



THE PARISH  
OF ATHY

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



## MASS OF THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 15TH FEBRUARY 2026



### Prayer for Temperance

Temper my desires, O Lord,  
and turn my focus towards you.  
Deliver me from the tendency to go to extremes  
that strain both body and soul.  
Help me to be content with what I have  
instead of constantly seeking more.  
May I come to recognize the grace of moderation  
that brings both contentment and  
appreciation.

### PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

#### Recently Deceased:

*James 'Jim' Reilly*, Whitecastle Lawn  
*Elizabeth Lyne*, Gorey, *Edward O'Beirne*, England  
*David Ward*, *Marie Cherry*, died in Dublin.  
*Mary Prior*, Churchtown, *Noel Kavanagh*, Branswood, Funeral  
Mass Monday at 11 am to Mount Jerome Crematorium.  
*Nicholas Walsh*, Chanterlands. Funeral arrangements later  
**Sat. 6pm Vigil**

**Month's mind:** Mick Fenlon, William 'Willie' Hutchinson  
**Anniversaries & Rem.** Elizabeth Kingston, Mary Hickey,  
Dick Watts, Alice Wallis, Margaret Watts, Jim Fingleton, Tony  
Campbell (51st A), Cyril Mc Govern, Gretta Dunne (4th A),  
Paddy Mulhall (10th A), Johnny Mulhall (20th A), Dec. mem.  
of Mulhall family, Joseph McConville, James Doran O'Reilly,  
Patrick Fogarty, Patrick, Elizabeth & Billy Farrelly, Mary &  
Patrick Howard, Micheál Kelly, Bridie Hutchinson, Declan  
Deere, John Deere, Derek & Maisie Candy, John O'Brien, Nora  
Mary Gallagher, Margaret Bolger, Hughie 'Sam' Owens, John  
Burke (14th A), Brendan Burke (6th A), Mary Burke (5th A),  
Eddie & Nano Holt, Dec. mem. of Holt & Hayes families,  
Tommy Comerford, Dec. mem. of Comerford family, Peter &  
Esther Brereton, Marie Bridgette, Lily Cleary, Michael &  
Rosanna O'Connor, George & Mary Roche, Kathleen Kelly,  
Patrick Gately, Jane Holligan, John Foley (5th Anniv)

#### Sunday 9am Barrowhouse:

**Sunday 10.30am: Month's mind:** Dominic Howe, Mick Fenlon  
**Anniversaries & Remembrance:** Danny McEvoy, Tony  
Campbell, Paddy Mulhall (10th A), Johnny Mulhall (20th A),  
Dec. mem. of Mulhall family, Elizabeth Flood, John  
McDonnell, Parick, Elizabeth & Billy Farrelly, Mary & Patrick  
Howard, Miceál Kelly, Pauline Brennan (2nd A), Hughie (Sam)  
Owens, John Burke (14th A), Brendan Burke (6th A), Eddie &  
Nano Holt, Dec. mem. of Holt & Comerford families. Tommy  
Comerford, Dec. mem. of Comerford family, Johnny Haskins,  
George & Mary Roche, Kathleen Kelly, Patrick Gately,  
Isabella Mullery, Fintan Kinsella, John Hickey Snr.

#### Sunday 12 noon: Month's mind:

Mick Fenlon  
**Birthday Rem:** Maureen Robinson  
**Anniversaries & Remembrance:** Danny McEvoy, Patrick  
Roche, Patrick & Mary Roche, Dec. mem. of Roche &  
McDermot families, Mary Hickey, Tony Campbell, Tom  
Boland, Dec. mem. of Boland & Cooper families, Patrick,  
Elizabeth & Billy Farrelly, Mary & Patrick Howard, Miceál  
Kelly, Michael McInerney (2nd A), Nora Mary Gallagher,  
Hughie 'Sam' Owens, Mary Ann & John McPartland, Ann &  
Peter Redmond, Robert Redmond, John Burke (14th A),  
Brendan Burke (6th A), Mary Burke (5th A), Eddie & Nano  
Holt, Dec. mem. of Holt & Hayes families, Tommy Comerford,  
Dec. mem. of Comerford families, Tommy Donnelly, Paddy &  
Lena Reeves, George & Mary Roche, Kathleen Kelly, Patrick  
Gately, Jane Holligan, John Foley (5th Anniv)

**Monday 9.30 am:** Donors Intention, Maura Coughlan  
Isabella Mullery

**Tuesday 9.30 am:** Dora & Patrick O'Donoghue, Robert &  
Maira Osborne, Maureen O'Connor

**Wednes. 9.30 am:** Christopher & Mary Cleary, Cyril  
McGovern, Eddie Doyle

**Thursday: 9.30 am:** Thomas Moran

**Friday 9.30am:** Thanksgiving

### CHURCH NOTICES

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

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

**Relationship Care Annual Collection** takes place today  
during all Masses. Relationship Care is the new trading  
name for Accord Dublin the diocesan agency for marriage  
and Relationships. This will replace Share Collection.  
[www.relationshipcare.ie](http://www.relationshipcare.ie)

Last Weekend Collections: **P. Dev.:** €750

**Common:** €1,505 **Share** €1,240

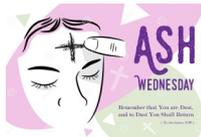
*Thanks to all who contributed*

### LENT BEGINS ASH WEDNESDAY-18<sup>th</sup> 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



### Ash Wednesday Day of Fast & Abstinence

**Abstinence** is from meat; fast means one main meal and two  
small snacks, health permitting. The **ashes** reminds us of  
mortality and the relative shortness of this life.

The Lenten practices of **prayer, fasting and almsgiving** are  
ways of spiritual renewal and coming closer to God.

### FORMS OF LENTEN PENANCE

Suggestions: Abstaining from alcohol, smoking, meat or some  
food, Special effort at attending Mass, Eucharistic Adoration,  
Family prayer, making the Stations of the Cross, help the poor,  
sick, old or lonely

### LENTEN PRAYER EVENING

overall theme

**Baptised and sent by The Holy Spirit**

Church of the Assumption, Castledermot

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February @ 7pm

St. Michael's Church, Athy Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March @ 7pm

Church of The Most Blessed Trinity Moone

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March @ 7pm

St. Ita's Church Kilmead, Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March @ 7pm

Church of Ss Mary & Laurence, Crookstown

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March @ 7pm

**All are very welcome.**

### READINGS

**1st Reading:** Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20

**Psalms:** Ps 118:1-2.4-5.17-18.33-34

**2nd Reading:** 1 Corinthians 2: 6-10 **Gospel:** Matthew 5: 17-37

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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](mailto:livelent2026@gmail.com)



## HOLY HOUR

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

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

**Parish Radio** 107.9 fm

Children Liturgy Sheets  
available at doors of church



## Trocaire boxes are at the doors of the Church

### SEANAD HIGHER EDUCATION CONSTITUENCY

Irish citizens with degrees from designated third level colleges are eligible to vote in the 'Higher Education' constituency which replaces the NUI and Trinity panels in Seanad Eireann. Previous voters may be unaware that they have been removed from the register.

To secure your vote, go to [www.seanadvoter.ie](http://www.seanadvoter.ie) before February 26. A passport is needed. You can also email [applications@seanadvoter.ie](mailto:applications@seanadvoter.ie).

### ATHY MERCY ASSOCIATE MEETING

in Parish Centre on Monday, 16th January, 7.30pm

New people very welcome to join

Contact Elaine 085 1801 391

*(Prayer, discussions focused on corporal and spiritual works of Mercy, & Study of Life of Catherine McAuley)*

### Catechetical Corner –ARE WE CATHOLIC OR ROMAN CATHOLIC?

The Creed which we recite on Sundays and holy days speaks of '...one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.' However, the Church referred to in this Creed is more commonly called just the Catholic Church. It is not, by the way, properly called the Roman Catholic Church, but simply the Catholic Church.

The term Roman Catholic is not used by the Church herself; it is a relatively modern term, it was promoted mostly by Anglicans, supporters of the "branch theory" of the Church, namely, that the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church of the creed was supposed to consist of three major branches, the Anglican, the Orthodox and the so-called Roman Catholic. Nowhere is the term Roman Catholic used in any of the First Vatican Council's (1869-1870) official documents about the Church herself. Neither is it used in the 16 documents of the Vatican II. Pope Paul VI signed all the documents of Vatican II as "I, Paul, Bishop of the Catholic Church." Simply that - Catholic Church.

Today, many Catholics have recently taken to using the term 'Roman Catholic' in order to affirm their unity with the Pope. However, caution is advised in using the term, not only because of its dubious origins in Anglican circles, intending to suggest that there just might be some other Catholic Church around somewhere besides the Roman one: but also, because it often still is used today to suggest that the Roman Catholic Church is something other and lesser than the Catholic Church of the creed. Some others also use the term who appear to be attempting to categorize the Roman Catholic Church as just another contemporary "Christian denomination", not the body that is identical with the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church of the creed.

The proper name that the Church adopted, dating from the late first century, and adopted precisely in order to distinguish herself from rival bodies, which by then were already beginning to form. The name by which she has been known ever since is the Catholic Church.

The name appears in Christian writing for the first time at the start of the second century, 107A.D., in a letter of St Ignatius of Antioch. By the time it was written down, it had certainly already been in use, for the indications are that everybody understood exactly what was meant by the name when it was written.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church has concisely summed up all the reasons why the name of the Church of Christ has been the Catholic Church.

### Stations

Of

The Cross

For Lent

after

9.30am Mass

Fridays

of

Lent

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS



ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH - ATHY  
FRIDAY'S DURING LENT AFTER 9.30AM MASS  
EVERYONE WELCOME



[TheWay.ie](http://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. Use QR code to access the site

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

Irish Synodal Pathway

*Belonging, Healing,*

*Shared responsibility,*

*Family, Faith Formation*

*Role of women,*

*Young people*

