



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



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
Psalms: 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 Jr. 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 Jr. 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 Jr. 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

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CHURCHTOWN N.S.

Is accepting enrolments for the academic year 2026-2027.
Please see our school website www.churchtownathy.com
For a copy of our admission Policy and annual admission notice.

See

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
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 for an Enrolment Form. More details can be found at 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

From

Monday, January 12th. at 9 a.m.

to Tuesday, February 3rd. at 3 p.m.

2026.

Athy Parish website www.parihofathy.ie

Parish Radio 107.9 fm

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



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.

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 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.

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](#)

ACCORD

Accord Carlow Relationship Counselling

at St. Catherine's Community Service Centre Carlow

Phone Mary at 086 4149034 or

email accordcarlow@gmail.com