



THE PARISH  
OF ATHY

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



## TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY 24TH AUGUST 2025

### PRAYER

Loving God, when hardships  
come our way, be our help so  
that we can endure what is  
difficult and grow in our love  
for you and your love for us.  
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.

**Parish office** will be closed on Monday next 25th August.

Last Weekend Collections inc. Holy Day  
**P. Dev.:** € 779 **Common:** €1,450 **Share** €1,130  
*Thanks to all who contributed*

### O.N.E.

St Michael's branch, Athy annual Mass will take place here  
in St. Michaels Church at 12 noon  
Sunday 24th August.  
The Newbridge Gospel choir will be present.  
A wreath laying ceremony will be held in the  
Marian Shrine Grotto after Mass.  
All are welcome.

### Pilgrimage of Hope, 2025

*The partnership of parishes of Athy, Narraghmore, Moone  
and Castledermot*

are having a Pilgrimage of Hope on  
**Saturday 20th September.**

You are invited to join us in the Pilgrimage of Hope  
which will visit all 8 churches in the 4 parishes.  
Each Church will organise a brief prayer service.  
Details of which will be published shortly.



### Personal petitions for Lourdes

Fr Liam Rigney is travelling as Chaplain to the Sick with the  
Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes,  
4th-9th September

You are welcome to send a personal petition to Lourdes  
You will find a Lourdes petition sheet and envelope marked  
'Lourdes Petition' at Our Lady's Shrine in St. Michael's  
Church. Please complete the sheet and seal it in the  
envelope. Place it in the box at our Lady's Altar,  
*Please do not put money into the envelope as the Sanctuary  
Authorities burn all petitions.*

Fr Liam will place all the petitions in the *Petition Box* at the  
Grotto in Lourdes. They will be included in all the Masses  
and ceremonies of the Pilgrimage.

Fr Liam will light a candle  
for the intentions of all the  
parishioners.



### PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

#### Recently Deceased:

*Lila Mageean nee Quail*, Ashville, formerly Portaferry, Down  
*Steve Cross*, England  
*Shay Chanders*, Shruteen Lane. Funeral arrangements later.

#### Sat. 6pm Vigil

**Month's mind:** Denis Murphy, Reggie Lalor, Rose Keogh nee  
Perse, Margaret Doogue, Trish Murphy

**Birthday Rem:** Margaret Peg Moloney, John Foley

#### Anniversaries & Remembrance:

Mairead Fogarty, Marion Fogarty, Mark Merlehan, Paddy &  
Mary Lawler, Nora Mary Gallagher, Mary Gray (2nd A), Jack  
Dunne, Eamon Farrell, Abbey George (3rd A), Patrick 'Parkey'  
Kelly (40th A), Jason Doogue (10th A), Dec. mem of Foley  
family, Dina & Paddy Lawler, Kathleen Barry, Andrew Whyte

**Sunday 9am Barrowhouse:** Mary Gray (2nd A)

**Sunday 10.30am: Month's mind:** Reggie Lawler

**Birthday remembrance:** Bridget Fitzgerald

#### Anniversaries & Remembrance:

Mark Merlehan, Paddy & Mary Lawler, Alice & Michael Piert,  
Michael Piert (Jnr.), Dec. mem of Piert family, Abbey George  
(3rd A), Johnny Redmond, Carol Carpenter, Dolores Butler,  
Jack Dunne, Eamon Farrell, Mary Gray (2nd A), Andrew  
Whyte

#### Sunday 12 noon: O.N.E. Annual Mass

**Month's mind:** Reggie Lalor Roseann Keogh nee Perse,  
Anita Layden,

#### Anniversaries & Remembrance:

Mark Merlehan, Paddy & Mary Lawler, Abbey George (3<sup>rd</sup> A)  
Nora Mary Gallagher, Michael Moylan, Eleanor Dooley, Dec.  
mem of Dooley family, Mary Gray (2nd A), Tom Dooley  
Dec. mem of Dooley & Conneran families, Andrew Whyte  
(37th anniv), Romeo Silacan, Rosalinda Silican, Rollie Silacan

**Monday 9.30 am:** May Nunan

**Tues. 9.30 am:**

**Wednes. 9.30 am:**

**Thur 9.30am:** Eamonn Stafford (39th Anniv)

**Friday 9.30am:**

**Birthday rem:** Colm Crowe, Paul McHugh (1st A)

Mary Holligan, Joe Crowe, Martin McGrath (21st Anniv)

### CEMETERY MASS

Fr Vincent Dempsey will celebrate Mass in  
**Fontstown Cemetery**  
on Sunday 24th August 2025 at 3pm.

### READINGS Year C

**First Reading:** Isaiah 66:18-21

**Psalms:** Ps.116

**Second Reading:** Hebrews 12:5-7.11-13

**Gospel:** Luke 13.22-30

### Archbishop Farrell addresses racial attacks on the Indian Community

The Archbishop of Dublin, Dermot Farrell, addresses recent racial attacks on the Indian community in Dublin, condemning such behaviour as unacceptable and harmful to society. He highlights the significant contributions of the Indian community and other minorities to Ireland, particularly in healthcare, the economy, and the Church. The Archbishop calls for solidarity, justice, and equality, urging parishes to welcome and support minority communities. He encourages practical steps, such as engaging with affected families, supporting law enforcement, countering misinformation, and ensuring diversity in parish councils and ministries. The letter emphasizes gratitude for the contributions of minority communities and the Christian duty of hospitality and inclusion.

### Preparing for Marriage? Weekend residential courses available. 21-23 November 2025.

Details: [www.grasta.org](http://www.grasta.org) or at [info@grasta.org](mailto:info@grasta.org)

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

### 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)

### BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

The Irish Hospice Foundation provides a free Bereavement Support Line. This National Freephone Service is available from 10am to 1pm, Monday to Friday, by calling 1800 807077.

Visit [www.hospicefoundation.ie](http://www.hospicefoundation.ie) for more information.

### AWARE – SUPPORT & SELF CARE GROUPS

If you or those with whom you work wish to connect with people in relation to your mental wellbeing, consider using Aware's phone-in and Zoom support and self-care groups, support line or support mail. For more information, visit [www.aware.ie](http://www.aware.ie).

**Augustine of Hippo** (13 November 354 – 28 August 430) was a theologian and philosopher of [Berber](#) origin and the [bishop of Hippo Regius](#) in [Numidia](#), [Roman North Africa](#). His writings deeply influenced the development of [Western philosophy](#) and [Western Christianity](#), and he is viewed as one of the most important [Church Fathers of the Latin Church](#) in the [Patristic Period](#). His many important works include [The City of God](#), [On Christian Doctrine](#), and [Confessions](#). After his conversion to Christianity and baptism in 386, Augustine developed his own approach to philosophy and theology, accommodating a variety of methods and perspectives.

Believing the [grace of Christ](#) was indispensable to human freedom, he helped formulate the doctrine of [original sin](#) and made significant contributions to the development of [just war theory](#). When the [Western Roman Empire](#) began to disintegrate, Augustine imagined the Church as a spiritual [City of God](#), distinct from the material Earthly City. Augustine is recognized as a saint in the [Catholic Church](#), the Eastern Orthodox Church, the [Lutheran churches](#), and the [Anglican Communion](#). He is also a preeminent Catholic [Doctor of the Church](#) and the patron of the [Augustinians](#).

His **Feast Day** is celebrated on **28 August**, the day of his death. Augustine is the [patron saint](#) of brewers, printers, theologians, and a number of cities and dioceses.



### PARISH OFFICE OPEN;

**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  
**Phone:** 059 86 38391  
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### ROSARY & PRAYERS

at Our Lady of Fatima Grotto, Kilkenny Rd  
every Sunday at **6 pm**.  
All welcome

### Share & Common Mass collections

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 have payments enabled on your phone.

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

Children Liturgy Sheets  
available at doors of church



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**Parish Radio** 107.9 fm

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