



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



TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER 2025

PRAYER

God of the ages, you call the Church to keep watch in the world and to discern the signs of the times. Grant us the wisdom which your Spirit bestows, that with courage we may proclaim your prophetic word and complete the work that you have set before us. 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.



PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

Recently Deceased:

Shay Chanders, Shreleen Lane
Anne Wright, formerly Town Hall, Athy
Eddie O'Donoghue, Avondale Drive
Kathleen Kearney, late of Durrow

Sat. 6pm Vigil

Month's mind: John Dooley

Birthday Rem: Delia Connolly, Stefan Clarke Perse

Anniversaries & Remembrance:

Seamus & Breda O'Donoghue, Mai & Billy Magahran, Shelley McDonnell, Mary Dunne, Rena Morrin, Christine Phillips, Maureen Kelly, Joan Doogue (1st A), Eamonn Hicks (1st A), Bridget Flinter nee Dooley, Kevin, Peg & Mark Merlehan, Thomas & Charlie McDonnell, Dec. mem of Myles family, Susan Roycroft, Kevin, Peg & Mark Merlehan, Thomas & Charlie McDonnell, Dec. mem of Myles family, Susan Roycroft, Maggie Phillips, Clair Philips, Chris Doyle, Jack Maher, John & Josie Maher, Eileen Brophy, Kathleen Lyons, Bernadette Thompson, Patrick Fitzpatrick, Malcolm Fitzpatrick

Sunday 9am Barrowhouse: Margaret Grufferty, Adam Davis, Elizabeth Mulhare (7th A)

Sunday 10.30am:

Recently Deceased: Anne Wright, formerly Townhall

Month's mind: John Dooley, Margaret O'Toole

Birthday remembrance: Delia Connolly, Andy Doogue

Anniversaries & Remembrance:

Shelly McDonnell, Patrick Begley, Eamonn Hicks, Casey McConville, Michael & Nell McCormack, Sean Brennan (1st A), Kevin, Peg & Mark Merlehan, Bernadette Thomson, Phil Martin (12th anniv)

Sunday 12 noon:

Month's mind: John Dooley, Margaret O'Toole

Birthday remembrance: Delia Connolly

Anniversaries & Remembrance:

Peter Fearon, Dec. mem of Fearon family, Shelly McDonnell, Mary Keogh, Patrick Begley, Eamonn Hicks, Michael & Nell McCormack, Kevin, Peg & Mark Merlehan, Lil Ryan, Bernadette Thompson, Mary Keogh (Anniv)

Monday 9.30 am:

Birthday remembrance: Stefan Clarke Perse, John Dooley
Anniv: Margaret 'Maggie' Phillips, Clair Phillips, Chris Doyle
Donor's Intention

Tues. 9.30 am: Betty Byrne, Joan Doogue nee Carr (1st A)
Theresa & John Hegarty, Special Intention, Donor's Intention

Wednes. 9.30 am: Birthday remembrance: Delia Connolly, Rollie Silacan

Anniv: Denis 'Bertie' O'Rourke, Evangeline Mvsch,

Thur 9.30am: T.J. Shinkins (7th A), Lizzie Johnson, Dec. mem of Johnson family, Donor's Intention,

Friday 9.30am: Birthday rem: Salesio Orbon

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.

Last Weekend Collections

P. Dev.: €814 **Common:** €1,135 **Share** €925.

Thanks to all who contributed

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.

The first Church we will visit is
St. Mary's in **Barrowhouse** at **9am**
the following Churches are

Castledermot 10am, **Levitstown 11am,**
Moone 12 noon, **Ballymount 1.30 pm**
Crookstown 2.15pm **Kilmead 3.15pm**

Our final Church

St. Michael's Parish Church at **Athy 4.15 pm**
Mass for Healing with the Sacrament of Anointing.



KNOCK

Dominican pilgrimage to Knock takes place
Sunday 12th October.

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

one refreshment stop on route.

€30 per person. Pre booking and payment required.

Contact Parish office 059 86 38391

READINGS Year C

First Reading: Wisdom 9:13-18 **Psalms:** Ps.89:3-6. 12-14.1

Second Reading: Philemon 9-10.12-17 **Gospel:** Luke 14:25-33

HOLY HOUR in St Michael's Church
has resumed on Tuesdays from 2.30pm -3.30pm

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



Two Young Saints Canonisation Celebrations in Dublin

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SUN 7TH SEPTEMBER

9AM-11AM CANONISATION LIVE STREAM -
IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CHURCH CITY QUAY

11.30AM MASS - WITH BISHOP PAUL DEMPSEY & MUSIC BY SHALOM CHOIR - IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CHURCH CITY QUAY

1.30PM - REFRESHMENTS, CELEBRATIONS & EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES EXHIBITION ON DISPLAY

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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

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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 *donate*

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 it 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



Ballylinan Ballyadams Community Employment Scheme vacancies:

**Applications on jobsireland.ie and enquiries to
CE Supervisor 087 2232515.**

Immediate Start:

Environmental Worker, Barrowhouse GAA – Ref:
CES2408765

Maintenance/Cleaner, Luggacurren Village, Church & Hall –
Ref: CES-2384490

Environmental Worker, The Swan – Ref: CES 2390107

Environmental Worker, St Marys Church, Wolfhill –
Ref: CES-2408767

Upcoming Vacancies:

Maintenance Person/Cleaner, St Anne's Hall & Church,
Ballylinan – Ref: CES-2395934

Environmental Worker, St Anne's Church & ABK Centre,
Ballylinan – Ref: CES-2395933.

Environmental Worker, Ballylinan Village – Ref: CES-
2395916

Environmental Worker, Ballylinan Playground -
Ref: CES-2384494

Environmental Worker, Ballyadams Church –
Ref: CES-2384489

CATECHETICAL CORNER – THE NEW ARK.

Do you remember poor Uzzah? He who was struck down by God for touching the Ark of the 'Old' Covenant? (2 Sam. 6:6-7). Well, what about the Ark of the New Covenant? Where is that? The original Ark of the Covenant was the most sacred object in ancient Israel. It contained the tablets of the Ten Commandments, a jar of manna, and the staff of Aaron. It symbolised God's dwelling among HIS people, serving as a physical embodiment of HIS covenant with them. When the Ark entered a place, it was a sign of God's presence.

The Gospel of Luke links the Old Testament Ark and the Virgin Mary. The Annunciation story (Lk. 1:26-38) echoes the Old Testament account of the Ark's arrival in Jerusalem. When Mary visits her cousin Elizabeth, Elizabeth exclaims, "*And why is this granted me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?*" (Lk.1:43). The original Ark contained the manna (*the bread from heaven*), the Ten Commandments (*the divine law*), and the rod of Aaron (*a symbol of the high priesthood*). In her womb, Mary carried Jesus, who is the true Bread of Life (Jn. 6:35), and the eternal High Priest (Heb. 4:14). This parallel highlights that while the Old Ark held symbols of God's presence, the new Ark, Mary, held God Himself.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church reinforces this. "*In the 'fullness of time' the Lord of history chose the mother of His Son, the Virgin Mary. Her Ark-like womb carried the new covenant and the new law.*"

The Ark of the Old Covenant was a pure holy vessel, untouchable. The Immaculate Conception, the belief that Mary was conceived without the stain of original sin, is a necessary prerequisite for her to be the fitting vessel for the Son of God. She was made uniquely pure to hold the Holy of Holies, just as the Old Ark was made of pure materials to hold the sacred relics – see (Ex. 25-29). In this way, Mary is the perfect dwelling place for Jesus. **September 8th** is celebrated liturgically as the **birthday of the Virgin Mary**.

As we honour Mother Mary on her birthday, let's honour her not only as our mother but also as the Ark of the Covenant. GOD's covenant with us, HIS children.