



THE PARISH  
OF ATHY

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



## TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY 5TH OCTOBER 2025

### PRAYER

God, ever faithful and true, we do not always see your hand in what happens or your purpose in the direction of our lives.

Inspired by Jesus' own faithfulness, may we be true to our calling, to the path of discipleship, and to you, above all. We make our prayer through the same Christ our Lord.  
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.

Holy Hour will resume Tuesday next, 7th Oct. in St Michaels Parish Church 2.30-3.30pm.

**Area Distributors Meeting** takes place Tuesday next, 7th October at **7.30pm** in the Parish Centre. All Area Distributors are invited to attend. Refreshments after.

**Mission Sunday** takes place on 19th October.

Last Weekend Collections

**P. Dev.:** €656

**Common:** €1,375 **Share:** €1,070

*Thanks to all who contributed*

### KNOCK

Dominican pilgrimage to Knock takes place

**Sunday next, 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 time 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



### READINGS Year C

**First Reading:** Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4

**Psalms:** Ps 94:1-2. 6-9

**Second Reading:** Timothy 1:6-8 13-14

**Gospel:** Luke 17: 5-10

### MASS ROCK

Mass at Mass Rock, Crookstown  
today Sunday, 5th October, at 3pm

Sign posts from Crookstown Church, parking available.

### PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

#### Recently Deceased:

*Eileen Carter, London*

#### Sat. 6pm Vigil: Month's mind:

**Birthday remembrance:** Mary Frances Foley

#### Anniversaries & Remembrance:

Jim Bolger, Con Goulding, Ronan Friel (13th A), Mary Brennan (4th A), John Martin Finnan, Nora Mary Gallagher, Baby Cian O'Brien, Thomas Kirwan, Des & Noreen Noonan, Bernard McCabe, John Quinn, Fr. Michael Conaty, Moya Gordon, Michael Godfrey, Anne Wall, John Wall, Tommy Dalton, Joseph & Mary Delaney, Ned & Bridget Fitzgerald, Bridget & Thomas Nugent, Paddy 'Pro' Murphy, Mary Emeary Houghton, Peter & Brigid Luttrell, Jimmy Flynn,  
Also pray for a Special Intention

#### Sunday 9am Barrowhouse:

#### Sunday 10.30am:

#### Months Mind:

#### Anniversaries & Remembrance:

Edward Doyle (20th A), Mary O'Sullivan (5th A), John Martin Finnan, Kate Sourke (5th Anniv) & Charlie Sourke, Nellie & Charlie Sourke, John Sourke, Martin Behan, Jimmy & Bridget Behan, Mary & Mairead Byrne, Sis & Bill Tierney, Billy Tierney, Rosie Doyle, Michael Godfrey, John Farrell, Peter Greaney, John Foley (32nd Anniv), Philomena Molloy, Joseph & Margaret Delaney, Ned & Bridget Fitzgerald,

#### Sunday 12 noon:

#### Anniversaries & Remembrance:

John Martin Finnan, Nora Mary Gallagher, John Quinn, Michael Godfrey, Ann Wall, John Wall, Pat Cleary,  
Donor's Intention

**Monday 9.30 am:** Teresa Campbell, Fr. Michael Conaty, Moya Gordon, Philomena Molloy, Donor's Intention

**Tues. 9.30 am:** Ronan Friel (13th A), Ciarán Healy,  
Donor's Intention

**Wednes. 9.30 am:** Peter McCann,

**Thur 9.30am:** Tim O'Sullivan

#### Friday 9.30am:

Ronan Friel, Neddy Hughes, Elizabeth Moran (6th Anniv), Paddy & Betty Brennan, Edward & Margaret Brennan, Tony, John & Michael Brennan, Alice Murphy

**Athy Parish website** [www.parishofathy.ie](http://www.parishofathy.ie)  
**Parish Radio** 107.9 fm

### ATHY & DISTRICT CARE OF THE ELDERLY MEETING

will be held

Monday 6th October, 8pm

Mount Hawkins, Parish Centre, Athy

*New members welcome*

A few tickets remaining! Abide in His Love Women's Conference Nov 21-23. The Great Northern Hotel, Bundoran Co. Donegal. A beautiful event for women exploring the beauty & gift of their feminine identity in Christ.

Guest Speakers include Sr. Mary Madeline Todd OP (USA), Megan Madden from 'A Mother's Lace' (USA/UK), Fr. Barry Braum, Fr. Mark Wharton (UK), Fr. Francesco Mary Gavazzi, CFR, the Nashville Dominican sisters, & Mass with Archbishop Eamon Martin. Check Eventbrite for tickets & more information.

#### 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**

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#### CATECHETICAL CORNER – JESUS IS NOT A NICE GUY!

Have you ever heard of a lad called Arius of Alexandria? Probably not. Arius was a priest of the early Church. He died in 336 AD. He was a bit of controversial character in the early Church because of what he believed about Christ. He claimed that Christ was not equal to the Father, not divine, and that there was time when the Son did not exist. That He was a created, finite being. This belief became known as Arianism.

Arius had some followers, quite a few actually, to the extent that it began to get some real traction in the early Church. So much so, that the Church convened its first general council to address the matter. This council took place in 325, 1,750 years ago, at Nicea, now known as Iznik in Turkey.

At the Council approximately 220 bishops – the number of signatures on the document, some 17 of whom supported Arius, gathered to debate this point as to whether Jesus was actually GOD or merely the 'first of all creatures' as Arius claimed. After much debate, at which Arius and his followers were given fair hearing, the council determined that Arius was mistaken, that his teaching was wrong and therefore heresy. Arius and his ally Eusebius of Caesarea refused to accept the findings of the council were sent into exile.

The form of words that the council fathers used to affirm the divinity of Jesus, was, in Greek, *Homosousis*, meaning one in being. In Latin this was translated as *Consubstantialis* – Consubstantial, meaning of the same substance. In other words, Christ is 'made' of the same stuff as the Father, that 'stuff' being the Divine Nature

The council wrote down their findings in a formula that could be understood by all people. This became known as the Nicene Creed. It is called a creed because the opening word in Latin is *Credemus* – we believe.

Why does all this matter? if Christ were only a man, not divine, then the sacrifice he offered would be insufficient for the forgiveness of sin. If Christ is not 'made of the same stuff' as the Father, then it means that GOD is not Trinitarian in nature, which also undermines a core belief of revelation. It also matters because, to this day, we can still traces of Arianism. We will often hear people say things like: "Jesus was just a nice guy; he told us to love everyone and be nice to people." The only problem with that is that Jesus was not just a nice guy. Jesus is GOD. When we reduce Jesus to being a 'nice guy', a 'wise man' a 'good teacher', we strip Him of His divinity and the honour and respect that is due to Him as GOD.

This year on 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday we remember Nicea. Let's do so by remembering the divinity of Jesus, by honouring Him as GOD and not just a nice a guy.

#### 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

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|-------------|----------|
| 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 |



**Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on Monday 13th October at 7.30pm in the Maldron Hotel, Whitestown Way, Tallaght.**

This event is free and open

We also offer an online support group meeting. To find out more call 01 4045378 or email [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie)

#### NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCE MASSES 2025

##### ATHY

Monday, 17th November

##### CROOKSTOWN

Wednes. 19th November

##### MOONE

Thursday, 20th November

##### KLMEAD

Monday, 24th November

#### 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)**

#### GRÁSTA

Upcoming courses Pre marriage  
21st-23rd Nov 2025  
6th –8th March 2026

Website: [grasta.org](http://grasta.org) info@[grasta.org](mailto:grasta.org)  
See church notice board

Children Liturgy Sheets  
available at doors of church

