



THE PARISH
OF ATHY

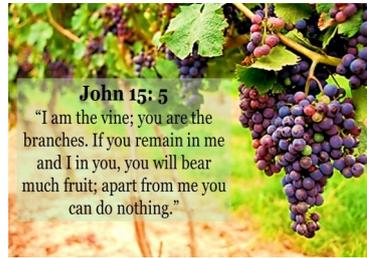
Comprising the Faith Communities
of:
ST MICHAEL'S, ATHY
&
ST MARY'S, BARROWHOUSE



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 28TH APRIL 2024

Prayer

Help us, God of all growth, to be one with the true vine, Christ our Lord. May the difficult experiences which prune us make us more abundant in the fruits of the Spirit, "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control" Amen.
(Galatians 5:22-23)



John 15: 5
"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."

READINGS

1st Reading: Acts 9: 26-31
Psalm: Ps. 21
2nd Reading: 1 John 3: 18-24
Gospel: John 15: 1-8

PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

Recently Deceased:

Tom Fogerty, Ardreigh
Pat Harris, Ballyroe, Rheban
Bridie Flynn, Enfield

Saturday 6pm

Month's mind: Ger Clancy, P.J. Bowden
Birthday remembrance: Joseph & Margaret Delaney
Anniversaries: Maisie Kelly, Mutt Myles, Denis Watts, Delia Connolly, Michael Quinn, Margaret & Thomas Flynn, Desmond & John Flynn, Joseph & Rose Phillips, Bill & Mary Phillips, Julie & Johnny Connell, Dec. members of Flynn & Phillips families, Dec., members of Johnson family, Mary & Anthony Kirwan, Sandra Coburn Sagar (2nd A), Patrick & Jane Kavanagh, Dec. mem of Kavanagh family, John Walsh, Kitty & Joseph Walsh, Patrick Walsh, Ann & Denis Timpson, Tom & Michael Walsh, Jace Lawless, Dec. members of Delaney & Walsh families, Caroline Prendergast, John & Margaret Breen, Peggy Hicks, Brian & Sheila Kelly, Gay Coffey, Jimmy Bradbury

9 am Sunday Barrowhouse:

Month's mind: P.J. Bowden

10.30 am:

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Anniversaries: Tim & May McCarthy, Frank & Malachy McCarthy, Vincent Lynn, Michael McMorrow, Delia Connolly, Rosalinda Silacan, Romeo Silacan, Rollie Silacan, John Walsh, Edward Clancy, John Myles, Annie Ryan, John & Margaret Breen, Peggy Hicks, Michael Heffernan, George & Susan McNally, John Lynam (17th Anniv), Kathleen Stynes

12 noon: Month's mind:

P.J. Bowden
Birthday remembrance: Michael & Elizabeth Ryan
Anniv: Tim & May McCarty, Frank & Malachy McCarthy, Delia Connolly, Michael Raddie (1st A), Rosalinda Silacan, Romeo Silacan, Rollie Silacan, John Walsh, Annie Ryan, John & Margaret Breen, Peggy Hicks, George & Susan McNally,

Monday 9.30 am: Mary & Paddy Joe O'Rourke, Joe O'Rourke, Ogbueshi Francis Nwabunwanne Nnameniba, (2nd Anniv), John Lynam (17th Anniv)

Tues. 9.30 am: Nora Ging, Special Intention

Wednes. 9.30 am: Deirdre Reynolds nee Mulhall, Delia Connolly, Michael Raddie (1st A), Ciaran Raddie (19th A), Michael Barry, Eileen 'Nellie' Dooley (anniv)

Thursday 9.30 am: Golden Book

Friday 9.30 am: Altar List of the Dead

CHURCH NOTICES

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

The annual collection to support **Lay Ministry** will take place Today. It will replace the Share collection.

Easter Dues can be handed in during Parish Office opening hours or via collection bags at weekend Masses. Thanks to those who have already subscribed.

Congratulations to the children from Kilberry who received the Sacrament of Confirmation Friday

Last Weekend Collections:

P. Dev.: € 660 Common: € 1,305 Share €1,055
Thanks to all who contribute

LOURDES PARISH PILGRIMAGE Moone, Narraghmore, Athy

25th Aug– 1st Sept 2024

Cost: €975

Spiritual Director: Fr. Francis McCarthy
Contact Christopher Rowan 087 2707 182



Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Novena continues on this Monday night **29th April at 7.30pm** in **St Clare's Church, Graiguecullen, Carlow**

We invite people to place their petitions in the petition boxes in St. Clare's Church. During our Novena, through the prayers of our Faith Community and the intercession of Our Lady we will ask Jesus to relieve whatever burdens we carry. Rosary recited at 7.10pm and Novena begins at 7.30pm

Guest Speaker Geraldine Mullan.

Geraldine's story of how faith, hope and love have carried her since her life changed dramatically in 2020 when her husband & 2 children tragically died.



Children Liturgy Sheets available at doors of church

Last Call: **Trocaire boxes** can be returned to Parish Office or sacristy.
If you are in a position to bank it yourself please do so.

**DUBLIN
DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE
TO KNOCK**

takes place
SATURDAY, 27TH APRIL 2024

Athy Parish website
www.parishofathy.ie

Parish Radio 107.9 fm

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Email: athyparishrc@eircom.net
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OPEN: Monday:

2.15-4pm

Tuesday & Wednes:

9.30-1.30 pm & 2-4pm

Thur & Fri: 9.30-1.30pm

(by phone in afternoon)

Sat: 10.30am-12.30 only

closed Holy Days & Bank Holidays

**ATHY & DISTRICT CARE OF THE
ELDERLY**

Meeting in Parish Centre

Mount Hawkins, on

Monday, 29th April at 8pm

COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

cards, gifts, prayer books, rosaries,
rosettes are available from parish office

SUPPORT FOR BIRTH MOTHERS

Information and Support for Birth
Mothers whose babies were placed for
adoption may be found at
www.birthinfo.ie or by calling the
relevant section of Tusla at
0818 445500

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**Rally for Life, Dublin
2pm bank holiday Monday**

6th May

marching

from

**university Church side of
St. Stephen's Green to Leinster
House**

Family friendly Event! Kids zone,
face painting, ice cream van,

Stand up for Life

www.marchforlife.ie



BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

The Irish Hospice Foundation provides a free Bereavement Support Line. This National Freephone Service is available from 10am to 1pm, Monday to Friday, by calling 1800 807077.

Visit www.hospicefoundation.ie for more information.

AWARE – SUPPORT & SELF CARE GROUPS

If you or those with whom you work wish to connect with people in relation to your mental wellbeing, consider using Aware's phone-in and Zoom support and self-care groups, support line or support mail.

For more information, visit www.aware.ie.

Kildare County Council Homeless

Advice Clinic – Monthly Outreach Clinic

on

**Monday, 13th May in
Athy Family Resource Centre
R14 NN97
2pm – 4pm**

KCC Homeless Team
Tel 045 980230

CATECHETICAL CORNER – PREPARING FOR SUNDAY MASS

All of us have, at one time or another, had the experience of being there at the beginning of Mass and feeling many miles away. It can seem that we are totally distracted by everything and anything going on around us, or by the emotions, thoughts and memories, that find their way into our consciousness the minute Mass starts.

This very common experience offers us the opportunity to reflect upon what we can do to make our experience of Mass much richer, more enjoyable, and helpful for our faith life. If I think about going to Mass merely as "fulfilling my Sunday obligation," I've already lowered the bar terribly to begin with. The Church - the whole People of God - asks us to come together to give thanks and praise to God and because the Mass makes us who we are as Church. There is a short prayer at the Preparation of the Gifts that sums up the primary reason for attending Mass. The priest says: "Pray... that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God..." and we respond with: "May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands to the praise and glory of His name. For our good and the good of His Holy Church." Mass is a sacrifice and the sacrifice is offered to the praise and glory of His name and for our good. In a word, worship. Worship of GOD is the primary reason we come to Mass.

We can think about preparing for the liturgy [Mass] the way we'd prepare for anything we want to participate in fully. If we are going to a new movie, we might read the reviews and get connected with the buzz about the movie. If we are going to sporting event, it always helps our involvement if we stay up to date with the teams and know something about the players and some of the team stats. Participating at Mass is not very much different in that regard.

Our preparation starts at home. The Church requires of us that we fast from food and drink, except water and medicine, for one hour before mass. So, if you are having breakfast ensure that you finish one hour before Mass starts. Those over the age of 60 or with certain medical conditions, are exempt from this obligation, but if you are able to, try it. By doing this we are already thinking about and preparing for Mass. Another practice that has fallen into disuse is putting on our Sunday best. In the not-too-distant past, people would always, if their means allowed, get dressed up to go to Sunday Mass. Saturday was often bath night – in the days before showers. There was, again if their means permitted, a Sunday roast. Sunday was different. Other ways to prepare include things like: reading the readings before you come the Mass, they are available on our website from midnight on Sunday. Arrive early and take few moments to chat with GOD in prayer before Mass starts. If you are able, genuflect to the Tabernacle when you enter the Church or at the very least a deep bow. Sing like you are on X-Factor, pray like your life depended on it. Be what you are, a member of the Body of Christ called and graced by GOD to be in heaven on earth, which is what Mass is.

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