



## MASS OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD SUNDAY 11TH JANUARY 2026

### PRAYER

Let us hear again, Abba, Father, your words of favour to each one of us. Direct us on the Way of discipleship, that we may be bearers of the Good News by simply being who we truly are before you, your children  
Amen



### CHURCH NOTICES

**Weekend Mass times:** 6pm, 10.30am & 12 noon & Barrowhouse Sunday at 9 am

**Weekday Masses:** 9.30 am Rosary at 9.10.

**Christmas Dues** can be handed in through the baskets at Mass or to the Parish Office.

Thanks to those who have already contributed

Last Weekend Collections

**P. Dev.:** €1,087 **Common:** €1,515 **Share:** €992

*Thanks to all who contributed*

### A Mass with The Blessing of The Relic of St. Carlo Acutis

will take place in  
St. Anne's Church Ballylinan on  
Tuesday 13th of January at 7.30pm.  
All Welcome

### READINGS Year C

**First Reading:** Isaiah 42:1-4. 6-7

**Psalm:** Ps 28:1-4. 9-10

**Second Reading:** Acts 10: 34-38

**Gospel:** Matthew 3: 13-17

### Reflection:

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord is a liturgical bridge that connects the Christmas season to Ordinary Time. During the Christmas season we pondered the Incarnation, Nativity, Presentation in the Temple, and Epiphany. Today, we see Jesus manifesting Himself to the world as He began His three years of public ministry.

Jesus begins His ministry through an act of deep solidarity with the fallen human race. John the Baptist had been preaching in the desert and offering a baptism of repentance. John's baptism was not the same as our baptism today. Instead, it was only a sign of one's willingness to turn away from sin and turn toward God. Jesus, of course, had nothing to repent of. He was sinless in every way. But that didn't stop Him from freely choosing to receive the baptism of repentance.

### PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

#### Recently Deceased:

*Billy Leonard, Castle park*

*Michael Kelly, Whitecastle Lawn. Funeral Monday at 11am. Burial in New St. Michael's Cemetery.*

#### Saturday 6pm Vigil

**Month's mind:** Mike Ryan, New York, John Mealy

#### Anniversaries & Remembrance:

Nora & Tim Kelly, Anne McKibbin, Mary O'Rourke, Daniel Patrick Kavanagh, Margaret Kavanagh, Mary 'Polly' Murphy, Nora Mary Gallagher, Mary Lawler, William Lawler, Helen Lawler, William Lawler Jnr. Bridget Moran, Elizabeth Kenny, May Doran, Patrick 'Paddy' Kelly (10th A) Eileen Digan, Patrick Mahon, Terence Holligan (3rd A), Noreen & Des Noonan, Rena Morrin, Patrick Tynan, Sean Redmond, Anna Hoban, Maggie Murphy, Eileen Goulding, Theresa & John O'Sullivan, Donal Chambers, Jimmy Connolly, Joe & Bridie Dwyer, George & Catherine Roche May & David Neill, Special Intention, Martin Kelly (8th Anniv), May & Tom Eston, Mary & James O'Brien Mai Harris,

#### Sunday 9am Barrowhouse:

Michael Fitzgerald, Agnes & James O'Meara, Joseph & Marie O'Meara, Patrick & Josephine Kelly

#### Sunday 10.30am: Anniversaries & Remembrance:

Anne McKibbin, Mary O'Rourke, Bridget & Joseph Byrne, Peter Byrne, Bridget & Des Moylan, Dec. members of Byrne Family, Jack Redmond (33rd A), Mary Lawler, William Lawler, Helen Lawler, William Lawler Jnr. Joe & Ellen Bergin, Ann & David Bach, James Doyle, Johanna Doyle, William & Elizabeth Howard, Phyllis Howard, James & Mary Myron, Cis, Bill & Billy Tierney, Kate & Charlie Sourke, Eileen Goulding, Jack Redmond, Agnes Bergin George & Catherine Roche, Anastacio Damo,

#### Sunday 12 noon:

**Recently Deceased:** Paul Grennan who died in Birmingham  
**Anniversaries & Remembrance:**

Nora Mary Gallagher, Bridget & Joseph Byrne, Peter Byrne, Bridget & Des Moylan, Dec. members of Byrne family, Damian McMahon (28th A), William & Mary Lawler, Helen Lawler, William Lawler Jnr. Jack Keogh, Eileen Goulding, Agnes Bergin, Jimmy Connolly, Fr. John Heffernan O.P. George & Catherine Roche

**Monday 9.30 am:** Special Intention

**Tuesday 9.30 am:** **Month's mind:** John Mealy  
**Anniv:** Patrick Mahon, Paddy Wright, John Wright

**Wednes. 9.30 am:** Mary Gallagher, Jimmy Connolly Maggie Kelly (14th Anniv)

**Thursday: 9.30 am:** Margo Mulhall Bowden, formerly of Larkfield, burial takes place today in London at 2pm  
**Anniv:** Paddy & Brigid Dunne, Jack Redmond Nancy Fitzgerald (35th Anniv)

**Friday 9.30am:** Maisie Scully

## PARISH TEAM

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## PARISHES OF ATHY, MOONE & NARRAGHMORE PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2026

7 nights 4 Star Hotel Padoue 22<sup>nd</sup> June – 29<sup>th</sup> June 2026  
Cost €995 pps  
Spiritual Director Fr. Francis McCarthy  
Saving Club available.  
Further details contact - Christopher Rowan 087 2707 182



## CHURCHTOWN N.S.

Is accepting enrolments for the academic year 2026-2027.  
Please see our school website [www.churchtownnathy.com](http://www.churchtownnathy.com)  
For a copy of our admission Policy and annual admission  
notice.  
See  
[churchathy@gmail.com](mailto:churchathy@gmail.com) or by writing to our school  
Churchtown N.S. Athy, Co. Kildare 059-8632178

## Gael Scoil Átha Í Enrolment

is now open for the 2026/27 academic year.

The deadline for applications is January 31st.

No open day -New parents are always welcome to visit and  
have a look around and meet our wonderful staff, just call the  
office or reach out to our social media platforms.

## 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](mailto:office@scoilnaomhtreasa.ie)  
Please don't hesitate to  
contact us by email or phone 0598632522

## Enrolment in Scoil Phadraig Naofa - Sept 2026

Enrolments will take place for pupils wishing to commence in  
either Junior Infant or Autism Classes for September 2026  
from

Friday 9th January, 2026 - Friday 30th January, 2026.

If you wish to enrol your son/daughter you can contact the  
school office at 059-86 34811 or email [info@spnathy.ie](mailto:info@spnathy.ie) for  
an Enrolment Form. More details can be found  
at [www.spnathy.ie](http://www.spnathy.ie)

## SCOIL MHICHÍL NAOFA ATHY

### MAINSTREAM SCHOOL

With classes for Mild and Moderate  
General Learning Difficulties and Children on the Autistic  
Spectrum.

**Forms available on our website at**

[www.smnathy.ie](http://www.smnathy.ie)

From

**Monday, January 12<sup>th</sup>. at 9 a.m.**

**to Tuesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>. at 3 p.m.**

**2026.**

Athy Parish website [www.parishofathy.ie](http://www.parishofathy.ie)

Parish Radio 107.9 fm

**TheWay.ie** is a new digital platform set up by the Irish  
Bishops' Conference dedicated to sharing the Good News  
and the witness of the Catholic Church in Ireland. It is  
intended to help people discover the faith, live the faith and  
pass on the faith. It is for both seekers and followers.

Visit [www.theway.ie](http://www.theway.ie).

## ATHY & DISTRICT CARE OF THE ELDERLY MEETING

takes place  
Monday, 12th January 2026, at 8pm  
in  
Athy Parish Centre, Mount Hawkins

## HOLY HOUR

in  
St Michael's Church  
will resume on Tuesday next, 13th January,  
from 2.30pm -3.30pm

## BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

The Irish Hospice Foundation provides a free Bereavement  
Support Line. This National Freephone Service is available  
from 10am to 1pm, Monday to Friday, by calling 1800 807077.

Visit [www.hospicefoundation.ie](http://www.hospicefoundation.ie) for more information.

## AWARE – SUPPORT & SELF CARE GROUPS

If you or those with whom you work wish to connect with people  
in relation to your mental wellbeing, consider using Aware's  
phone-in and Zoom support and self-care groups, support line or  
support mail. For more information, visit [www.aware.ie](http://www.aware.ie).

**Anam Cara**, which supports parents after bereavement, is  
hosting an **Online Bereavement Information Evening on  
Thursday 22nd January at 7pm**

This talk will focus on understanding grief after the death of a  
child, ways of coping when emotions feel overwhelming. Parents  
are also invited to register via this link:

[Register here for Online Bereavement Information Evening](http://Register here for Online Bereavement Information Evening)

## 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)