



THE PARISH  
OF ATHY

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



MASS OF THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT 8TH MARCH 2026

**Prayer**

O God, living and true, look upon your people, whose dry and stony hearts are parched with thirst. Unseal the living water of your Spirit; let it become within us an ever-flowing spring, leaping up to eternal life. Thus may we worship you in spirit and in truth through Christ, our deliverance and hope, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever and ever. 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.

**LENTEN TROCAIRE BOXES**  
available at door of the church

**We are in the Season of Lent**, a good time to reflect on our Mass attendance and Prayer time.

Last Weekend Collections:

**P. Dev.:** €841 **Common:** €1,370 **Share** €1,025  
*Thanks to all who contributed*

**LENTEN PRAYER EVENING**

overall theme

**Baptised and sent by The Holy Spirit**

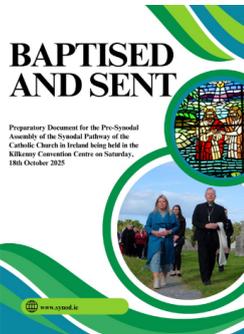
Church of The Most Blessed Trinity Moone  
**Thursday 12th March @ 7pm**

St. Ita's Church Kilmead,  
**Thursday 19th March @ 7pm**

Church of Ss Mary & Laurence, Crookstown  
**Thursday 26th March @ 7pm**

All welcome.

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**Irish Synodal Pathway**  
*Belonging, Healing,  
Shared responsibility,  
Family, Faith Formation,  
Role of women,  
Young people*



**St. Patrick's Day,**

Tuesday, 17th March, is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Mass in Athy at 9.30am & 12 Noon

(12 noon Mass will be in the Irish language with music from Parish Choir)

St Patrick Day emblem, badges, brooches, candles and cards available from Parish office.

**PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD**

**Recently Deceased:**

*Agnes Delaney nee Chatfield*, formerly Kilberry late of U.K.  
*Noel Kavanagh*, Branswood.  
*Betty O'Brien*, Barkersford, Dublin Rd.  
*Fr William Howell*, formerly Gorey PP, and late of Camolin.  
*Maura Redmond nee Fingleton*, Moatfield, Athy funeral in Kilmeade Church Monday at 11am.

**Sat. 6pm Vigil**

**Month's mind:** Patrick 'Pat' Brennan, Mary Chambers, Elizabeth Lyne, **Birthday rem:** Donal Chambers  
**Anniversaries & Rem.** Anne Casey (11th A), Sean Burke (1st A), Dickie Kelly, Margaret Doyle, Margaret Webb, Domy Moloney, Nora Mary Gallagher, Pat & Michael Quinn, Christina Rasmussen (1st A), Malachy Cardiff, Maureen Cardiff, Josephine Aldridge, Pdraig Healy, Sheila Stynes, Gertie Gray, John Hickey, Freida Hoare, May & Joe Kane, Nancy, Sean & Jason Dooley, John Hoare, Maggie & Bill Hoare, Pat Hoare, Bill Hoare, May, Noel & John Murphy, Ann Murphy, Rita & Ted Ward, Kitty Byrne, Mary Hyland, Betty Cusack, Kathleen Mackey, Kathy Brown, Pat Fitzsimons, Martin Holohan, David Whittle, Maureen Coyle, Frank Honer, Marjorie Austin, Doris Pratt, Joe Carstairs, Dec. mem. of Kane & Hoare family, Paddy Fennin, Ita Lane (4th A), Moss Lane (23rd A), Betty Collins, Jame & Mary Eaton, Martin Hughes, Anna Hughes, Elizabeth Murphy, Pat Dunne, Dec. members of Dunne family, Elizabeth 'Bess' Curtis, Donor's Intention, Special Intention

**Sunday 9am Barrowhouse:**

Brigid 'Birdie' Brennan & Dec mem of Brennan Family

**Sunday 10.30am: Birthday Rem:** John Lawlor

**Anniversaries & Remembrance:** Nora Mary Gallagher, John Murphy, Dec. mem of Murphy family, Pdraig Healy, Paddy Fennin, Ita Lane (4th A), Moss Lane (23rd A), Sean Bowden, James & Mary Eaton, Annie McDonald, Dec mem of Murphy & Lawlor Families

**Sunday 12 noon: Rec. Dec:** *Agnes Delaney nee Chatfield*, formerly Kilberry, late of U.K..

**Month's mind:** James Reilly

**Anniversaries & Rem.** Nora Mary Gallagher, John Murphy, Dec. members of Murphy family, Pdraig Healy, Gertie Gray, Rina Ann McGovern, Tom Heskins, Paddy Fennin, Ita Lane (4th A), Moss Lane (23rd A), James & Mary Eaton, James Kane, Haddie Houghton, Dec mem of Murphy & Lawlor Families **Birthday Remembrance:** John Lawlor

**Monday 9.30 am:** Joe & Mary McDermott, Martina Kilbride, Mary Barry, P.J. Leonard, Annie McDermott, Derek Donohue, Margaret McDermott, Joy P Thomas, Special Intention Dec members of Lawlor & Murphy Families,

**Birthday Remembrance:** John Lawlor

**Tuesday 9.30 am:** Special Intention x 2

**Wednes. 9.30 am:** Private M. Maloney, Seán 'Pinkin' Moloney, James & Anne Mulhall, Robert O'Connor, Edmond, Mary & William O'Connor

**Thur: 9.30 am:** Anne Casey (11th A), Peggy Owens (Anniv)

**Friday 9.30am:** Mary Murphy, Tosh Bambrick, Andy Doogue, Aileen Drennan

**READINGS 1st Reading:** Exodus 17:3-7 **Psalms:** Ps 94: 1-2, 6-9  
**2nd Reading:** Romans 5: 1-2.5-8 **Gospel:** John 4:5-42

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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)



## Catechetical Corner – Who Celebrates?

When you are at mass who celebrates the Mass? The obvious answer is the priest. However according to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, we all, those of us who have gathered for the Liturgy are, in fact, celebrants.

The word Liturgy comes from two old Greek words, Leitos meaning the people and Ergon meaning work, which, when combined, means the work of the people. It originally meant, 'work on behalf of the people', in the sense of some civic activity at the expense of the individual. But in the religious context, it refers to the work of the people. So, when we talk about Liturgy we are referring to something that we all do.

In paragraph 1140 of the Catechism of the Catholic Church we read: *'It is the whole community, the Body of Christ united with its Head, that celebrates. "Liturgical services are not private functions but are celebrations of the Church which is 'the sacrament of unity,' namely, the holy people united and organised under the authority of the bishops. Therefore, liturgical services pertain to the whole Body of the Church. They manifest it, and have effects upon it.'*

It continues, in the very next paragraph: *'The celebrating assembly is the community of the baptized who, "by regeneration and the anointing of the Holy Spirit, are consecrated to be a spiritual house and a holy priesthood, that . . . they may offer spiritual sacrifices." This "common priesthood" is that of Christ the sole priest, in which all his members participate: (Mother Church earnestly desires that all the faithful should be led to that full, conscious, and active participation in liturgical celebrations which is demanded by the very nature of the liturgy, and to which the Christian people, "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a redeemed people," have a right and an obligation by reason of their Baptism)'* - here quoting from the Vatican Document on the Liturgy. There is only one priest, Christ, the High Priest. The ordained priest share in this priesthood. The non-ordained share the common priesthood and we all engage in the Leitos ergon, the work of the people.

When we come to Holy Mass, we are not spectators. We are active participants. Yes, some have particular roles and functions, according to their office: *'Certain members are called by God, in and through the Church, to a special service of the community. These servants are chosen and consecrated by the sacrament of Holy Orders...'* (CCC #1142) The roles are not restricted to the Ordained; *'other particular ministries also exist, not consecrated by the sacrament of Holy Orders, their functions determined by the Bishops... "Servers, readers, commentators, and members of the choir also exercise a genuine liturgical function."'* (CCC #1143) So when next you are asked who celebrated Mass, your answer should be, 'We all did.'

## 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  
Spiritual Director Fr. Francis McCarthy  
Deposits are now due please  
contact - Christopher Rowan 087 2707 182

## Lourdes JUMBO EASTER EGG Raffle Fundraiser (4 prizes)

Tickets €2 per strip or €5 per for 3 strips  
Tickets on sale after Mass  
or  
from Parish Office during opening hours  
Draw will take place after Easter Vigil

## PARISH OFFICE

**Monday:** 2 pm-4pm  
**(Closed Holy Days & Bank Holidays)**  
**Tue & Wednes** 9.30-1.30 & 2-4pm  
**Thur & Fri:** 9.30am-1.30 pm **Sat:** 10.30am-12.30am  
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**Parish Radio** 107.9 fm

## SOLEMN NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP Church of Sts Peter & Paul, Monasterevin W34KD61

**Mon. 9th March**  
Guest speaker Dana Scallan - Singer & Politician.  
**Tues 10th March**  
Guest Speaker Cuan Mhuire - Addictions  
**Wed. 11th March**  
Guest speaker Declan Prendergast-Deacon  
**Thursday 12th March**  
Guest Speaker -TBC  
**Friday 13th March**  
Speaker Conor Kelly– Trocaire

**Anam Cara**, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on  
**Monday 9th March at 7.30pm in the Maldron Hotel, Whitestown Way, Tallaght.**

This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or how recent their death was. You do not need to register in advance.

We also offer an online support group meeting. To find out more call 01 4045378 or email [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie)

Children Liturgy Sheets  
available at doors of church



**Stations  
Of  
The Cross  
For Lent  
after 9.30am Mass  
Fridays  
of Lent**

