



THE PARISH
OF ATHY

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



SIX SUNDAY OF EASTER, 10TH MAY 2026

Prayer

Jesus, you love the human race: let your love of us strike so deep a chord within us that our lives may resound to the music of that grace, drawing others to the leap of faith and the dance of joy. Amen.

CHURCH NOTICES

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

Last Weekend Collections:

P. Dev.: €630 **Common:** €1,480 **Lay Ministry** €1,300
Thanks to all who contributed

**FR. TIM HANNON
60TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION**

Fr. Tim Hannon will celebrate the 60th Anniversary of his Ordination
at a Special Mass on
Saturday, 23rd May, at 6pm
This will be followed by light refreshments.
You are invited to join Fr. Tim for this Special Occasion.

CEMETERY MASS TIMES 2026

St. Michael's New Cemetery
Thursday 4th June - 7:30pm

Crookstown,
Saturday 6th June - 7:00pm

Barrowhouse
Sunday 7th June - 9:00am

Kilmead
Sunday 7th June - 10.30am

Moone
Sunday 7th June - 12:00noon

St. Michael's Old
Thursday 11th June - 7.30pm

Churchtown
Thursday 11th June - 7:30pm

Kilberry
Friday 12th June - 7:30pm

PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

Recently Deceased:

Jane Byrne, Levittstown
Christopher Kelly, Australia, formerly Clonmullion,
John Joe Keogh, Geraldine,
Peter Kinahan, Grangemellon. Funeral Monday at 11am followed by burial in New St Michael's Cemetery.
Samuel Omiyale, who died in Lagos, Nigeria
Sean Dunne, Wexford

Sat. 6pm Vigil

Month's mind: Pat Webster

Anniversaries & Rem:

Des & Margaret Howard, Ger & Kathleen Howard, Michael Keogh, Lorraine Keogh, Nora Mary Gallagher, Edward & Joe Perse, Dec mem of Perse Family, Geraldine Kelly, Rose Heavey, Sheila Melia, Jane Reid (40th Anniv) Dec mem of Foley & Reid Families, Mary Hughes, Ger Walsh, Joe Perse, Edward Perse, Dec mem of Perse & Archbold families, John & Geraldine Keogh, Micheál Myles, Mary Davis, James Davis, Special Intention, Donor's Intention

Sunday 9am Barrowhouse: Mary Davis, James Davis,

Sunday 10.30am:

Rec Dec: Theresa O'Leary nee Kinahan, formerly Clara late of San Francisco

Months Mind: Stephine Murphy

Anniversaries & Rem:

Jim Robinson, Kit & Michael Renehan,
Jane Reid (40th Anniv) Dec mem of Foley & Reid Families, Jimmy Curtis (10th anniv), Bernie Curtis Kelly, Paddy Murphy, Dec members of Keogh Family, Dec mem of Bell Family, Nora Mary Gallagher, Edward & Joe Perse, Dec mem of Perse Family, Molly Hughes, Sarah Brennan, John & Geraldine Keogh, Patrick & Elizabeth Murphy, Michelle Woods, Ned Wynne, Mary Davis, James Davis,

Sunday 12 noon:

Months Mind: Stephine Murphy

Anniversaries & Rem:

Michael Keogh, Lorraine Keogh, Ber McStay, Nora Mary Gallagher, Rita Fennelly (7th Anniv), Molly Hughes, Joseph Walsh, John & Geraldine Keogh, Edith Tierney, Mary O'Neill, Mary Davis, James Davis,

Monday 9.30 am: Vurghese Varkey, Mathew Varkey, Carmelita Fabian (8th Anniv)

Tuesday 9.30 am:

Molly Hughes, Noreen & Liam Coughlan, Rollie Silacan (3rd Anniv), Thomas O'Brien (Anniv)

Wednes. 9.30 am:

Thursday 9.30 am: Special Intention

Friday 9.30 am: Special Intention

READINGS

1st Reading: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

Psalms: Psalm 66 (65)

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 3:15-18

Gospel John 14:15-21

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Open Day for September 2026 courses at Athy Further Education and Training Centre.

Drop in for information on our full and part-time courses

on Wednesday the 13th, 20th and 27th May from 10am to 12pm.

For additional information please contact Rachel Doyle on
059 8632044 at

Further Education and Training Centre, Carlow Road, Athy. Co
Kildare. www.athyfetc.ie or email us at infoathy@kwetb.ie.

ATHY COMMUNITY FAIR

28th May 2026, 10am - 2pm

Church of Ireland Community centre, Athy R14HX26

Moone Parish Scrap Collection

15th & 16th May at R14 WE16
Scrap Metal - Tractor/car batteries

Contact Eugene 087 2554826

ST MATTHIAS APOSTLE

The betrayal and death of Judas caused severe disappointment and hurt to the apostles, leaving an uncomfortable void. Recalling a prophecy from the Book of Psalms, "May another take his office," Peter felt compelled to replace the lost apostle and thereby restore the number of apostles to twelve.

It was during the days of waiting — the days between Jesus' ascension and the descent of the Holy Spirit — that Peter spoke to a group of about 120 disciples in Jerusalem, sharing his thoughts on the need to replace Judas with someone who knew Jesus well — someone who had been an active and committed disciple all the way from the time of Jesus' baptism until his ascension into heaven.

This group of first Christians carefully pondered the situation and suggested two names: Matthias and Joseph Barsabbas (July 20). They prayed intensely for heavenly guidance and then proceeded to utilize an ancient Jewish practice, a custom believed to reveal the authentic desire of God — drawing lots. One common way of drawing lots at that time was to write the name of each candidate on a stone and then put all of the stones into a container. Someone would shake the container until one of the stones flew out — signifying the newly "elected." It was probably through this particular system of "drawing lots" that Matthias became the replacement for Judas.

Unfortunately, very little was written about Matthias in the Bible. It was recorded that Matthias was a popular preacher on the rejection of earthly desires. He supposedly spent much time stressing the impossibility of serving both God and indulgent pleasure. Various traditions have Matthias preaching the Gospel in different locations; some sources tell of him preaching in Judea.

His Feast is celebrated 14th May. St Matthias pray for us

CONFIRMATION, FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Prayer books, Rosary beads, rosettes, pins, medals, prayer cards, cards, are available from the Parish office.

PARISH OFFICE

Open **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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Lenten Trocaire boxes

can be returned to the church if you can not bank your contributions yourself.

Athy Parish website www.parishofathy.ie
Parish Radio 107.9 fm

SACRAMENTS DATES IN THE PARISHES OF ATHY, NARRAGHMORE & MOONE

SCHOOL	CONFIRMATION DATE
Athy-SMN	May 29th
	FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Moone	May 22nd
Crookstown	May 28th
Athy-SPN	May 15th
Barrowhouse	May 16th
Gaelscoil	May 28th
Churchtown	May 22nd
Ballyroe	May 22nd
Kilberry	May 22nd
Model	May 22nd



Communion for the Sick or Housebound.

If you would like to have Holy Communion brought to a family member or friend who may be sick or housebound, please contact one of the priests or the Parish Office.

Holy Communion can only be brought by a priest or a commissioned minister of the Eucharist and a Pyx, which has been blessed, is the only means by which the Sacred Host can be carried.

Out of respect for the Sacred Host, Holy Communion should never be taken home in a piece of tissue or an envelope.

Beginning Experience . -Separated, Divorced, Widowed Are you coping?

Few people are able to cope alone with the pain and loneliness following the loss of a life partner. Do you find that you need more support than family and friends can provide? **Beginning Experience** is a peer support group dedicated to helping those who are navigating life following the loss of a life partner. Structured programmes are run by a team of trained facilitators, who are themselves widowed, separated or divorced. The Dublin Beginning Experience Team is planning a Three Day Coping with Life Alone Programme which will take place over three Saturdays: Saturday 6th June 20th June and 27th June 2026 (Advance Booking Essential) Venue: Carmelite Community Centre, Whitefriar Street, Dublin 2.