



THE PARISH
OF ATHY

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



THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY 26TH OCTOBER 2025

Prayer

O God, who alone can probe the depth of the heart, you hear the prayer of the humble and justify the repentant sinner. As we stand before you, grant us the gift of humility, that we may see our own sins clearly and refrain from judging our neighbour. We make our prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you. Amen

This poor man called, and the Lord heard him; he saved him out of all his troubles.

PSALM 34:6

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.

Mass **Bank Holiday** Monday at 9.30am in St. Michael's. Parish Office **closed** Monday, Bank Holiday. (This week's Parish Office adjusted opening schedule is printed on door)

Saturday next, 1st November, a Holy Day of Obligation, is the **Feast of All Saints**.

Mass in Athy Parish All Saints Day will be at **9.30am**.

Vigil Mass in Crookstown Friday at **7pm**.

Mass in Moone Saturday at **11am**.

Parish Office will be closed Saturday next.

Sunday next, 2nd November, is **All Souls Day**.

Altar List of the Dead sheets and envelopes are available on tables at the doors of the Church. Your deceased loved ones listed will be remembered in Mass around **All Souls Day** and other Masses in November and then on the First Friday of the month for the next 12 months. Please return to the Parish office or place in the collection bags at weekend Masses.

We are near the end of the **Parish Development collection year**. We remind those who make their contributions annually that they can make their payments now.

Area Distributors are reminded that the **new parish Development boxes** are ready for collection from behind the high Altar after Mass today.

Last Weekend Collections

P. Dev.: €728 **Common:** €1,260 **Missions:** €1,565

Thanks to all who contributed

Two Great Days.

The month of November begins with two great days. On November 1st, All Saints Day, when the Church on earth – the Church Militant - celebrates the Church in heaven, the Church Triumphant - those whom we call the Saints. November 2nd is the Commemoration of all the faithful departed – All Souls Day, when the Church Militant prays for the Church Penitent/Suffering – those whom we call the Holy Souls in purgatory.

Two great days, one Church; on earth, in Heaven and on the way to Heaven, united in glorifying and praising GOD.

All Souls Day Sunday 2nd Nov

As all Souls Day, falls on Sunday 2nd of November, **blessing of graves will not take place on this date but will take place throughout the month of November.** At all Masses on the weekend of Nov 2nd, prayers for our faithful departed will be said.

PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

Recently Deceased:

Anna Hughes nee Rowan, Pairc Bhríde
Martin Foley, Branswood,
Fr. Dermot McCarthy, former curate in Athy, Dublin, Leitrim
Liz O'Neill nee Grattan, England
Julia Knighton nee Howe, late of Dover

Sat. 6pm Vigil:

Month's mind: Joe Brady, Earnest O'Rourke Glynn

Birthday remembrance: Michael Ludlow, Rosanna O'Connor
Anniversaries & Remembrance:

Anne Peter & Robert Redmond, Mary Scally, Pat Farrell nee Dunne, Michael Ryan (2nd A), Nora Mary Gallagher, Jimmy & Mary Hickey, Johnny Merrins, Cathal Moore (25th A), Molly Mary Hyland, Michael & Margaret Byrne, William Webb, Mary Maher, Dec. mem of Mulhall family, Elizabeth Fitzsimons, Dec. mem of Fitzsimons family, Maureen Shaw (6th A), Mary Molly Bramwell, Derry Mathia nee May, Elizabeth Rowan, Dom & Tony Foley, Sean McGilly, Dec mem of Bowen Family, James Doyle, Rose Doyle

Sunday 9am Barrowhouse:

Anniversaries & Remembrance.

Joe Maher, Jimmer Maher, Baby Killian Maher, Philip Maher, Thomas & Mary Gibson

Sunday 10.30am:

Month's mind: John Farrell

Anniversaries & Remembrance:

Mary Joyce, Pat Farrell nee Dunne, Michael Ryan (2nd A), Maureen Shaw (6th A), Maggie & John Mooney, Mark & Jim Mooney, Ray Bowler, Mary Molly Bramwell, Sr. Ann, Sr. Carmel, Dec. Mercy Sisters, Athy, Marion Byrne, Michael Byrne, James Geraghty

Sunday 12 noon:

Month's mind: Tom Joe Bradley

Birthday remembrance: Margo Heskin

Anniversaries & Remembrance:

Anne, Peter & Robert Redmond, Michael Ryan (2nd A), Nora Mary Gallagher, Elizabeth Fitzsimons, Dec. members of Fitzsimons family, Maureen Shaw (6th A), Mary Molly Bramwell, Derry Mathia nee May, Bridie & Alf Keane, Gus Prendergast,

Monday 9.30 am: Robbie Robinson, Frank Webb, Baby Webb, Stefano Colapicchioni

Tues. 9.30 am: Stefano Colapicchioni, Special Intention, Marie Bridgett

Wednes. 9.30 am: Ambrose Martin, Special Intention

Thur 9.30am: Dympna Murtagh, Peg Nolan

Friday 9.30am: Jim Brennan, Dec. mem of Brennan & Grant families, Mary Molly Bramwell, Noel Forde, Patricia Kelly

Saturday: ALL SAINTS DAY

9.30am: Martin & Julia Donohoe, John & Mary Foley, Jack & Margaret Foley, Patricia Kelly

READINGS Year C

First Reading: Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14,16-19

Psalms: Ps 32;2-3.17-19

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4: 6-8. 16-18

Gospel: Luke 18: 9-14

NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCE MASSES 2025

ATHY

Monday, 17th November

CROOKSTOWN

Wednes. 19th November

MOONE

Thursday, 20th November

KLMEAD

Monday, 24th November.

Remembering all parishioners who died since last November

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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Athy & District Care of the Elderly AGM

takes place Monday, 3rd November at 8pm in the Parish Centre

CATECHETICAL CORNER – What's in a bow?

'He's a holy man, a walking saint'. 'I can't stand your man, have you seen him around town? As for the other fella, don't get me started.' 'I love him, I think he's great.' We all have our own opinions and views of priests, even the priests of our parish. Often, those opinions can be formed from very good, very bad, sad and even deeply painful experience. And yet, when we come to Mass we are expected to call him Father, to bow before him and to treat him with respect, reverence and honour.

So why do we bow to the priest at Mass? Is he on some kind of ego-trip and we are expected to play along? The answer to that is no, and it couldn't be further from the reality. From the beginning, GOD selected men through whom HE chose to work; Moses, Abraham, Isaiah, Elijah and so on. Could GOD not just have spoken to us directly? Of course HE could! GOD has no need of us for anything, but HE chose imperfect, flawed, sinful men to speak for HIM: 'Leave me, Lord, for I am a sinful man...' said St Peter to Jesus (Lk. 5:8).

In Baptism we are all incorporated into what is called the 'common priesthood' of Christ. We all offer sacrifice according to our state or vocation in life. The Catechism of the Catholic Church says this: 'The whole community of believers is, as such, priestly. the faithful exercise their baptismal priesthood through their participation, each according to his own vocation, in Christ's mission as priest, prophet, and king. Through the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation the faithful are "consecrated to be . . . a holy priesthood."' (CCC #1546)

This common priesthood differs to that of the ordained/ministerial priesthood. In ordination a priest is given a share in the priesthood of Christ in a different way than that of the 'common priesthood' of all the baptised. 'While the common priesthood of the faithful is exercised by the unfolding of baptismal grace...the ministerial priesthood is at the service of the common priesthood. It is directed at the unfolding of the baptismal grace of all Christians. the ministerial priesthood is a means by which Christ unceasingly builds up and leads his Church.'

There is only one priest and that is Christ. The ministerial priest shares in the priesthood of Christ and offers the same sacrifice that Christ offers. When a priest is ordained, he is not only configured to Christ the Priest, but also to Christ the Prophet and King. He shares in the threefold office of Christ, which means he sanctifies with Christ's grace (Priest), he teaches with Christ's authority (Prophet), and governs with Christ's care (King). At the liturgy, especially the Mass, the priest stands before us as a king in service, not a ruler of pride, but one who reigns through sacrifice. He presides not from a throne, but from an altar; not with a crown of gold, but with a heart conformed to the Cross.

(To be continued)

MICHAEL ENGLISH in Concert with Monasterevin Gospel Choir

St. Peter & Paul's Church Monasterevin -

Friday 31st October 2025 8pm

Last few tickets on sale:

Earley's Fashion Shop - 045 525395 and

Monasterevin Parish Office - 045 525346

Promises to be a great night !

PARISH TEAM



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MEMORIAL PLAQUE

to

Maisie Candy NT (RIP)

former Principal and Vice Principal of
Churchtown National school, wonderful Community
activist and leader of many activities in Castlemitchell
hinderland will take place at her much loved
Old Churchtown School

on

Saturday, 8th November at 2025, at 3pm

All welcome

SCHOOL ENROLMENT

Scoil Naomh Treasa, Ballyroe (R14DX61)

are now accepting enrolments for

Sept 2026/2027.

Our admissions notice and forms are available at the school or
by emailing office@scoilnaomhtreasa.ie

Please don't hesitate to

contact us by email or phone 0598632522



"...You will find rest for your soul..."

HOLY HOUR

Every Tuesday
St Michael's Church
2.30pm to 3.30pm

Crosscare

wish to thank you for supporting
the Annual Collection which took place
20th/21st September which raised €1,385 in
Athy Parish

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

Children Liturgy Sheets
available at doors of church

