



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



MASS OF THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 18TH JANUARY 2026

PRAYER

God, ever loving and always watching over us, help us to recognise you in all that happens us. Help us to respond in the words of the Psalm, here I am, Lord I come to do your will.



CHURCH NOTICES

Weekend Mass times: 6pm, 10.30am & 12 noon & Barrowhouse Sunday at 9 am
Weekday Masses: 9.30 am Rosary at 9.10.

This is week of Christian Unity & Catholic Schools Week. See www.theWay.ie

Last Weekend Collections

P. Dev.: €1,632 **Common:** €1,370 **Share** €1,125

Holy Day **Common:** €215 **Share** €135

Thanks to all who contributed

READINGS Year C

First Reading: Isaiah 49:3. 5-6
Psalms: Ps 39: 2.4 7-10
Second Reading: Corinthians 1:1-3
Gospel: John 1:29-34

ST BRIGID'S CAMINO WALK

Monasterevin Parish

Monday, 2nd February 2026

Starting at St Brigid Shrine, Mountrice W34X529
on Rathangan Rd. (R414) at 11am via Umeras
(Walk 6km)

to SS Peter & Paul Church, Monasterevin, W34 KD 61
Refreshment & St Brigid's Crosses provided on the day.

Info from Monasterevin 045 525346

www.monasterevinparish.ie

St Brigid's Crosses will be on sale
in the Parish Office on Friday & Saturday
30th & 31st January 2026
in advance of St Brigid's Day, 1st February.
This year the 80% of proceeds will be going to Friends of
Naas Hospital



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PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

Recently Deceased:

Dominic 'Dom' Howe, Grangemellon

Diarmuid Hayden, Levitstown

Michel Kelly, White Castle Lawn

Michael 'Mick' Fenelon, Convent View. Funeral Mass Monday at 11am followed by burial in New St. Michael's Cemetery.

William Hutchinson, Kilberry, Funeral Mass Monday at 1pm followed by burial in New St. Michael's Cemetery.

Saturday 6pm Vigil Month's mind:

Birthday rem. Mary Perse, Harry Foley, Kathleen Lynch

Anniversaries & Remembrance: Anthony Johnson (2nd A), Marie Byrne (1st A), Nora Mary Gallagher, Margaret Hogan, Michael & Stasia McLoughlin, Liam & Agnes McLoughlin, Noel McLoughlin, Olive Harte, Francis Joe & Josephine Moloney, Johnny Loughman, Janet Ryan, Joe & Mary Kinahan, John Kinahan, Dec. mem. of Kinahan family, Kathleen Carolan, Lily Quinn, Margaret O'Toole, Billy Delahunt, Dec. mem. of Perse family, Tommy Nolan, Dec. mem. of Reid & Nolan families, Betty Lawlor (6th A), Bridget & Thomas Ayres, Carmel & Declan Ayres, Stephen & John Leonard, Dec. mem. of Leonard family, Michael Eaton, Kitty Kelly, Michael Callaghan, Owen Callaghan, Eileen Digan, Betty Muckerman nee May, Christy May, Hans Peter Maphia Paddy Burke, Thomas Fennelly Snr.

Sunday 9am Barrowhouse: Patrick 'Paddy' Burke
Patrick & Josephine Kelly

Sunday 10.30am:

Yvonne Howard English, recently deceased in America

Anniversaries & Remembrance: Christopher & Mary Cleary, Margaret Delaney, Kathleen & Michael Bradley, Robert Chambers (3rd A), Anastacio Dano (12th A), Mary Foley (22nd), Eric Butler, Lily Quinn, Margaret O'Toole, Billy Delahunt, Tommy Nolan, Dec. mem. of Nolan & Reid families, Marie Byrne (1st A), Michael Eaton, Kevin Dooley, Terry Dooley, Maureen Kerr, Paddy Dunne, Michael & Owen Callaghan, Eileen Digan, Betty Muckerman nee May, Christy May, Hans Peter Maphia, Wilf Meredith

Sunday 12 noon: Shelly Kelly (4th A), Nora Mary Callaghan, Janet Ryan, Gbnait Cremin Hannah McSweeney, Mary Kiely, Pamela O'Donovan, Lily Quinn, Margaret O'Toole, Billy Delahunt, Tommy Nolan, Dec. mem. of Nolan & Reid families, Marie Byrne (1st A), Michael Eaton, Tommy Gilmore, Jim & Ellen Green, Michael & Owen Callaghan, Eileen Digan, Betty Muckerman nee May, Christy May, Hans Peter Maphia, Wilf Meredith

Monday 9.30 am: Shelly Kelly (4th A), Special Intention, Donors Intention, Betty Lawlor (6th A)

Tuesday 9.30 am: John O'Donoghue, Dec. mem. of O'Donoghue family, Sarah Doyle, Dec. mem. of Doyle family, Billy Delahunt, Kitty Kelly, Christopher 'Tonny' Fingleton

Wednes. 9.30 am: Month's mind: Ann Robinson
Mary Robinson, Janet Ryan, Nora Bracken, Julia Bambrick

Thursday: 9.30 am:

Friday 9.30am: Mona McDonnell, John & Patricia Donovan, Lil & George McEntee, Mary Donovan, Maureen Robinson, Michael Eaton, Mary McNamara & Dec me of McNamara Family

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ACCORD

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PARISH OFFICE

Monday: 2 pm-4pm

(Closed Holy Days & Bank Holidays)

Tue & Wednes 9.30-1.30 & 2-4pm

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CATECHETICAL CORNER – SACRAMENTALS

Sacramentals are not Sacraments. There are seven Sacraments – *Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Penance, Anointing of the Sick, Matrimony and Holy Orders*. A Sacrament is an outward sign of an invisible reality, that accomplishes what it signifies. A wedding ring is an outward sign of the invisible reality that the wearer is married. However, wearing a ring on the third finger of your left hand does not make a person married. Whereas the marriage rite of the Church, the Sacrament of Matrimony, actually makes a person married.

Sacramentals, on the other hand, are sacred signs – prayers, blessings, objects – instituted by the Church, that dispose a person to receive the grace of the Sacraments. They differ fundamentally from the sacraments as they are instituted by the Church, while the Sacraments are instituted by Christ. The Catechism of the Catholic Church says this: *"[Sacramentals] are sacred signs which bear a resemblance to the sacraments. They signify effects, particularly of a spiritual nature, which are obtained through the intercession of the Church. By them men are disposed to receive the chief effect of the sacraments, and various occasions in life are rendered holy."* (CCC #1667). The Catechism goes on: *'Sacramentals derive from the baptismal priesthood: every baptized person is called to be a "blessing," and to bless. Hence lay people may preside at certain blessings; the more a blessing concerns ecclesial and sacramental life, the more is its administration reserved to the ordained ministry...'* (CCC #1669). It is appropriate that parents bless their children, or that we bless our food by saying a Grace Before/After Meals. The difference between a priestly blessing and lay person blessing is this: when a priest blesses it is in fact GOD Himself who blesses through the priest. Just note the final blessing at Mass; *'May Almighty GOD bless you, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.'* Note that it is not in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, which is how a lay person would bless.

The Catechism continues: *'For well-disposed members of the faithful, the liturgy of the sacraments and [using] sacramentals sanctifies almost every event of their lives with the divine grace ... From this source (the Paschal mystery) all sacraments and sacramentals draw their power. There is scarcely any proper use of material things which cannot be thus directed toward the sanctification of men and the praise of God.'* (CCC #1670)

Some common examples of sacramentals include: Holy water, blessed candles, crucifixes, medals (like the Miraculous Medal), rosaries, scapulars, blessed salt, ashes, palms. As well as some actions and prayers, such as: The Sign of the Cross, blessings (of people, homes, meals), exorcisms, liturgical gestures. There are 3 main types of Sacramentals; Blessings, Consecrations and Exorcisms.

A sacramental isn't magic or superstition; it's a tool for devotion. When a priest blesses a crucifix, or a person uses holy water with faith, they are inviting God's grace, remembering Christ's sacrifice, and asking for spiritual strength, making the everyday world a path to holiness.

ATHY MERCY ASSOCIATE MEETING

in

Parish Centre, Monday, on 19th January, 7.30pm
New members welcome to join
Contact Elaine 085 1801 391

CHURCHTOWN N.S.

Is accepting enrolments for the academic year 2026-2027.
Please see our school website www.churchtownnathy.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.parishofathy.ie

Parish Radio 107.9 fm

Children Liturgy Sheets
available at doors of church

