

*Parish Diary and Service Rota.*

Date	7th July	14th July	21st July	28th July
<b>Readings</b>	<b>Trinity 6</b> Galatians 6:1-16 Psalm 66:1-9 Luke 10:1-11, 16-20 P. 300 (Green)	<b>Trinity 7</b> Deuteronomy 30:9-14 Psalm 25:1-10 Luke 10:25-37 P. 309 (Green)	<b>Trinity 8</b> Geneses 18:1-10a Psalm 15 Luke 10:38-42 P. 317 (Green)	<b>Trinity 9</b> Genesis 18:20-32 Psalm 138 Luke 11:1-13 P. (Green)
<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Fontstown</b> Holy Communion	<b>Kilkea</b> Morning Prayer (Bill King)	<b>Fontstown</b> Morning Prayer (Rev. Cliff)	<b>Kilkea</b> No Service
<b>9.30am</b>		<b>Kilberry</b> No Service		<b>Kilberry</b> Holy Communion (Rev. Leslie Crampton)
<b>11:00am</b>	<b>Athy</b> Holy Communion	<b>Athy</b> Morning Prayer (Bill King)	<b>Athy</b> Holy Communion (Rev. Cliff)	<b>Athy</b> Holy Communion (Rev. Leslie Crampton)

Date	4th August	11th August	18th August	25th August
<b>Readings</b>	<b>Trinity 10</b> Ecclesiastes 1:2,12-14, 2:18-23 Psalm 49:1-12 Luke 12:13-21 P. 333 (Green)	<b>Trinity 11</b> Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 Psalm 33:12-22 Luke 12:32-40 P. 341 (Green)	<b>Trinity 12</b> Hebrews 11:29-12:2 Psalm 82 Luke 12:49-56 P. 349 (Green)	<b>Trinity 13</b> Hebrews 12:18-29 Psalm 103:1-8 Luke 13:10-27 P. 358 (Green)
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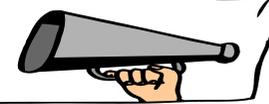
**July**  
Sat 27th 10am-6pm Maura Browne's Craft Fair in Parish Centre.  
Sun 28th 2.30pm..... Garden Party in aid of Parish Funds at the home of Leslie Braithwaite in Nurney.

**August**  
Sun 11th 11am.....Baptism of Alex Hutchinson.  
12-16th August..... Athy Parish Holiday Club in Parish Centre.  
Thurs 15th 7.30pm..... Holiday Club - Parents and Parishioners night.  
Sun 18th 11am..... Baptism of Julihana Ayegro, Holiday Club Service and Farewell to Dee Kelly.  
Sat 31st 2pm..... Marriage of Robert Dancey & Catherine Cusack in Athy Church.

**September**  
Sun 1st 11am..... Baptism of Mark Kingston  
Sat 7th ..... Marriage of Daphne Griffin and John Berry  
Sun 8th 11am..... Steadfast Band come to Athy Church to lead Songs of Praise and Gift Day



# Newsletter



## Athy Union of Parishes - July/August 2013

*St. Michael's Athy, St. John the Evangelist Fontstown, Kilberry & Kilkea*

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**From the Rector**

It was with a heavy heart that I informed the select vestry on the 25<sup>th</sup> of June that I would be finishing up my role as Rector in Athy Union of Parishes on the 1<sup>st</sup> of September. We have been here for just over nine years, and have seen many great developments in the life of the parish and it's interaction with the local community. The ministries and activities of the parish have developed and increased, especially among the children and young people of the parish and town. A few weeks ago, our Archbishop asked me to consider the position of Chaplain to Dublin Institute of Technology, and, with much reflection, and discernment, I have accepted this role. The most difficult part has been telling parishioners - who have become our friends - that we will be moving on. When I came to the parish in 2004, I thought that we would stay for 6-8years. I have always believed that a rector staying for a very long time is not in the best long term interests of a parish, because then, everyone becomes set in their ways. Different leaders bring different strengths and weaknesses to the role.

My new role in DIT will be challenging, working with the staff, students and outreach in their local community. I am to be based in Mountjoy Square & Portland Row which are their schools of Art, Print &

Design and Social Sciences and Law, and for the Conservatory of Music and Drama in Rathmines. When I say that we will be moving on, it is still unclear where we will be moving to. The role in DIT does not come with a rectory, instead we receive a housing allowance, but this allowance is insufficient to support renting a family home in Dublin. As we have many friends in the area, it is likely that we may stay on in Athy instead of moving to Dublin.



*Messy Church in the Park. June 2013*

It is the custom of the Church of Ireland that when a rector moves on, it becomes a time of reflection for a parish; to consider their priorities as a parish and discover what qualities they want in their new rector. It is appropriate and necessary that the previous incumbent gives space for this transition. For this reason, even if we as a family stay in the Athy area, I personally cannot be

involved in the day to day life of the parish or take Sunday Services in Athy Union during the vacancy.

Arrangements for the vacancy will be worked out over the summer, and I will explain the process ahead in September's Newsletter. For now, I want to thank all of you who have been so supportive of our ministry here, and have become involved in the life of the parish. *Rev. Cliff*

**The exams are over.** But for college students, Junior and Leaving Cert students the wait begins. We hope that they have a relaxing summer and pray that those who are going on to 3<sup>rd</sup> level will be offered a course that is suited to their interests and abilities.

**We express our sympathy** to the McCann family on the death of **Laura Manders**, who was John McCann's sister. Laura was married to Graham, and had two sons, Andrew and Roy. She passed away in England on the 25<sup>th</sup> of May. Her ashes were brought back to Kilberry Church, and following a memorial service, were buried with Nancy in the Churchyard.

We also express our sympathy to the family and close friends of **Fred Hendy**, who after a long illness, died in Naas Hospital on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July. Fred was one of eight in his family and is survived by his two brothers Bill and Frank and one sister, Susie Pearson.

Between the removal and funeral service for Fred Hendy, Kilberry Church was broken into. Thankfully nothing was taken, but it seems that the people involved were looking for the donation box. A window at the back of the church was damaged. Repairs are in progress, and we hope that most of the cost will be

met by our parish insurance.

Twelve of our teenagers, with Dee Kelly and Becca Hutton, went on **a trip to Oakwood**, an activity park with roller coasters and all sorts of scary rides, in Wales on the 26<sup>th</sup> of June. They travelled down to Wexford on the 25<sup>th</sup> and joined Rev. Nicola Halford's Youth Group for the few days. Accommodation was camping in Nicola's garden and they travelled over and back on the ferry from Rosslare. Many thanks to Dee and Nicola for organising this trip for the teenagers.



***Congratulations to David Grothier who was married to Amy Shaw in Rosensllis Church on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> of June. We wish them God's blessing in their life together.***

### Parish Notes

Our parish holiday club is scheduled for the 12<sup>th</sup> to the 16<sup>th</sup> of August. Bookings have been slow this year, but we hope that many of the parish children - along with children from the wider community - will come along for our **Adventure Cruise**.

Our **Annual 6<sup>th</sup> class Sale** was held in the school on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June. The weather held up and we had a great day. Thank you to the pupils and parents for baking so many tray bakes and to all the local businesses who sponsored the raffle. Thank you to Mrs Cole, the 6<sup>th</sup> class pupils and their parents, the many past pupils, parents, parishioners and visitors who supported it and everyone who helped to make it such a success. For the first time ever, over €1000 was raised, 80% of which goes to the Jack and Jill Foundation. Well done to all for such a wonderful achievement! We wish everyone a fun, relaxing and safe summer. School reopens on Wednesday 28th August. *Yvonne Griffin*

### Community Notices

The **Holiday Bible Club** for children will be from Monday 15th to Friday 19th of July from 2.30 to 4.30 in Youth Centre and ARCH, Kilkenny Road Athy.

**Christian Fellowship Meeting** will be on Sunday 27th July at 7.30pm in Athy Youth Centre, Kilkenny Road, Athy. Taking part will be a team from Birmingham, U.S.A.

**Evening activities** for teenagers and adults at 8pm are as follows: Monday - soccer, Tuesday - basketball, Wednesday - indoor baseball/junihoc, Thursday - indoor bowls. Also, pool, table tennis, darts and board games. Organised by Irish Mission, Presbyterian Church and team from America. Everyone welcome. Contact William Workman 085 1641139

Leslie Braithwaite is holding a **Garden Party** in his home in Nurney to help raise funds for the Parish. It begins at 2.30pm on 28th July 2013.

The **Castledermot Medieval Festival** will take place on the Fair Green, Castledermot

from midday to 6pm on Saturday 17th August. The afternoon will include medieval re-enactors, medieval crafts, military exhibition, children's combat school, face-painting and much more! A fun, free, family day out. In further celebration of Heritage Week, the Castledermot Local History Group will host a **Tour of Medieval Castledermot**, starting at St James' Church of Ireland at 11am on Saturday 17th August, led by local archaeologist Sharon Greene. Admission free. And, on Sunday 25th August, local historian Eamon Kane will lead a **Walk and Talk in Mullaghreelan Woods**. Starting in the car park at 3pm. Admission is free.

**Kingdom Christian Ministries** is to hold its annual convention in Athy, from 26th to 29th July as a crusade against the kingdom of darkness and to strengthen the body of Christ. This is an interdenominational programme focusing on the power of Redemption. There will be a Christian workshop for all church workers and leaders during the morning of Monday 29, July in Unit 2, No 1, Stanhope Place, Stanhope Street Athy. Contact Jide Sadiq, Pastor at 087 9573655 or 087 0537336

Maura Brown is organising a **Arts & Craft Fair** on the 27th of July, from 10am to 6pm in the Church of Ireland Parish Centre in Athy to raise funds to help build an Orphanage in Kenya. Maura wants to help the children in this slum area to get a better place to live in. Since last July, the people in Athy and surrounding areas have helped her to raise €3,000 to send to this cause. The Fair is about getting different artists and craftspeople to donate one item for the cause. If you would like more information, contact Maura at: 087-7524802

Athy Garda Station on 11<sup>th</sup> June. She spoke to the older children and then to the younger ones about personal safety, road safety and so on and was happy to answer numerous questions on every aspect of her job.

Our school motto is 'Growing, Learning, Achieving together', as chosen by Abraham Amoo in Junior Infants. There were many excellent entries but we feel it best reflects our vision as a school. Well done Abraham!

Our new pupils for the coming school year came to spend an afternoon in the school on 11<sup>th</sup> June. It was lovely to meet both them and their parents and we look forward to getting to know them over their time in the Model School. Thank you to Laura and Beverley for providing the refreshments on the day.

There will be an Open Evening in the school on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm for everyone, but particularly anyone who may be interested in sending their children to Athy Model School. It will be a chance to have a look around and meet the teaching staff, if you wish, in an informal way. All are welcome.

**Green Schools** We have come to the end of a very successful year. We are on target with our aims that we set out at the beginning of the year. Highlights of the year include Futuristic Friday, Our Day of Action and the Up-cycling competition. This being our 1<sup>st</sup> year in the Green Schools Initiative, we have really enjoyed the experience. Thanks to pupils, staff, parents and our local community for your help and support. We held our **End of Year Service** on

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June, during which we sadly said goodbye to our sixth class pupils- Neza Murenzi, Dan Griffin, Tim Perry, Craig Deane, Samir Alam, Temi Olabode, Chloe Chadwick, Bridin Bradshaw and Jessica Cole. All of 6<sup>th</sup> class received autograph books, certificates and book tokens. Congratulations to: Jessica Cole who was awarded the Loftus Warren Cup, to Tim Perry who was awarded the Scripture Prize, to Cian Cobbe who received the William Ashmore Plaque, and to the following who received Gold certificates and book tokens for full attendance in the school year to date: Ryan Cooke, Alex Daly, Joe Cole, Caitlin Kenny, Caroline Daly, Anthony Adewuyi, Louise Nhema, Anna and Josephine Olawepo, Jemimah and Joshua Famose, Richard Ogunwemimo, Jordan Umo, Zoe Harper and Jessica Cole. The following received Silver certificates for missing only one school day to date-Tyrone, Kendra and Mischa Adeniranye, Hugh and Isabel Perry, Maita Phairah, Cerys Moody, Taz Chinamasa, Isabel Perry, Clare Cole, Ayomide Owoade, Liam Yek, Lisa and Nelly Badakin, George King, Evelyn Kenny, and Nathan Daly. Well done to you all.

We have to say a **very sad farewell to Gwenda Neill**, who will be leaving us on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June. Gwenda has made an outstanding contribution to school life in her two years with us and will be missed by us all. A presentation of a gift and flowers were made to Gwenda on behalf of the Board of Management. We wish her every success in her future teaching career.

We will look at the themes of *choice, courage, change, commitment and challenge*, as we consider the people that Jesus met on his journeys. On Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> of August, we will have a Holiday Club Service in Athy Church, where the parish can see what we have been doing during the week.

There are just over 30 booked in at present, and there is space for 30 more. If you want to reserve a space, please send a booking form to Rev. Cliff as soon as you can. Forms are available in Athy Church, the table in the parish centre and on the website.

**There are a few baptisms arranged for the Autumn.** *Alex Hutchinson*, who is Brian and Claire's first child is to be baptised in Athy on the 11<sup>th</sup> of August. *Julihana Ayegoro*, Job and Toyin's fourth child is to be baptised at the Holiday Club Service on the 18<sup>th</sup> of August. *Mark Kingston*, a brother to Claire, is to be baptised on the 1<sup>st</sup> of September. We remember these families as they prepare for the baptism of their children and pray that they may effectively pass on their Christian faith to their children with the help of the church community.

**Wedding bells will also ring this Autumn** in Athy Church. *Robert Dancey and Catherine Cusack* are to be married on the 31<sup>st</sup> of August, and *Daphne Griffin and John Berry* are to be married on the 7<sup>th</sup> of September. We remember them as they prepare to commit themselves to each other in Christian marriage.

On the 8<sup>th</sup> of September, the Steadfast Band will come to Athy Church to lead a **Songs of Praise Service** for our parish gift day. The funds from the gift day will go towards the installation of a **new heating**

**boiler** for Athy Church. Please be as generous as you can, and return your gift envelope by the 8<sup>th</sup> of September. If you are a tax payer, please ensure that you put your name on the envelope, so that we can reclaim income tax on your donation.

Revenue has modified the system for **reclaiming tax for charitable organisations**. In the past we were only able to directly reclaim income tax on contributions from subscribers whose income was solely PAYE. Now we can also directly reclaim income tax for self assessed tax payers starting with the year 2013. You will be hearing from someone in the parish in the months ahead, with details of the scheme and how we can get tax back on your contributions to the parish.



*Model School says farewell to Dee in June 2013*

**Dee Kelly will be leaving us** to continue her studies in Applied Theology in Dublin next year. At the end of the Holiday Club, we will have a service in Athy Church on the 18<sup>th</sup> of August to let the parish see what we have been doing at the holiday club this year. At this service we will make a presentation to Dee. If any parishioners would like to make a donation towards a gift for Dee, please put

it in an envelope and mark it: *Donation for Dee*. Envelopes can be put on the collection plate or given to Derek Condell (our parish treasurer).

### Parish News

The **GFS Diocesan Service** was held on 26th May in Redcross. Thank you to Rev. Cliff, all the parents and guardians, GFS leaders - and of course the girls themselves - who made the trip. All went off well and we were delighted when our branch won so many prizes.



*Adele Rowan, our outgoing GFS leader at the Diocesan Service in Redcross, May 2013*

*Prizes were awarded as follows:*

#### *Bible Study 7-9*

1st Prize and Highly Commended All Ireland *Anna Olowepo*  
Highly Commended *Jemina Famose*

#### *Bible Study 9-11*

3rd Prize *Zoe Harper and Evelyn Kenny*

#### *Bible Study 11-13*

1st Prize and Highly Commended All Ireland *Rebecca Munroe*  
2nd Prize *Alisha Harper* (tied with Dunganstown on 84)  
3rd Prize *Temí Olobode*

Athy awarded the Members Cup for Bible Study

#### *Handcraft Junior Members 7-9*

1st Prize and Highly Commended All Ireland *Ellen Burns*  
3rd Prize *Anna Mart Meilmann*

#### *Handcraft 9-11*

1st Prize and 3rd All Ireland *Ellie Griffin*  
3rd Prize *Rebecca Monroe*

Athy awarded the Junior Members Cup for Handcraft

*Ellen Burns and Ellie Griffin*

**Congratulations** to all our prize winners but also to all our members who made us so proud on the day. Everyone was extremely well behaved, looked lovely in their uniforms and did a great job of their party piece 'God loves me'.

I would also like to thank Dee for her help at our meets throughout the past year where she has been a very welcome extra pair of hands and has always been ready to join in the fun.

GFS will return in October this year. As I hand the 'black bag' over to a new Leader for next year I would like to say a big **Thank You** to all the Leaders and members who have made it all such fun over the past 6 years and to wish them all lots more fun and frolics in the future.

*Adele Rowan*

#### **Sunday Club**

On Sunday 9th June we had our annual party in the park. Blue skies and sunshine made for a fantastic morning. Children and adults gathered to pray and play. Many thanks to all involved. We would like to wish the sixth class students all the

best moving on to secondary school. Sunday Club will resume in September.

*Laura Perry*

**Athy Bowls Club** had a good season and will resume again in September. Fred Cole won the singles cup and Doreen Kelly and Trevor Meridith won the Doubles cup. These cups were presented at the Bowls Club dinner which was held in the Clanard Hotel and enjoyed by everybody.

*Jean Moynan*



*The Parenting Group met each week during May and June 2013 in Athy Parish Centre*

**Coffee Cakes and Chat.** Thank you so much to those of you who helped, those of you who baked and those who came and bought and enjoyed the chat on 15th June. We raised over €1,200 for Parish funds. Thank you all so much. *Jennifer Lazenby*

#### Model School

Pupils, teachers and parents alike had a lovely time at the West Glendalough Children's Choral Festival and Sports in Dunlavin on Friday 7th June. The service was very enjoyable with wonderful singing in the church. The sun shone all day and as usual, it was a great social occasion for all ages.

**Congratulations** to our pupils Jessica Cole who won the Girls Championship, to

Craig Deane for winning the Boys championship and to Tim Perry, Jessica Cole and Craig Deane for winning the Clergy Cup Relay Race. Congratulations to Blessington who won



the Overall Cup this year and to everyone who won medals on the day. Well done to everyone who came along and took part.

Every child gave his or her best and regardless of where pupils finished in their races, it was great to see everyone participating, encouraging others and showing great sportsmanship.

**A big thank you** to all in Jonathan Swift



N.S., Dunlavin, for hosting such a well organised and enjoyable event. Have a look at our website to see some more photos from the day. We had a visit from **Garda Sharon** from