



THE PARISH  
OF ATHY

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



**MASS OF THE TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 21ST JUNE 2026**

**Prayer**

I love you, Lord, my rock, my fortress, my refuge. Help me to take hold of the hand you stretch out in Jesus.

**CHURCH NOTICES**

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

**PETER'S PENCE**

The Peter's Pence collection takes place on the weekend of June 27/28 replacing the Share collection. Donating to Peter's Pence is a concrete gesture of communion with the Holy Father and closeness to his mission of proclaiming the Gospel and bringing hope and love to every part of the world.

Last Weekend Collections:

**P. Dev.:** €594 **Common:** €1,160 **Share** €925  
*Thanks to all who contributed*

**SUMMER DUES**

Summer Dues help to return the Common fund to a healthy position, supporting priests in parishes, sick, and retired priests, and those resident in nursing homes. We thank those who support us by contributions that sustain us daily.

Please pray for your priests in their ministries and pray too for vocations.

**Area Distributors** are reminded that **Summer Dues** bundles for distribution in their areas are now ready for collection from behind the High Altar. Those with weekly boxes have their Summer Dues envelope inside



**Dublin Diocesan Appointments Summer 2026**

This is to announce that Fr Liam Rigney has been appointed Parish Priest of the Parishes of Wicklow/Rathnew, Kilbride/Barndarrig and Ashford/Glencaly.

Fr Seamus McEntee, University Chaplain DCU, has been appointed Parish Priest of the Parishes of Athy, Narraghmore and Moone.

Mr Conor McCann, the Parish Pastoral Worker, has also been reappointed. He is appointed Parish Pastoral Worker in the Parishes of Blessington and Vallemount.

These appointments will take effect during the summer.

**READINGS**

**1st Reading:** Jeremiah 20: 10-13  
**Psalms:** Psalm 68  
**2nd Reading:** Romans 5:12-15  
**Gospel** Matthew 10:26-33

**PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD**

**Recently Deceased:**

*Kathleen Kate Wall*, Tallaght

*John Tompkins*, Woodstock Lodge

*Sr. Marie Joseph O'Leary*, Church Crescent, Reposing Monday, 22nd June, at Rigney's Funeral Home from 6-8pm  
Funeral Mass Wednes. in St Michael's Church at 11am.  
Burial in New St. Michael's Cemetery.

**Sat. 6pm Vigil Month's mind:**

**Birthday rem.:** Ben Whelan, Marie Kirby

**Anniversaries & Rem:**

Myles & Elizabeth Whelan, Joe & Adrian Whelan, Mark Carroll, Laurence Doyle, Jim Doyle, Dec. members of Doyle family, Al & Marion Prendergast, Elizabeth Rigney, Kathleen Henry (2nd A), Breda Henry (2nd A), Martin Hurley (3rd A), Dan Foley (20th A), Andrew & Esther Murphy (42nd A), Sadie Eustace, Nora Mary Gallagher, Patrick 'Pa' May, Rose Campbell, Andy Doyle, Margaret 'Josie' Moran, Tommy Moran (10th A), Seamus Mageean (3rd A), Mary Hyland (5th A), Peter Smyth (30th A), Geraldine Keogh (1st A), Kathleen & Victor Lyons, John & Josie Maher, Jack & Peggy Maher, Eileen & Billy Brophy, Ann Finn (10th anniv), Mary, John & James O'Brien, Special Intention

**Sunday 9am Barrowhouse:**

Al & Marion Prendergast, Elizabeth Rigney

**Sunday 10.30am Anniversaries & Rem:**

Christina Doyle (30th A), Andrew & Michael Doogue, Joseph Delaney, Peter Ging, Mary Robinson, Geraldine Keogh (1<sup>st</sup> A) Harry Mulhall, Ambrose Martin, Dec. members of Doyle & Martin families, Betty & Jack Bride, Mary, John & James O'Brien, Kathleen McDermott (Birthday Rem)

**Sunday 12 noon Birthday remembrance:** Annie McDonald

**Anniversaries & Rem:** James McDonald, James Martin, Mary McMahan, Denis Watts, John Foley, Geraldine Keogh (1st A) Michael Cremin, Sean Kiely, Martin Foley, Peter & Christy Byrne, John Byrne, Peter Byrne Jr., Mary Roche, Patrick & Mary Roche, Christina Armour, Margaret Brennan, Dec members of Roche & McDermott Families

**Monday 9.30 am:** Special Intention

**Tuesday 9.30 am:** John O'Neill (4th A)

**Wednes. 9.30 am:** Mary Robinson

**Thursday 9.30 am: Birthday rem.:** Annie 'Biddy' Nolan

**Friday 9.30 am:** Connie Stafford, Martina Cambie

**DAY FOR LIFE** – this Sunday, June 21, the Church across Ireland celebrates Day for Life on the theme

**The humanity of the unborn child**, which invites us to reflect on the wonder of human life from the moment of conception. We remember how the Lord Jesus Christ Himself sanctified and experienced the beginning of life in the world as an unborn child, hidden in the womb of Mary. Mary knew that she was carrying the Son of God – God and man – as soon as He was conceived. John the Baptist leapt in his mother Elizabeth's womb when Mary greeted her. Our Lady treasured Our Lord in her heart and womb until His birth. *To read the full bishops' message visit*

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

[Click here](#) for **2026 Day for Life message** on the theme  
*The humanity of the unborn child*

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Athy Parish website [www.parishofathy.ie](http://www.parishofathy.ie)  
Parish Radio 107.9 fm

## St Brigids Lough Derg Pilgrimage Association

Three Day Pilgrimage  
Friday 3rd July - Sunday 5th July 2026  
Thursday 13th August - Saturday 15th August 2026  
For information and bookings  
Contact Joe 0873815887  
Deirdre 0872467594 (*after 6pm*)  
or email [deirdregleeson@medwise.ie](mailto:deirdregleeson@medwise.ie)

## VOCATIONS

Please keep our seminarians and those discerning a vocation to priesthood in your prayers. If you know of anyone interested in finding out more about becoming a priest, please ask them to contact the Vocations team,  
Fr Séamus or Fr Bill, at  
[vocations@dublindioocese.ie](mailto:vocations@dublindioocese.ie)  
or [bill.oshaughnessy@dublindioocese.ie](mailto:bill.oshaughnessy@dublindioocese.ie).

## A note from the Parish Pastoral Worker

As I come to the last few days of my appointment to Athy I have been reflecting on my time here, the wonderful people I have been privileged to meet and work with, but also how quickly those 8 years in which I have been appointed to the Athy, Narraghmore & Moone grouping of parishes, have passed. I take this opportunity to say a few words of thanks. Firstly, to the parish team; Fr Liam, Fr Francis, Fr Tim, Fr Frank and Natasha. Special thanks to Fr Vincent. I have been blessed to work with wonderful priests and Pastoral Worker, from whom I have learned so much. I wish Fr Liam every blessing in his new appointment and to Fr Seamus McEntee also, as he takes up his appointment to Athy, Narraghmore & Moone. Thanks to the Parish Pastoral Council, current and previous. To Elaine, Patricia, Ber, Betty and Liz in the parish offices who do trojan work and have always been a tremendous help and support to me. To the great many volunteers who live out their Baptismal call in so many different ministries: the Church care team, Ministers of the Word, Ministers of the Eucharist, Collectors, Music Ministry, Funeral Ministry, Safeguarding Reps., Finance Committee, sacristans as well as the many other volunteers, who, while not involved in a public, visible ministry do so much to keep our parish communities alive and vibrant. Please know that I appreciate all that you do. Thanks too to the principals and staff of our schools who have been a big part of my ministry here. I pray that the parish will continue to grow and thrive and I look forward to visiting the new parish centre which, when completed and open, will be a great blessing to you, the people of the Parish of Athy an beyond.

*Beannacht an Athar oraibh  
(Blessing of the Father on you)*

*Beannacht Chríost oraibh  
(Blessing of Christ on you)*

*Beannacht an Spioraid oraibh  
(Blessing of the Spirit on you)*

*Go coróin na beatha síoraí. Amen.  
(To the crown of eternal life. Amen)*

With heartfelt thanks and prayers,  
Conor McCann – Parish Pastoral Worker.

## 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  
Phone: 059 86 38391  
Email: [athyparishrc@eircom.net](mailto:athyparishrc@eircom.net)

## RALLY FOR LIFE, LIBERTY & FAITH Saturday, 4th July 2026 Belfast City Hall at 1.30pm

Belfast City council have recently voted to introduce new bye laws. These bye-laws threaten freedom of speech, freedom of expression, and religious liberty. They will silence Christian witness in public spaces, particularly pro-life people.

*Be a voice for the unborn, faith, freedom and truth*

For transport contact 01 8730465 Additional information;  
[info@rallyforlife.net](mailto:info@rallyforlife.net) [www.rallyforlife.net](http://www.rallyforlife.net)  
[www.preciouslife.com](http://www.preciouslife.com)

## HOLY HOUR

St Michaels Church every Tuesday  
2.30pm – 3.30pm

**BARROWHOUSE CHURCH HOLY HOUR**  
7pm - 8pm will run through the summer

## Share & Common Mass collections

The Archdiocese of Dublin have a "**Tap2donate**" contactless donation method to enable people to donate directly to the **First Collection (Common Fund Priest Collection)** and the **Second Collection (Share Fund)**

Card machine is in place in the Church for this purpose, **at the side.**

You can use your Debit/Credit Card or indeed your mobile phone

**You can make yourself identifiable** when you click "**add donor details**" blue button and supply our phone no. and email address. When you return to the same device using the same card again you will be automatically identifiable and do not need to supply your contact details.

If you are a new contributor and want to contact the parish office with your address we can add you to our donor database and we can issue you an annual receipt.

There is a "**Tap & Go**" machine in church to donate to **Parish at the back** (*currently donations not identifiable*)



**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.

See video on **Magnifica Humanitas** [www.theway.ie](http://www.theway.ie).  
(from Columba Press, Maynooth)

## Grasta

are holding **Pre-Marriage courses** as follows  
**13th - 15th November 2026**  
**26th - 28th February 2027**

We also organise courses for **Married Couples**.  
The dates for our **Married Couples** courses are:  
**14th - 15th November 2026**  
**27th - 28th February 2027**

We work in partnership with other lay people, clergy and the team at the beautiful **De La Salle Pastoral Centre** in Co. Laois to offer enriching residential courses in a peaceful and welcoming environment.

Our **Grasta** Courses consist of a residential weekend course, away from the hustle and bustle of everyday life, for couples to focus on their relationship and what is important for them as a couple planning their married life together.

Approved courses by Diocese and Bishop of Ossory and the Bishops Council for Marriage and the Family.  
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