



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

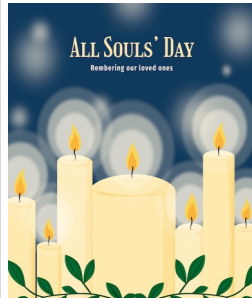


THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY 2ND NOVEMBER 2025

Prayer

O God, our very breath, our only hope, in every age you take pity on us and bring forth life from death.

Visit your people and raise your Church to new life, that we may join with all generations in voicing our wonder and praise. We make our prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. 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.

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.

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 **this coming week** 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.

The new **Parish Development collection year commences this weekend**. 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. Some parishioners have no area distributor so please check the carton behind the high Altar for your box or contact the Parish office.

Last Weekend Collections

P. Dev.: €1,027 **Common:** €1,285 **Share:** €946

Thanks to all who contributed

TODAY, All Souls Day Sunday 2nd Nov

**blessing of graves
will not take today
but will take place throughout the month of November.**
Prayers for our faithful departed will be said.
at all Masses this weekend.

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

PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

Recently Deceased:

Liz O'Neill nee Grattan, England

Josie Farrell, Foxhill

Kathleen Whelan nee Townsend, Mansfield Grove

Sat. 6pm Vigil:

Recently Deceased: Anne Hughes,

Birthday remembrance: Anne Casey

Anniversaries & Remembrance

Jim Brennan, Dec. mem of Brennan & Grant families, Bridget & Joe Doyle, Dec. mem of Heffernan family, James Fogarty, Ursula Doran O'Reilly, Mary Scally, Paula Winchester Harvey, Paul McHugh, Seano O'Sullivan, Gertie & Tony Healy, Nora Mary Gallagher, Brendan Hayden, Jim Lochrin, Joe Maher, Maggie Owens, Patrick Nolan (40th A), Johnny 'John' Kelly, Paddy Sheridan, Dec. mem of Ring family, Patricia Kelly, Helen Lawler (4th Anniv), Baby William Lawler, William & Mary Lawler, Betty Lawler, Martin & Bridget Quinn, Michael & Noel Quinn, James Conroy, Brian Finn, Jack & Margaret Murphy, Mary & Jim O'Mara, Brendan Murphy, John Kilfeather, John Murphy, Phoebe Murphy, Nonie Heatherley

Sunday 9am Barowhouse: ALTAR LIST OF THE DEAD

Sunday 10.30am:

Month's mind: Francis Corr

Anniversaries & Remembrance: Bridget & Joe Doyle, Dec. members of Heffernan family, Joe Maher, Maggie Owens, Thomas & Ann King, Dec. mem of King family, Michael Finn, Brian Finn & Dec mem of Finn Family, Helen Lawler (4th Anniv), Baby William Lawler, William & Mary Lawler, Betty Lawler, Martin & Bridget Quinn, Michael & Noel Quinn, Thomas Lynch, Jack & Margaret Murphy, Mary & Jim O'Mara, Brendan Murphy, John Kilfeather, John Murphy, Phoebe Murphy, Nonie Heatherley

Sunday 12 noon:

Anniversaries & Remembrance

Mary Prendergast, Lily Lamon, Nora Mary Gallagher, Maggie Owens, Thomas & Ann King, Dec. mem of King family, Helen Lawler (4th Anniv), Baby William Lawler, William & Mary Lawler, Betty Lawler, Martin & Bridget Quinn, Michael & Noel Quinn, Dec mem of Murphy & Dooley Family, James & Maura Anthony

Monday 9.30 am: Altar List of the Dead

Tues. 9.30 am: Altar List of the Dead

Wednes. 9.30 am:

Birthday Rem: Anne Casey

Anniversaries: Patrick Daly (40th Anniv), John Davis,
Remembrance: Declan Reid & Dec mem of Kennedy Family

Thur 9.30am: Golden Book

Friday 9.30am: Altar List of the Dead

Share Appeal Sunday takes place on the weekend of November 8/9, highlighting the important work that is funded by the weekly collection.

NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCE MASSES 2025 ATHY

Monday, 17th November at 7.30pm

CROOKSTOWN

Wednes. 19th November at 7.30pm

MOONE

Thursday, 20th November at 7.30pm

KLMEAD

Monday, 24th November at 7.30pm

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

Email: athyparishrc@eircom.net

NIGHT VIGIL IN KNOCK

If enough Parishioners interested in travelling
bus could be organised

Give your name & address and contact no. into Parish office
or Contact Peggy Whelan 086 8492381
before Friday, 7th November so arrangement can be made.

ST MARTIN DE PORRES NOVENA, Newbridge Sat 1st-Wednes 5th November (Mass at 10am Mon-Wednes)

CATECHETICAL CORNER – What's in a bow? Continued

The ministerial (*ordained*) priest, conformed, by ordination, into the threefold dignity of Christ – Priest, Prophet and King – now acts in the place of Christ. When the priest stands at the Altar, when he utters those words: 'This is My Body...This is My Blood...Do this in memory of ME.' It is as if he, and us with him, travel through time, and Calvary is made present on the altar. Not just Calvary, but we are in the upper room of the Last Supper. It is in fact not Fr. who speaks those words of consecration, nor raises his hand to bless, nor his voice to preach, but Christ Himself. The priest is not an actor in some celestial melodrama, when he stands at the Altar, when he offers THE sacrifice, heaven touches earth. It is as if time is suspended and we are kneeling before the one whom was crucified. Crucified, but risen and now in glory, hence we have trouble recognising HIM.

So, the priest acts in the place of Christ the Head of the Body – In persona Christi Capita. He is the visible manifestation of the presence of Christ to HIS Church. We bow to him, not to burnish his frail and fragile ego, but rather because of WHO and what he represents. We are not bowing to the man we are bowing to the office. We are not bowing to Fr. ... but the mystery of Christ living and working through him. For that reason, we look past his frailties, we look past what we know of him as a sinful man, and we see only Christ. We see the grace and power of GOD flowing through him despite his weakness and unworthiness. Indeed, the Church teaches the grace of the sacrament is still conferred, despite the minister.

Bowing to the priest during liturgy isn't flattery, it is not exaltation, placing him on a pedestal. It is a bodily expression of deep truths. It says: 'I recognise the sacredness of your office; I recognise Christ at work in and through you.' It is an act of humility before Christ in the person of HIS priest. We bow because, despite our human frailty, we recognise Christ.

So what's in a bow? A deep understanding that there are things here that I cannot see, that I don't fully understand. But I know that GOD is here and that is enough for me.

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Athy & District Care of the Elderly AGM takes place

Monday, 3rd November at 8pm
in the Parish Centre
All welcome

ATHY MERCY ASSOCIATE MEETING in

Parish Centre, Monday, on 10th November, 7.30pm
New members welcome to join



PARISHES OF ATHY, MOONE & NARRAGHMORE PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2026

7 nights 4 Star Hotel Padoue 22nd June – 29th June 2026

Cost €995 pps

Spiritual Director Fr. Francis McCarthy

Saving Club available.

Further details contact - Christopher Rowan 087 2707 182

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

St Michael Parish Choir - Aifreann Lorcáin Ua Thuathail

St Michael's Parish Choir is delighted to announce that of its ten members will perform at a special and historic liturgical celebration marking the 800th Anniversary of the Canonisation of Saint Laurence O'Toole, patron saint of Dublin.

This commemorative Mass will be held on Saturday, 22nd November 2025 in St Mary's Pro Cathedral, Dublin, and will feature the premiere performance of a newly composed Mass by Brian Kehoe, organist and composer with the Assumption Choir, Castledermot.

This event offers a unique opportunity to honour the legacy of Saint Laurence through sacred music and communal prayer.

The Mass will also be celebrated in the Church of the Assumption on Saturday night 15 November at 7pm.

We warmly invite all members of the public, parish communities, music lovers, and those with a devotion to Saint Laurence to join us for this significant occasion



"...You will find rest for your soul..."
- Mt. 11:28

HOLY HOUR

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

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