelly, Nora Mary Gallagher, Sheila Rigney (3rd A), Jimmy, Mary & Noelle Sweeney, Pat Prendergast, Michael & Mary Hughes, Sean King (15th), Mary King (9th A),

**Monday 9.30 am:** Angela Brennan, Edward Keating, Jane Murphy

**Tues. 9.30 am:** Kevin Hamilton, Special Intention, Donors Intention

#### Wednes. 9.30 am:

**Birthday rem:** Hannah Webb, Robbie Robinson, Eric Butler  
**Anniv:** John Murphy, Michael Donovan, Sean King (15th A)

**Thur 9.30am:** Golden Book

**Fri 9.30am:** Special Intention, Larry Foy, Margaret 'Peg' Day  
Edward & Margaret Brennan, Michael, John & Tony Brennan, Betty & Paddy Brennan

### 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 office hours.

Mass **Bank Holiday Monday** at usual time of 9.30am. Parish Office will **close** Monday due to bank Holiday and re-opens Tuesday, 5th August.

Last Weekend Collections

**P. Dev.:** €628 **Common:** €1,195 **Share** €967

*Thanks to all who contributed*

**PIGRIMAGE TO OUR LADY'S ISLAND, Wexford**  
**Friday, 15th August 2025**  
*Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady*

**Mass, Procession, Rosary,  
Confession & Adoration**

Bus departing from Parish Church at 11am  
(return time 7.25pm approx.)

Contact Athy Parish Office  
Pre booking essential  
leaving your name & contact phone no.  
Advanced payment required of €22 per person

### THE YOUTH 2000 SUMMER FESTIVAL 2025

for young people aged 16-35 takes place at  
Dominican College, Newbridge, Co Kildare, from the  
**7th to the 10th of August**

Once registered for the Festival, attendees can book a spot on one of the 5 free bus routes to the festival. As always our retreats are **donation only**, we want to make sure any young person who wants to attend can do so.

See poster on notice boards

For more information and to book your place go  
to [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie)

If you have any questions please let me know.

### READINGS Year C

**First Reading:** Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23 **Psalms:** Ps.94: 1-2.6-9 **Second Reading:** Colossians 3: 1-5. 9-11 **Gospel:** Luke 12: 13-21

**New bus service 888 Athy-Allenwood-Athy TFI**  
**Local Link Kildare South**



Operates 7 days a week with 5 daily return services Mon- Sat and 3 return services on a Sunday.

Part of The Connecting Ireland programme and it connects the towns of Athy, Monasterevin, Rathangan, and Allenwood.

This new 888 service will have many benefits for the local communities along the route providing long awaited connections between these towns. **Tel:** 045 980 281

**Email:** kildaresd@locallink.ie

**Web:** www.locallinkkildaresouthdublin.ie

**Note Mass Goer:** Route 888 facilitates user from Kilberry to arrive in Athy for 11.44am for 12 noon Sunday Mass & departs from Athy (opposite Sam Sunderland) 12.47pm..

**Pilgrimage to Fatima**

Pilgrimage to Fatima - an escorted group pilgrimage with excursion to Eucharistic miracle of Santarém. The pilgrimage is 4 nights, flying from Dublin 10th - 14th of September 2025

Cost €799pps. Single room supplement €200.

Spiritual Director: Fr. Francis McCarthy

For further information please contact Lily O'Mara on 0863190742.

There will be no Holy Hour in the month of August.  
Adoration resumption on Tuesday, 9th September.

**CATECHETICAL CORNER – IT HOLDS TREASURE.**

When we come to receive Holy Communion the priest or minister of Holy Communion takes the host from a vessel, this vessel is called a Ciborium, not a chalice. It is not just a handy means of distributing Holy Communion it is rich in meaning and symbolism.

A ciborium is a covered container used to hold the consecrated hosts (the Eucharistic bread) for distribution and reservation in the tabernacle. It looks similar to a chalice (cup), but it has a lid.

It is usually (*should be*) made of precious materials (gold, silver, or gilded metal) to honour the sacred species it holds. In the book of Exodus GOD gave very clear and detailed instructions of how the Ark of the Covenant, as well all the accessories, was to be built and what materials were to be used. In Exodus 24:29 we read that; '...dishes, cups, jars and bowls...' are to be made for the table of the bread of the Presence and that these are to be made '...of pure gold...'.

According to the General Instruction on the Roman Missal (the rule book on how Mass is to be celebrated) "*Sacred vessels should be made from precious metal.* The Ciborium, began its development after the initial persecution of the Church had ceased. It was determined that a dignified and sacred vessel, worthy of the Body of Christ, was required for containing the Blessed Sacrament. Initially, these vessels were often made of simple wood or metal, however, over time as our understanding and theology of the Eucharist deepened, richer vessels emerged. In the Middle Ages the ciborium evolved into its recognizable form: a cup-shaped vessel with a lid. Churches valued precious metals to show the Eucharist's sacredness. Ornate ciboria were engraved with Christian symbols While there has been a return to more simple designs in the post Vatican II era, Ciboria are still required. The Ciborium represents Sacredness. The ciborium is more than a container: it is a sign of the Church's reverence for the true Body of Christ.

From biblical roots in the sacred bread of the Presence to elaborate medieval designs, the ciborium embodies centuries of Christian devotion. Its purpose to safeguard and honour the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

When you see a ciborium in use at Mass or resting in the tabernacle, you are witnessing a sacred tradition that connects our Judaic roots, the Last Supper, the early Church, and today's liturgy in one unbroken act of reverence, worship and love.

**Fundraising Sale for Cuan Mhuire**

**Date:** Saturday next, 9th August 2025

**Time:** 10am - 4pm

**Venue:** An Gairdín Beo, Dublin Road, Carlow

Join us for incredible bargains while supporting Cuan Mhuire's drug rehabilitation unit in Athy, Co. Kildare. This treasure trove sale features clothes, bags, shoes, books, jewellery, and household items - with 80% being brand new.

Browse quality goods at unbeatable prices knowing every purchase helps fund vital addiction treatment and recovery services. Donation buckets available throughout the hall.

Whether you're bargain hunting or supporting a great cause, this sale has something for everyone. Come early for the best selection!

**Recollection Weekend**

22nd - 24th August 2025 in Cluain Chiarain Prayer Centre, Clonmacnois. A retreat for adult Catholics seeking to deepen their spiritual life and grow in holiness. A time for silence, reflection and fellowship with talks from various guest speakers. €180 - all meals and accommodation provided with custom welcome pack. For more details and booking visit [www.thecollect.ie](http://www.thecollect.ie)

**PARISH OFFICE OPEN;**

**Closed bank Holiday Monday**

**Tue & Wednes 9.30-1.30 & 2-4pm**

**Thur 9.30am-1.30 pm & Friday 9.30am-1.30 pm**

**Saturday: 10.30am-12.30am**

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

**ROSARY & PRAYERS**

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

**MANRESA RETREATS**

Looking to pause and reconnect with God? Manresa Jesuit Centre of Spirituality (Clontarf, Dublin) is offering the following retreats:

Oasis Day. Saturday, 16 August. Take time to pause with an Oasis Day – a gentle, one-day retreat of reflection and guided prayer, offering quiet space for prayer, rest, and renewal.

Visit [www.manresa.ie](http://www.manresa.ie) for more details.

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