



THE PARISH
OF ATHY

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



TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER 2025

Prayer

I truly believe and I know, God of our hearts, that you love and desire all that I am. May your great love penetrate even the darkest parts of my life that I may know true conversion of heart and love you with my whole self.

Amen

Praise
THE
Lord

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.

Annual Crosscare collection will take place today. It will replace the Share collection. Thousands of people turn to Crosscare for support, challenges remain real and urgent and deepening housing crisis, the cost of living, migration pressures and growing food insecurity. The generosity of the parishioners allows Crosscare the agility to respond to new and emerging needs of those in our society who find themselves with nowhere else to turn.

Last Weekend Collections

P. Dev.: €1,380 **Common:** €1,385 **Share** €1,065

Thanks to all who contributed

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

"The mission of the Church, the work of God, is not just the responsibility of the teaching Church, it is the call and the responsibility of all the baptised." So said Archbishop Farrell in the document launching the Diocesan Pastoral Council. The Archbishop continued: *"One of the ways to ensure that the faithful are able to be heard and can participate in the life of the church, is through a...Pastoral Council."*

A Pastoral Council is not merely to assist the priests and Pastoral Workers in their work, but rather, to work alongside, collaborating as co-responsible equals, offering their time, talent and treasure for the good of our parishes. *"Such a body allows the People of God to play a part in the pastoral development of the [parishes]."*

The formation of a Pastoral Council is rooted in the call that is issued to all of us at Baptism, the call to discipleship. It is rooted in the recognition that we are all gifted and graced by GOD in and through the Holy Spirit: "The Pastoral Council is a prayerful, discerning group of parishioners, representative of the partnership of parishes of Moone, Narraghmore & Athy. Seeking, in prayer, to discern how our parishes can interact with and respond to the context in which we, as faith communities, persist within the broader context of society. After a long period of discernment, prayer and discussion a combined Pastoral Council has been formed that will serve the people of the parishes of Narraghmore, Moone & Athy for a fixed 3-year term.

This new council will be commissioned at the 12noon Mass in St Michael's Church, Athy on Sunday, September 21st.

Please join us at that Mass to show your support to those who have responded in this way to the call of their Baptism.

The members of the council are: Audrey Cardiff, Fergal Dunne, Marcella Moore, Chris Rowan, Bernadette Prendergast, James Reeves, Frances Soney-Ituen, Joan O'Connor, Anne Crowe.

Please keep the council in your prayers.

PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

Recently Deceased:

Joe Brady, Shanrath East

Billy Joy, formerly The Bleach and late of Waterford

Sat. 6pm Vigil: Month's mind: Lila Mageean

Anniversaries & Remembrance:

Dora & Patrick O'Donoghue, Dec. members of Meaney & McLaughlin families, Martin Mullins (1st A), John Murphy (2nd A), May Casey, Richard Bracken (1st A), Peter Kelly (1st A), Nora Mary Gallagher, Elizabeth Browne, Richard Byrne, Chareme Bernasor, Mathew Howard, Anne Maher, David & Bridie Bolger, Andy Whelan (5th A), Eileen Roche, Mary Roche, Kathleen Kelly, Pat Flinter, Betty Dunne (20th A) Henry Foley, Ned Cambie, Parkey Dalton

Sunday 9am Barowhouse: Kathleen & Charles Bowden, Ursula Bowden, David & Bridie Bolger

Sunday 10.30am:

Months Mind: Cora Berry

Anniversaries & Remembrance:

Paddy Ennis, John Murphy (2nd A), Richard Bracken (1st A), Tommy Whelan, Peter Kely (1st A), Ned Cambie, Chareme Bernasor, Alex & Mary Neill, Sr. Martha Myles, Andy Whelan (5th A), Eileen & Mary Roche, Kathleen Kelly, George & Patrick Aldridge, Dec. mem of Aldridge & Murphy families, Betty Dunne (20th A), Mary & Christy Stynes

Sunday 12 noon:

Month's mind:

Anniversaries & Remembrance:

Christy Lamon, John Murphy (2nd A), Richard Bracken (1st A) Peter Kelly (1st A), Nora Mary Gallagher, Ned Cambie, Gerard Noonan, Andy Whelan (5th A), Eileen & Mary Roche, Kathleen Kelly, Betty Dunne (20th A), Alice O'Sullivan (4th Anniv)

Monday 9.30 am: Month's mind: Shay Chanders

Tues. 9.30 am: Frank Fitzpatrick, Edward Fitzpatrick

Wednes. 9.30 am: Tom Walsh (Anniv)

Thur 9.30am: Derek Donohue

Friday 9.30am:

John & Theresa O'Sullivan, Tom Walsh (Anniv)

READINGS Year C

First Reading: Amos 8: 4-7 **Psalms:** Ps.112: 1-2. 4-8

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2: 1-8 **Gospel:** Luke 16. 1-13



"...You will find rest for your soul..."
Ps. 118:8

HOLY HOUR

every Tuesday in
St Michael's parish Church
at the new time of **2.30am-3.30am**

ST MICHAEL'S PARISH CHOIR
will resume singing **today** at 12noon Mass



New members welcome, all
you have to do is make your up to the Gallery before Mass.
You will be more than welcome.

Athy Parish website www.parishofathy.ie
Parish Radio 107.9 fm

ACCORD

Accord Carlow Relationship Counselling
at St. Catherine's Community Service Centre Carlow
Phone Mary at 086 4149034 or
email accordcarlow@gmail.com

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PARISH OFFICE OPEN;

Monday 2pm-4pm
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
Email: athyparishrc@eircom.net

KNOCK

Dominican pilgrimage to Knock
takes place

Sunday 12th October.

Mass, Adoration, Confession,

procession, Rosary, hymns, Stations of the cross

Bus departs from St. Michael's Church carpark at 8.30 am,
returns 9.30pm approx.

one refreshment stop on route.

Time for refreshments in Knock also.

€30 per person. Pre booking and payment required.

Contact Parish office 059 86 38391



St Pio of Pietreicina
Feast Day 23rd September

St. Pio, born Francesco Forgione, was an Italian Capuchin friar known for his deep spirituality, stigmata, and miraculous works, becoming a beloved saint in the Catholic Church.

Born **Francesco Forgione**; 25 May 1887 – 23 September 1968), widely known as **Padre Pio**

(Italian for 'Father Pius'), Latin: *Pater Pius*, was an Italian Capuchin friar, priest, stigmatist, and mystic. He is venerated as a saint in the Catholic Church, on 23 September.^[2]

Pio joined the Capuchins when he was fifteen and spent most of his religious life in the convent of San Giovanni Rotondo. He was marked by stigmata in 1918, leading to several investigations by the Holy See. Despite temporary sanctions imposed by the Vatican, his reputation kept increasing during his life, attracting many followers to San Giovanni Rotondo. He was the founder of the Casa Sollievo della Sofferenza, a hospital built near the convent of San Giovanni Rotondo.^[2]

After his death, his devotion continued to spread among believers all over the world. He was beatified on 2 May 1999 and canonized on 16 June 2002 by Pope John Paul II.

ROSARY & PRAYERS
at

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



WORLDWIDE
MARRIAGE
ENCOUNTER

**MARRIAGE
ENRICHMENT
WEEKEND**

REDISCOVER EACH OTHER

📍 Venue: Focolare Centre, Curryhills,
Prosperous, Co. Kildare

📅 Date: Friday 7th – Sunday 9th November 2025

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MARRIAGE IN JUST
ONE WEEKEND**

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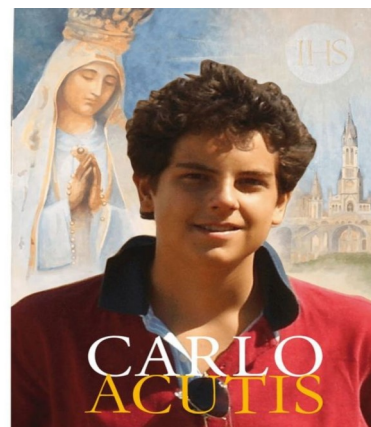
Wednes. 1st Oct @ 7.30pm

A special mass will be celebrated in honour of
"The Little Flower" in St Joseph's Church, Ballyadams,
Co Laois.

There will be individual blessings with
The Little Flower Bone Relic after Mass.

The Relics of St. Carlo
Acutis will be present in
the Carmelite Friary
Church, Kildare, from
Sunday, **21st September**,
until the **10:00am Mass**
on Monday.

All are welcome to
come, pray, and seek
his intercession
during this special
time of grace.



The annual Diocesan Safeguarding Sunday will take place on
Sunday, September 28

SEEDS OF PEACE AND HOPE

A service of prayer, music and reflection. Monday,
September 29, 8pm, at the
Monastery of St Alphonsus, Drumcondra, D09 HN53.
www.rednuns.com/webcam

Coffee Morning with the Athy Women's Shed

on Tuesday 23rd September 11am - 1pm,
in the community house, 1306 Townspark, R14 RD79.
All Ladies welcome.

Children Liturgy Sheets
available at doors of church



SPECIAL MASS MARKING FEAST OF ST PIO

Tue, 23rd September, at 7.30pm
St. Mary's Church, Edenderry



Pray, Hope, Don't Worry