

THE PARISH OF ATHY

Comprising the Faith Communities of:
St Michael's, Athy
&
St Mary's, Barrowhouse



MASS OF THE THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 8TH NOVEMBER 2026

Prayer
Almighty and merciful God, graciously keep from us all adversity, so that, unhindered in mind and body alike, we may pursue in freedom of heart the things that are yours. **Amen**

My Soul THIRSTS For You

CHURCH NOTICES

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

Altar List of the Dead sheets and envelopes are available at the doors of the Church. First Friday Masses during the year are offered for those whose names are on the Altar List of the Dead.

Parish Development Collection
Those who contribute annually are reminded that they can make their payment now. Annual subscription envelopes can be put into the collection baskets during Mass or handed into the office during office hours.
If you are not a subscriber but would like to subscribe weekly, annually, or monthly by standing order, please contact the parish office.

Share Appeal Sunday takes place **this weekend, November 7/8**, highlighting the important work that is funded by the weekly collection.

Rosminian East Africia Mission Appeal takes place this weekend. Fr. Wilhard will speak at the Masses.

Last Weekend collections:
P. Dev.: €3, 015 (of which €1,015 weekly & €2,000 annuals)
Common: €1, 570 **Share** €1,070
Thanks to all who contributed

NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCE MASSES 2026

St. Michaels Athy:
Monday 16th November @ 7:30 pm

Ss Mary & Laurence Church, Crookstown:
Wednesday 18th November @ 7:30 pm

Church of The Blessed Trinity Moone:
Thursday 19th November @ 7:30 pm

St. Ita's Church Kilmead:
Monday 23rd November @ 7:30 pm

Athy & District Care of the Elderly AGM
takes place
Monday, 9th November at 8pm
in the Parish Centre
(via red door opposite Old Perry's)
All welcome

PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

Recently Deceased:
Shirley Doyle, Carlow
Patrick McCann, McAuley Court
John Lawler. Retirement Village, formerly Coneyboro
Christy Myles, Clonmullion formerly Cardenton

Sat. 6pm Vigil:
Month's mind:
Birthday rem: Lorraine Keogh, Michael Perse
Anniversaries & Rem: Jim Fogarty, Ursula Doran O'Reilly, Lily Lamon, Brendan Byrne, Declan Cardiff, Gertie & Tony Healy, Nicola Keogh Kenny (10th A), Christopher & Maria Dunne, Jim Loughran (9th A), Patrick Daly (41st A), Nora Mary Gallagher, Phil O'Keeffe, Anne Moran, Pat McCarthy, Dec. mem. of McCarthy family, Eileen Prendergast (27th A), David Molloy, Brigid & Ned Fitzgerald, Vanessa Manley Dooley (16th A), Paddy Digan, Baby William Lawler, Mary & William Lawler, Martin & Bridget Quinn, Michael & Noel Quinn, Eileen Quinn, Pat O'Gorman (10th A), Philomena O'Keeffe

Sunday 9am Barrowhouse:
Patrick Daly (41st A), Vanessa Manley Dooley (16th A)

Sunday 10.30am:
Anniversaries & Remembrances:
Tommy & Tony Murphy, Pat McCarthy, Dec. mem. of McCarthy family, David Molloy (13th A), Thomas & Ann King, Vanessa Manley Dooley (16th A), Nora Mary Gallagher, Baby William Lawler, Mary &William Lawler, Martin & Bridget Quinn, Michael, Noel & Eileen Quinn, Benny Anderson (16th A), Philomena O'Keeffe

Sunday 12 noon
Birthday rem: Lorraine Keogh
Anniversaries & Remembrances: Lily Lamon, Rita Dooley, Dina Byrne, Nicola Keogh Kenny (10th A), Vanessa Manley Dooley (16th A), Baby William Lawler, Mary & William Lawler, Martin & Bridget Quinn, Michael, Noel & Eileen Quinn, Philomena O'Keeffe

Mon 9.30 am:
Special Intention, **Birthday rem:** Mick Murphy,
Tues. 9.30 am:
Treesa Vangheso, Josie Tierney, Dec. mem. of Tierney family
Wednes 9.30am:
Dan & Deirdre Dunne, Jim Moore, Mary Mulhall
Thursday 9.30 am:
Martin Brennan (1st A), Dec. mem. of Bracken family
Friday 9.30 am:
Donors Intention
Dec members of Thorne & McKenna Families

READINGS

1st Reading: Wisdom 6: 12-16
Psalms: Ps. 62:2-8
2nd Reading: Thessalonians 4:13-18
Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

PARISH TEAM



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MORE VOLUNTEERS WANTED

New choir members welcome for parish choir
to sing at 12 noon Mass.
Choir practice Thursdays at 7.30pm.
Just come up to gallery to join.



Mass Bag Collectors
If you are available to help with collections at any of the Masses please leave your name and contact details with the parish office.



ALTAR SERVERS
New altar servers wanted from age 8
Please leave their names and contact details into the parish office



ST. LAURENCE O'TOOLE (b.1128 d.1180)

Lorcán Ó Tuathail

Laurence was born in Castledermot, Co. Kildare in 1128. He became Abbot of Glendalough in 1153 and Archbishop of Dublin in 1162. He died in Eu in Normandy on the 14th of November 1180 and was canonised in 1225. His eventful life can be summarised under eight headings.

HOSTAGE. Laurence's father was Maurice O'Toole, King of Hy Murray. When Laurence was 10 he was given as a hostage to Dermot McMurrough, King of Leinster, who treated him with great harshness. The boy was sent in chains to a remote area where he was ill housed, ill-clothed and ill-fed. For two years, the king's son learned what it was to experience real poverty and oppression.

2. MONK. After two years, Dermot was forced to release Laurence and send him to Glendalough monastery, where his father could reclaim him. When Maurice arrived, he found his son had fallen in love with the life of the monks and he gave him permission to join the community. Laurence was only 25 when he was elected Abbot, and he proved to be the greatest Abbot of Glendalough since St Kevin its founder. He encouraged learning, built new churches and renewed -monastic life by bringing in monks from the continent. He was unfailing in his care for the poor and sold the monastery treasures to feed famine victims.

3. ARCHBISHOP. In 1162 Laurence became the first Irish Archbishop of the Danish city of Dublin. Many of the citizens were no more than nominal Christians and he made it his duty to deepen their faith and reform their lives. He introduced Augustinian monks from France to Christ Church Cathedral to reform the liturgy and he became a member of their community. He continued his works of charity, especially towards homeless children, whom he led and housed in his own residence.

He was tall and graceful in figure.[2] He was well known as an ascetic, wore a hair shirt, never ate meat, and fasted every Friday on bread and water. In contrast to this, it is said that when he entertained, his guests lacked for nothing while he drank water coloured to look like wine so as not to spoil the feast.

He died 14th Nov 1180.

Feast Day Sat next, 11th November

St Laurence O' Toole pray for us

PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS

Monday: 2pm-4pm
(Closed Holy Days & Bank Holidays)
Tue: 9.30-1pm & 2-4pm
Wednes 9.30-1.30 pm & 2-4pm
Thur & Fri: 9.30am-1.30 pm
Sat: 10.30am-12.15 am



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CHY3 FORMS

Will parishioners who recently received chy3 forms, from the parish, and are eligible for tax, please consider signing the form and returning in the addressed envelope supplied.
This will help increase parish income from tax refund on donations scheme.
Thank You.

HOLY HOUR

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

Barrowhouse Holy Hour Monday's 7pm - 8pm
There will be **no** Holy Hour Monday, 2nd or 16th November

ATHY WALKING GROUP

FREE WALKS

Wednesday Evenings

Meet at Athy Courthouse for 7.20pm

All welcome

ACCORD

Accord Carlow Relationship Counselling
at St. Catherine's Community Service Centre Carlow.
Ph: Mary at 086 4149034 or
email accordcarlow@gmail.com

World Youth Day 2027 Seoul South Korea

World Youth Day Takes place in Seoul South Korea next year. The Archdiocese of Dublin will be bringing a group of young adults, ages 18-30 from the 26th July –12th August.
An experience not to be missed.
For further information, contact Natasha Geoghegan 0876730300 or
natasha.curran@dublindiocese.ie

Share & Common Mass collections

donate

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 machines are in place in the Church for this purpose, one at the back one at the side.
You can now enter your Parish ID number with your contribution if you wish to be identified.



Tap & Go machine
at the back of the church facilitates donations to Parish Account (this machine is for annon donations)