



THE PARISH
OF ATHY

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



ST BRIGID, ABBESS, SECONDARY PATRON OF IRELAND SUNDAY 1ST FEBRUARY 2026

PRAYER

We know and we believe, O God, that you seek us even more than we seek you. Help us recognise your longing for us and awaken in us a deeper longing for you, ever faithful and loving God.

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.

Last Weekend Collections

P. Dev.: €1,762 of which € 712 is weekly € 1,050 Annual

Common: €1,470 **Share** €1,040

Thanks to all who contributed

St Brigid's Crosses from Parish Office

This year the 80% of proceeds will be going to Friends of Naas Hospital.



You can bring your Cross to Sunday Mass and priest will bless during Mass.

**Bank Holiday Monday, 2nd February,
The Presentation of the Lord & Candlemas
Athy: 9:30 am Mass**

Tuesday, 3rd February, Feast of St. Blaise

Athy: 9:30 am Mass followed by blessing of throats
Crookstown: 9:30 am Mass with blessing of candles & throats

Moone: 7:00 pm Mass with blessing of candles & throats

ASH Wednesday-18th February

Athy: 9:30 am Mass with blessing and distribution of ashes

Crookstown: 9:30 am Mass with blessing and distribution of ashes

Moone: 7:00 pm Mass with blessing and distribution of ashes

Choir

St Michael's Parish Choir is delighted to announce that ten of its members along with members of Castledermot's Assumption Choir and other singers from Carlow Cathedral Choir and Carlow Choral Society will perform -

Aifreann Lorcáin Ua Thuathail -

a special and historic liturgical celebration marking the 800th Anniversary of the Canonisation of Saint Laurence O'Toole here in our parish church on

Sunday 8th February, at 12 noon.

This commemorative Mass will feature music arranged by Brian Kehoe, organist and composer with the Assumption Choir, Castledermot. The combined choirs will be conducted by Seamus O'Briain, musical director of the Assumption Choir. The Mass will include a very special performance by Celtic Tenor, James Nelson, who will sing a the psalm.

An opportunity to honour the legacy of Saint Laurence O'Toole through sacred music.

St Michael's Parish Choir warmly invite all members of the public and those with a devotion to Saint Laurence to join us.

PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

Recently Deceased:

James 'Jimmy' Connell, Carbery Park

John Armstrong, formerly of Chanterlands & Ardreigh, Athy died in Seattle Washington, USA

Saturday 6pm Vigil Month's mind:

Anniversaries & Remembrance:

Nora Mary Gallagher, Jackie Hyland (1st A), Dec. mem. of Hyland family, Julie Ann & John Hyland, Liam & Brian Hyland, Eileen, Madeline & Angela Hyland, Ann Hyland, Kevin Whelan, Kathleen & Martin Harte, Tommy Nolan, Dec. members of Nolan family, Paddy & Jane Reid, Dec. members of Reid family, Valerie Hickey, Susan & John Conaty, Rosaleen Ward, Helen Delaney (3rd A), Jason Dooley (24th A) Rose Kelly (11th A), Noreen Moran, Annie Foley, Dec. mem of Foley family, Rose & Patrick Chanders, Dec mem of Chanders & O'Mara Families, John Costello, Phoebe 'Fabe' Murphy (1st anniv)

Sunday 9am Barrowhouse: Marie McMahon (anniv)

Sunday 10.30am:

Month's mind:

Birthday remembrance: Ann Deering

Anniversaries & Remembrance:

Dom Howe, Kathleen & Martin Harte, Mary & Denis Whelan, Jason Dooley, Michael, Mary & Eddie Doyle, Rose & Patrick Chanders, Dec mem of Chanders & O'Mara Families, Mairead Dooley

Sunday 12 noon:

Month's Mind: Joe Kingston, Mary Prendergast

Anniversaries & Remembrance:

Nora Mary Gallagher, Jim Fingleton (1st A), Kathleen & Martin Harte, Jason Dooley, Jimmy, Mary & Noelle Sweeney, Phil Gorman nee Redmond, Dec. members of Gorman & Redmond families, Michael & Bridget Noonan. Rose & Patrick Chanders, Dec mem of Chanders & O'Mara Families, Fr Philip Dennehy

Monday 9.30 am: Fr. Philip Dennehy, Florrie Crowe, Harry O'Sullivan (Birthday Rem), Kathleen Brennan (Anniv)

Tuesday 9.30 am: Frank English, Anthony Kirwan, Annie & Edel Foley, Dec. members of Foley family, Mairead Dooley,

Wednes. 9.30 am: Francis Scully, Jim O'Sullivan, Bridget Hickey, Catherine Smyth

Thursday: 9.30 am: Golden Book

Friday 9.30am: Altar List of the Dead

New Boiler for St Michael's Church

A new boiler is being installed in the Church.

The work will take two to three weeks to complete.

It will replace the current boiler which is old, cracked, leaking, and inefficient.

The cost of €68,000 will be covered by a very generous bequest from a late parishioner.

READINGS Year C

First Reading: Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13
Psalms: Ps 145: 7-10

Second Reading: Corinthians 1:26-31
Gospel: Matthew 5: 1-12

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Live Lent 2026 is the Lenten Programme of the Parishes of Athy, Narraghmore & Moone. You are invited to join your parish community online where, each day during Lent you will receive a message by either WhatsApp or email with words of inspiration and encouragement as we journey through Lent together.

To join, all you have to do is scan the QR code on the posters or in the Newsletter or send an email to:

livelent2026@gmail.com



HOLY HOUR
in St Michael's Church on Tuesdays in Parish Church
from 2.30pm -3.30pm

Catechetical Corner - 'A handy spot to put the book?'

Imagine being invited out to dinner and being fed twice, now wouldn't that be great? That is what happens every time we come to holy Mass, we get fed twice. Once in Holy Communion from the altar, or the Table of the Eucharist, by which we '*grow in holiness*'. And once from the Table of the Word, the Ambo, by which we '*grow in wisdom*' (LM 10)

The Ambo, or as it is sometimes, incorrectly, called the Pulpit, is not merely a convenient place to put down the Lectionary – the Lectionary is the name given to book that contains the readings for the Liturgy, it is not a Bible but contains readings from the Bible. The Ambo, is much more than a mere lectern or book stand. It may have carvings or engravings on it. These carvings may, for example, represent the Four Evangelists. The substantial nature of the Ambo, the carvings, its positioning in the sanctuary should serve to tell us that this is a significant piece of sanctuary furniture, it is important and it has meaning.

So why not just a simpler bookstand or lectern? Well, the Second Vatican Council says this: "*He [Christ] is present in His word, since it is He Himself who speaks when the holy scriptures are read in the Church*" (Decree on Sacred Liturgy). In paragraph 24, the same document says: "*Sacred scripture is of the greatest importance in the celebration of the liturgy. It is from scripture that lessons are read and explained in the homily and psalms are sung; the prayers, collects, and liturgical songs are scriptural in their inspiration and their force, and it is from the scriptures that actions and signs derive their meaning.*" We don't use the Altar as a table, so too His presence in the proclaimed word requires an equal degree of reverence. The General Instruction on the Roman Missal (GIRM) says this: "*From the ambo only the readings, the responsorial Psalm, and the Easter Proclamation (Exultet) are to be proclaimed; it may be used also for giving the homily and for announcing the intentions of the Prayer of the Faithful*" Just as the Altar table is reserved for the Offering of and receiving the Eucharist, the Ambo is to be reserved for these sacred functions, because "*The celebration of Mass in which the word is heard and the Eucharist is offered and received forms but one single act of divine worship*" (LM, 10). The document on Divine Revelation of Vatican II says: "The Ambo is not just a convenient place to put the book down, it is much more than that and deserving respect. (taken from article by Denis R. McNamara on Adoremus.org)

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

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

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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.**

ST BRIGID'S CAMINO WALK Monasterevin Parish

Monday, 2nd February 2026

Starting at St Brigid Shrine, Mountrue 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

Athy Parish website www.parishofathy.ie

Parish Radio 107.9 fm

Cloak on the Moat 2026

Cloak on the Moat Committee 2026

present 'Cloak on the Moat'

Bank Holiday Monday,

2nd February at 12 noon,

Moat of Ardscull Athy.



Free-Family-Friendly community event celebrating St. Brigid and Kildare in its 4th year running.

Acts on the day include Athy Comhaltas, Paul Linehan, Joseph Gorman, Village Voices, Molly Doyle, Aaron O'Rourke, Kilmead set dancers and figure dancers.

There will be a child and adult prize for best dressed Brigid and Chieftain – homemade costumes encouraged.

Face painting, coffee van and much more to be expected.

Please bring foldable chairs for older members,
wrap up warm.

All children must be accompanied by an adult.