



THE PARISH  
OF ATHY

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



## TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER 2025

### PRAYER

O God of justice, hear our cry and save us. Make us heed your word to the prophets; rouse us to the demand of the gospel and impel us to carry it out. We make our prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.

**MY SHEEP**  
*hear My voice,*  
**I KNOW THEM,**  
**AND THEY**  
*follow Me*

John 10:27

### 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 World Day of Migrants & Refugees.  
It is also Safeguarding Sunday.

There will be no **Holy Hour** in St Michael's parish Church on Tuesday 30th Sept. Holy Hour will resume Tue 7th Oct

**Area Distributors Meeting** takes place Tuesday, 7th October at **7.30pm** in the Parish Centre.

Last Weekend Collections

**P. Dev.:** €625

**Common:** €1,265 **CROSSCARE:** €1,385

*Thanks to all who contributed*

### 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



### SAVE THE DATE

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.

### READINGS Year C

**First Reading:**

Amos 6:1. 4-7

**Psalms:**

Ps.145: 6-10

**Second Reading:**

1 Timothy 6.11-16

**Gospel:** Luke 16. 19-31

### GRÁSTA

Upcoming courses

Pre marriage

21st-23rd Nov 2025

6th –8th March 2026

Website: [grasta.org](http://grasta.org)

[info@grasta.org](mailto:info@grasta.org)

See church notice board

### PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

#### Recently Deceased:

*Kathleen Chantry*

*Earnest O'Rourke Glynn, Mansfield Grove*

*Tom Joe Bradley, St. Patrick's Ave.*

*John Farrell, Brenfield, Russellstown*

*Eileen Carter, London*

**Sat. 6pm Vigil: Month's mind:** Shay Chanders, Angela Bambrick

**Birthday remembrance:** Michael Scally, Tosh Bambrick,  
Michael Godfrey, Elizabeth 'Bess' Curtis

#### Anniversaries & Remembrance:

Derek Donohue (2nd A), Michael Fogarty, Kathleen Coburn (7th A), Paddy Coburn, Joseph Carolan, Nancy Dunne, Nora Mary Gallagher, Margaret, James, Thomas & Tony Murphy, Sean Redmond, Patrick Tynan, Marian Byrne, Martina Leonard, Declan Roche, Martin Flynn, Dec. members of Mulhall & Byrne families, Michael Byrne, James Byrne, Johnny Lammon (3rd A), Joe Kane (38th A), May Kane, Nancy, Sean & Jason Dooley, John Hoare, Maggie & 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. mem of Kane & Hoare families, Michael Byron (15th A), Rita Lammon (1st A)

**Sunday 9am Barowhouse:** Mary Foley, Margaret McDonald

#### Sunday 10.30am:

**Months Mind:** Shay Chanders

#### Anniversaries & Remembrance:

Arthur Kavanagh, Nancy Dunne, Florence Armstrong (1st A) James Byrne (9th A), Michael Byron (15th A), Sarah Brennan, Cathy & Matt Murray, Tony & Aidan Murray, Rita Lammon (1st A), Michael Godfrey, Eileen Murphy

#### Sunday 12 noon:

**Month's mind:** Shay Chanders

#### Anniversaries & Remembrance:

Florence Armstrong (1st A), Nora Mary Gallagher, Eamon 'Bamford' Doyle (3rd A), Declan Roche, Marian Byrne, Martina Leonard, Martin Flynn (39th A), Kathy & Matt Murray, Tony & Aidan Murray, James Byrne, Michael Byron (15th A), Timothy & Ellen Buckley, Cathy & Matt Murray, Tony & Aidan Murray, Rita Lamon (1st A)

#### Monday 9.30 am:

Special Intention, Eileen Murphy (Anniv), Donor's Intention

**Tues. 9.30 am:** Thomas Doyle, Dec. members of Doyle family, Rita Lammon (1st A)

**Wednes. 9.30 am:** John Quinn

**Thur 9.30am:** Golden Book

**Friday 9.30am:** Altar List of The Dead

**Athy Parish website** [www.parishofathy.ie](http://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](mailto:accordcarlow@gmail.com)

### PARISH TEAM

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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  
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Children Liturgy Sheets  
available at doors of church



### Vocations Information

<https://dublindiocese.ie/vocations>

Please pray for more Vocations to the priesthood

### CATECHETICAL CORNER - HIS



I'm sure we have all seen this symbol/monogram. In fact, we have probably seen it so often that we are now blind to it.

The monogram IHS is one of the most recognisable symbols in Catholic tradition.

It is derived from the first three letters of the name of Jesus in Greek which are I (iota), H (eta), and S (sigma), in one word it's IHΣΟΥΣ (Iēsous).

When written in Latin script, the first three letters—IHS—were transliterated as IHS (or sometimes IHC, since the Greek letter sigma [Σ] was once written as a "C").

IHS originated in the 3<sup>rd</sup> century and was initially used as a secret Symbol by the early Christians who were trying to stay safe from the persecution. It was inscribed on tombs to signify a Christian burial and or on the door posts to mark Christian homes.

Over time, IHS came to be used as a sacred monogram representing Jesus Christ. In the Middle Ages, it was popularized in the Western Church, especially by St. Bernardine of Siena in the 15<sup>th</sup> century, who promoted devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus and encouraged the faithful to place the monogram on their homes and churches as a sign of blessing and protection.

The letters are sometimes mistakenly interpreted in Latin as an acronym: Iesus Hominum Salvator – Jesus, Saviour of Men. But as already mentioned, it stands for the Name of JESUS.

Some also interpreted the IHS as In Hoc Signo 'vinces' – In this sign 'you will conquer' (a reference to Constantine's vision of the Cross before the Battle of the Milvian Bridge).

Today, the IHS monogram is found in Catholic liturgical art, vestments, the Eucharistic host, and the seal of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits), reminding the faithful of the reverence due to the Holy Name of Jesus and of His role as Saviour.

*(Adapted from an original article from an unknown source)*

### SACRAMENTS DATES IN THE PARISHES OF ATHY, NARRAGHMORE & MOONE



SCHOOL	CONFIRMATION DATE
Kilmead	March 26th
Crookstown	March 20th
Athy-SMN	May 29th
Athy-SPN	March 27th
Barrowhouse	March 13th
Gaelscoil	March 6th
Churchtown	March 13th
Ballyroe	March 13th
Kilberry	March 13th
Model	March 13th

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Moone	May 22nd
Kilmead	May 7th
Crookstown	May 28th
Athy-SMN	May 1st
Athy-SPN	May 15th
Barrowhouse	May 16th
Gaelscoil	May 28th
Churchtown	May 22nd
Ballyroe	May 22nd
Kilberry	May 22nd
Model	May 22nd

### ROSARY & PRAYERS

at Our Lady of Fatima Grotto, Kilkenny Rd  
has finished until May 2026

### 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](http://www.rednuns.com/webcam)

### NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCE MASSES 2025

#### ATHY

Monday, 17th November

#### CROOKSTOWN

Wednes. 19th November

#### MOONE

Thursday, 20th November

#### KLMEAD

Monday, 24th November

### Safeguarding Sunday

"We know from our experience that when people come together with determination to protect children, the results are positive. It is not enough to condemn: we have to act with purpose. There are ways in which we can help this situation, such as: • Challenging societal misogyny and the debasement of women and girls; • Supporting campaigns to curb the activities of companies that profit from children and young people having access to online pornography; • Cooperating with other civil society groups who share our commitment to child protection and sharing resources with them where we can; • Engaging with children and young people and involving them in the life of our parishes" *Archbishop Farrell*