



THE PARISH
OF ATHY

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



MASS OF THE THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 16TH NOVEMBER 2025

PRAYER

Lord God of all the ages, the One
who is, who was,
and who is to come,
stir up within us a longing for your
kingdom,
steady our hearts in the time of trial,
and grant us patient endurance until
the sun of justice dawns.
We make our prayer through
our Lord Jesus Christ,
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.

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.

Parish Development collection

We remind those who make their contributions annually that
they can make their payments now.
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.: €2,933 of which €1,840 is annuals & €1,093 is weekly
Common: €1,285 **Share:** €1,175

Thanks to all who contributed

PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

Recently Deceased:

Paul David Curran, Grangemellon
Martin 'Murt' Brennan, Castlepark. Funeral arrangements later

Sat. 6pm Vigil:

Birthday remembrance: Elizabeth Moran

Anniversaries & Remembrance

Tony & Margaret Doyle, Mary Mulhall (5th A), Declan
Cardiff, Nora Mary Gallagher, Christopher Byrne, Maeve
Batchelor, Maggie Kelly, Jack Phillips (45th A), Assumpta
Mullaniff, Jim Prendergast, Richard & Shay Anderson,
Margaret Callaghan, Paddy Digan, Jim & Nell Byrne, John
O'Neill (6th A), Sean O'Neill, Tommy Brophy, Margaret &
Patrick Doyle, Bridie Mulqueen, Dec mem of Mulqueen
Family, Mary & Harry Foley

Sunday 9am Barrowhouse:

Paddy Meara, James Brennan

Sunday 10.30am:

Anniversaries & Remembrance:

Maeve Batchelor, Stuart Bowles, Kathleen Walsh, Mary
Mulhall (5th A), Jack & Dolly Phillips, Michael Conlon,
Margaret Callaghan, Benny Anderson, Tommy Brophy,
Margaret & Patrick Doyle, Bridie Mulqueen, Dec mem of
Mulqueen Family, Jimmy, Mary & Noelle Sweeney, Patrick
& Anne Brennan

Sunday 12 noon: Month's mind: Anna Hughes

Anniversaries & Remembrance:

Maeve Batchelor, May Mulhall (5th A), Nora Mary
Gallagher, Jack & Dolly Phillips, Josephine Byrne,
Nancy Quinn, Margaret Callaghan, Mary Conway, Paddy &
George Conway, Tommy Brophy, Margaret & Patrick Doyle,
Ned Harty, Tom Harty, John Harty, Judy Harty,
Magalisha Knee, Tommy Murray, John Harty Snr., Matthew
Farrell, Christopher Stephen Heffernan

Monday 9.30 am: Winifred Aldridge, Special Intentions,
Donors Intention

Tues. 9.30 am: Maggie Kelly, Nancy Quinn (20th Anniv),
Sheila Moore, Tom & Jean Donohue, Kevin & Eileen
Fingleton, June, Molly & John Fingleton, Betty & Pat Easton,
Maggie & Jim Fleming, Dec. members of Phillips &
Fingleton families, Derek Donohue, Betty & Paddy Brennan,
Dec. members of Brennan & Bambrick families, Michael
Raddie, Alice Murphy, Romeo Silacan (20th Anniv)
Rosalinda Silacan, Rollic Silacan

Wednes. 9.30 am: Birthday rem: Denis Chanders
Denis 'Bertie' O'Rourke, Paddy Eaton (17th Anniv),
John Joe Keeffe (Anniv), Dec mem of Moore & Bolger
Families

Thur 9.30am: Christy Hickey, Special Intention

Friday 9.30am:

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*

READINGS Year C

First Reading: Malachi 3:19-20

Psalms: Ps 97:5-9

Second Reading: Thessalonians 3:7-12

Gospel: Luke 21: 5-19

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

Holy Hour every Tuesday in **Crookstown Church** 7pm-8pm

Holy Hour every Tuesday in **Barrowhouse Church** 7pm -8pm

Holy Hour St Ita's, Kilmead on First Fridays of the month 7-8pm

**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

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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ATHY BLESSING OF THE CEMETERIES

New St Michael's:

Tuesday, 25th November after 9.30am Mass

Old St. Michael's:

Thursday, 27th November after 9.30am Mass

Old Convent Cemetery:

Thursday, 20th November after 9.30am Mass

CATECHETICAL CORNER – The Overture

If you are a fan of classical music, or perhaps more accurately, opera, you will be familiar with the overture. The overture is designed to introduce the work and to give the audience a flavour of the music and the themes of work.

In Mass we have an overture, we call it the Preface. The Preface is that prayer, said by the priest, on behalf of us all, that happens just after the gifts have been prepared and the prayer over the offerings has been prayed.

The Preface begins with a dialogue between priest and people. The priest says; *'The Lord be with'*. The people reply: *'And with your spirit.'* *'Lift up your hearts.'* *'We lift them up to the Lord.'* *'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.'* *'It is right and just.'* In that dialogue, and in what follows, is the whole purpose of the Mass, namely to give praise and thanks, which is the meaning of the word Eucharist - thanksgiving.

With the dialogue complete, the preface continues echoing the final words of the dialogue, that *'it is truly right and just that we should always and everywhere give you [Father] thanks and praise'*. Thereby emphasising the necessity of preserving this attitude, that we profess at Mass, of thanks and praise, throughout our whole life. While focussing on one aspect or one particular attribute of GOD for which we should give thanks, depending on the season or feast day, the preface is about raising our hearts and minds to the Father, to whom the whole Mass is directed. The General Instruction on the Roman Missal outlines 7 key elements of the Eucharistic Prayer and says this of the first of these which is: *'Thanksgiving (expressed especially in the Preface): In which the priest, in the name of the entire holy people, glorifies God the Father and gives thanks for the whole work of salvation or for some special aspect of it that corresponds to the day, festivity, or season.'* (GIRM #79)

There are approximately 100 prefaces approved for use in the Liturgy. There are Prefaces for Ordinary Time, Advent, Lent, Christmas, Easter and Pentecost. There are prefaces for use in Mass on feast days of our Lady and the saints. There are 4 main Eucharistic Prayers and Eucharistic Prayer II has its own preface. The Preface concludes by inviting us to join in singing with *'... Angels and Archangels, with Thrones and Dominions, and with all the hosts and Powers of heaven...'* who stand before GOD constantly singing *'Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, GOD of hosts...'* (see Is. 6:3 and Rev. 4:8). Standing before GOD with the court of Heaven we give thanks to the Father for HIS love, mercy, kindness, for sending us HIS Son to be our saviour. For opening to us the possibility of eternal life. We truly are a Eucharistic people.

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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.

ARDSCOIL NA TRÍONÓIDE CLOTHES DRIVE

**Will accept clean, re-wearable mens, womens & children
clothing, paired shoes and boots etc.**

No bedding.

Please drop them suitably bagged to the office at the front of
the school, during school hours only

10% of all money raised will go to Laura Lynn

Closing date **end of November.**

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.

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