

MASS INTENTIONS for the week ahead:

Sat Vigil: Francis, P.J., & Val Connell, Dec'd
O'Neill Family Members
Sun 9am: Thomas Finn
Sun 11.30am: Rosaleen O'Callaghan & Dec'd
Family, Mary Morgan
Thurs 7.30pm: Dec'd Members of the
Mitchell Family.
Sat 10am: Paddy Halton
Sat Vigil: Christopher & Catherine Ennis.
Sun 9am: Laurence Farrelly
Sun 11.30am: Tony & Phyllis O'Connor

WEEKDAY MASSES: Mass on Mon at
8am, Tues & Thurs at 7.30pm, Wed & Fri at
9.30am, Sat at 10am.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD for next
weekends' Masses are: Vigil (Nov 25th)
Teresa Doherty 11.30am (Nov 26th) Bernie
Sherrock

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST for
next weekends' Masses are: Vigil (Nov 25th)
Mary Holland, Elizabeth Gough, Paul
Doherty & Clive Doherty. 11.30am: (Nov
26th) Catherine Mc Elhinney, Tony Barry &
Tom Sheridan.

COLLECTIONS: Athboy €925, Rathmore
€140, Rathcairn €235. Your generous
support is greatly appreciated.

ADORATION OF BLESSED

SACRAMENT: commencing after morning
Mass on Friday and continuing throughout
the day until late.

FEASTDAYS in the week ahead:

Tues Nov 21st – Presentation of Our Lady
Wed Nov 22nd – St Cecilia
Thurs Nov 23rd – St Columban, St Clement I,
Bl Miguel Pro, SJ
Fri Nov 24th – Ss Andrew Dun-Lac &
Vietnamese martyrs
Sat Nov 25th – St Catherine of Alexandria

REST IN PEACE: Your prayers are
requested for Frankie Clarke,
Ballyjamesduff. (Lillie Sheridan's brother)
and Fr. Ronan Drury, Maynooth College.

LEARNING OUR PRAYERS for**Confirmation: Act of Charity**

*O my God, I love you with all my heart,
with all my soul, and with all my strength.
Lord, increase our love. Help us to love one
another. Amen.*

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Sunday November 19th 2017

November is the month that is especially dedicated to remembering and praying for our loved ones who have departed this life and have gone before us into Eternal Life. There are the visits to the cemetery and to the church, the Indulgences for the Faithful Departed, the compiling of the List of the Dead, the Feast of all Saints and All Souls.

OUR ANNUAL PARISH REMEMBRANCE AND BEREAVEMENT CEREMONY takes place this evening Sunday Nov 19th at 7.30pm. The ceremony will be led by Athboy Bethany Bereavement Support Group, Athboy Church Choir and Athboy Folk Group and will consist of scripture readings, prayers and hymns and you will be invited to light candles for your loved ones who have died. A prayerful and meaningful ceremony, which it is hoped, will help us all on the journey of grief following the loss of a loved one. All are welcome.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION PROGRAMME continues at all Masses in the parish this weekend. We welcome the children who are preparing for their Confirmation together with their families. Candidates are invited to participate in the Offertory procession and offer the Prayers of the Faithful at Masses until Christmas. Confirmation will be celebrated in Athboy on Friday Feb 23rd at 3pm.

BINGO in aid of Church funds takes place next Sunday November 26th at 3pm in the Darnley Lodge Hotel.

LIST OF THE DEAD ENVELOPES are available at the back of all the Churches and should be returned to the Parochial House as soon as possible. The Masses on the First Fridays throughout the year are offered for those on the parish List of the Dead.

ADVENT YOUNG ADULT RETREAT: Sat Dec 2nd 9.30am – 5pm Dalgan Park, Navan. Cost: Donation. Bookings to Fr Joe – 086 6036506, John 087 2478519. Explore how God is calling you...

PRO-LIFE CAMPAIGN: Commenting on the Oireachtas Committee considering the 8th Amendment Dr. Ruth Cullen said "It is extraordinary how little time has been devoted to what legalised abortion has led to in other countries. When proposing changes to the law, particularly changes as radical as those being proposed on abortion, the first thing you'd expect any Oireachtas Committee to do is look at what similar changes have brought about in other countries. But the Oireachtas Committee currently recommending changes to Ireland's abortion law has scrupulously avoided talking about abortion itself and the changes that inevitably occur when it is legalised. With almost the entire focus of debate on the repeal of the 8th Amendment the public are being totally deprived of the opportunity to consider what precisely legalised abortion involves. Dr. Cullen said it is farcical beyond words that 27 groups and individuals advocating abortion have been invited as witnesses before the Committee with just 3 pro-life individuals invited. Among those invited by the Committee as an impartial "expert witness" is the US pro-abortion group Centre for Reproductive Rights. This centre is fundraising in America to get rid of the 8th Amendment."

BAPTISMAL MEETING: The next baptismal meeting for parents who wish to have their babies' baptised takes place on Monday December 4th 2017 at 8pm in the Parochial House. Please enrol in advance to the Parochial House.

INVITATION TO ALL COMMUNITY & SPORTING ORGANISATIONS: We are currently upgrading our parish website. There will be a community page on the website listing the various community and sporting organisations in the parish. If you would like your group to be listed on the page please email the parish office at athboyensis@gmail.com with the name of your group, contact details, website, and Facebook address where applicable before Thursday Nov 23rd.

12 DAYS OF GIVING: Athboy Macra na Feirme have organised 12 Days of Giving in aid of the local St. Vincent de Paul. Beginning on 22nd November, there will be a box in the Macra Hall where you can put your donations. More information on the Athboy Macra na Feirme Facebook page. All donations are greatly appreciated.

RATHMORE NS BOG WALK in aid of school funds takes place on Sat Dec 9th at 2pm in Girley Bog, followed by Cake Sale. All welcome. Sponsorship cards available at the school.

