



THE PARISH
OF ATHY

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



DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA IN ROME SUNDAY 9TH NOVEMBER 2025

PRAYER

Jesus, you prayed that all might
be one. As you give us the grace
to be truly one in heart,
give us also the
freedom to live with difference
and the wisdom to enjoy the
variety of your gifts
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.

Share Appeal Sunday takes place this weekend
highlighting the important work that is funded by the weekly
collection. See Share newsletter

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 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 has**
commences We remind those who make their contributions
annually that they can make their payments now.
Some parishioners have no area distributor therefore please
check the carton behind the high Altar for your box if you
have not received it or contact the Parish office.
Leaflets of Parish income and expenditure 2024 are
available at the door of the church. If you are not a
subscriber but would like to become one, please contact the
Parish office.

Last Weekend Collections

P. Dev.: €1,518 **Common:** €1,655 **Share:** €1,210

Thanks to all who contributed

St Mary's Pro-Cathedral Bicentenary Weekend

Friday 14th November at 12 noon

Mass for the
Feast of St Laurence O'Toole
with Archbishop Dermot Farrell

5.30pm

Choral Vespers with the Palestrina Choir

Saturday 15th November 7pm

Hope Concert- with the Shalom Catholic Community

Sunday 16th November 11am

Sunday Mass to mark the anniversaries
with Bishop Paul Dempsey, Auxiliary Bishop of Dublin

Concert 3.30pm

(See notice board)

READINGS Year C

First Reading: Ezekiel 47:1-2.8-9.12

Psalms: Ps 45:2-3.5-6.8-9

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:9-11.16-17

Gospel: John 2:13-22

PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

Recently Deceased:

*Des Moore, Branswood
Fr. Ken Maria Onuoha
Sheila Kinsella, Dublin*

Sat. 6pm Vigil:

Month's mind: Rose O'Keeffe

Birthday remembrance:

Lorraine Keogh, Michael Perse

Anniversaries & Remembrance

Patrick Daly (40th A), Nicola Keogh Kenny, Nora Mary
Gallagher, Brendan Byrne, Tommy O'Halloran, Pat
McCarthy, Dec. members of McCarthy family, Eileen
Prendergast (26th A), Christopher & Mary Dunne,
Michael & Eileen Bracken, Josie Tierney, Chris Myles,
Bridget Myles, Nessa Manley Dooley (15th A), Pat
O'Gorman (9th A), Barney & Elizabeth Doyle, Helen
McCorry, Frank, Margaret & Christopher King, Jane,
Christopher, Edward & Paul Dunne

Sunday 9am Barrowhouse:

Month's mind: Rose Hicks

Patrick Daly (40th A), Nessa Manley Dooley (15th A)

Sunday 10.30am:

Anniversaries & Remembrance:

Anthony Mullery, Phil O'Keeffe, Sean McNamara,
Pat McCarthy. Dec. members of McCarthy family,
David Molloy, Michael & Eileen Bracken, Thomas & Tony
Murphy, Bridget & Ned Fitzgerald, Teresa Kinsella, Pat &
Rose Kinsella, Dec mem of Kinsella Family

Sunday 12 noon: Month's mind: Rose O'Keeffe

Anniversaries & Remembrance:

Fr. Ken Maria Onuoha, Nora Mary Gallagher, Dina Byrne,
Pat McCarthy, Dec. members of McCarthy family, Michael &
Eileen Bracken, Theresa Kinsella, Kevin Fingleton

Monday 9.30 am: Special Intention, Sheila Kingston,
Judy Mahon, James & Mary Melia

Tues. 9.30 am: Dan & Deirdre Dunne, Jim Moore,
Mary Mulhall (5th A), Dina Byrne

Wednes. 9.30 am: Pat O'Callaghan (4th A), Paddy Digan
Dec members of Bracken Family

Thur 9.30am: Birthday remembrance: Lorraine Keogh
Anniv: Jer O'Sullivan, Margaret Fitzpatrick, Paddy O'Meara

Friday 9.30am: Annual Mass for An Garda Siochana
Patrick Donnelly, Tony Doyle, Anne La Cumber

Holy Hour every Tuesday in St Michael's Church **2.30pm - 3.30pm**

Holy Hour St Ita's, Kilmead on **First Friday** of every month **7-8pm**

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

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

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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

CATECHETICAL CORNER – So where are they?

During this month of November, we make special mention of our dead. The whole month is dedicated to praying for and remembering 'those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith' (Eucharistic Prayer see also Heb. 11:13). Indeed, we read in the second book of Maccabees that it is a 'holy and a wholesome thought to pray for the dead that they may be released from their sins.' (2 Mac. 12:46)

We draw great comfort in thinking of our loved ones in Heaven, in the presence of GOD for all eternity. But if our loved ones are in Heaven then they have no need of our prayers, they have no need of the Masses that we have offered for them. Their journey is complete, as we read in the book of Revelation; "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on!" 'Yes,' says the Spirit, 'they will rest from their labour, for their deeds will follow them'". (Rev. 14: 13). If they are in heaven why do we pray for them? For those in Heaven have no need of our prayers, it is they who pray for us. If they are not in Heaven, where are they? Based on Scripture and Tradition the Church teaches: 'All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven. The Church gives the name Purgatory to this final purification of the elect...'

Sin is like dirtying our soul, it leaves us impure in the sight of GOD, and again we read in the book of Revelation 'nothing impure can enter Heaven.' (Rev. 21: 27). This place, or rather this state of being, called purgatory, is like a spiritual laundry. Although, in His incredible Mercy, GOD has forgiven our sins, and our entry to Heaven is assured, we remain 'unclean' so to speak, and have to be made perfect before we can come into the presence of GOD. The sin is forgiven but the effects remain, and this is what requires purification. The prayers that we offer for those who have died are to expedite this process of purification. The Catechism says this: 'From the beginning the Church has honoured the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the Eucharistic sacrifice, so that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God. The Church also commends almsgiving, indulgences, and works of penance undertaken on behalf of the dead...'

So let us continue to pray for all who have died, that their purification may be short and their entry into Heaven swift.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh na h'amanacha.

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All Night Vigil in Knock

(7th-8th December)

The parishes of Athy Narraghmore & Moone are running a bus to the **All Night Vigil in Knock on Sunday 7th December for the Solemnity of The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Monday, 8th December)**



The night begins with Confessions from 10pm. Ceremony being at 12midnight on the 7th of Dec and continues into the early morning and concludes with Mass at 4am.

The vigil includes Rosary, stations of the Cross, Holy Hour, guest speaker, quiet time for prayer and offering sacred space to reflect on Mary's Role in the life of the Church and to seek her intercession. Cost of the Bus is €40.

Bus will depart from the following areas on Sunday 7th December.

Castledermot Church at 4:30pm Moone Church 4:45pm
St. Michael's Athy, **5:15pm** Stradbally 5:30pm
Portlaoise 5.45pm Mountmellick 6pm

Stopping briefly in Athlone and arriving in knock at 10pm approx.

Bus will leave Knock at 5:30am Monday 8th Dec.

A Non-refundable deposit of €20 for bus is required to secure your seat. For further information contact Peggy Whelan on 086 849 2381.

BLOOD DONATION CLINIC

The Clanard Court Hotel Athy

Wednesday 12th November &

Thursday 13th November

15:45 pm -20:00 pm

Check your eligibility & book your appointment at
giveblood.ie or call us on 1800222111

St Michael Parish Choir - Aifreann Lorcáin Ua Thuathail

St Michael's Parish Choir is delighted to announce that ten members from their choir 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

ANNUAL MASS

for Athy Branch of Garda Síochána takes place on Friday, 14th Nov at 9.30am