

MASS INTENTIONS for the week ahead:

Sat Vigil: Paddy Gilroy & Dec'd Family members

Sun 9am: Nancy Garry

Sun 11.30am: Denis Mc Cann

Tues 7.30pm: Mary Murphy

Wed 9.30am: Bernard & Sadie Brennan

Thurs 7.30pm(Vigil): Geraldine Migglin

Fri 7.30pm: Baby Colm Mc Namara

Sat 10am: Jim Mc Kenna, Phil Browne M.M.

Sat Vigil: Laurence & Annie Cusack, Eugene & Lillie Sheridan, Mary Fagan

Sun 9am: Ellen & Edward Wallace

Sun 11.30am: Maureen Doherty & Dec'd

Feeney Family Members, John & Rose

Sullivan, Lilly O'Brien

WEEKDAY MASSES: Mass on Mon at 8am, Tues & Thurs at 7.30pm, Wed at 9.30am, Fri 11.30am & 7.30pm (Holy day), Sat at 10am.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD for next weekends' Masses are: Vigil (Dec 9th) Louise Keegan 11.30am (Dec 10th) Lesley Murtagh

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST for next weekends' Masses are: Vigil (Dec 9th) Marie Leavy, Jacqueline Barrett, Noreen Whelehan & Donal Mc Loughlin. 11.30am: (Dec 10th) Betty Beirne, Judy O'Doherty, Kathleen Cumiskey & Frances Ennis.

COLLECTIONS: Athboy €645, Rathmore €140, Rathcairn €100. 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:

Mon Dec 4th – St John of Damascus

Wed Dec 6th – St. Nicholas

Thurs Dec 7th – St Ambrose

Fri Dec 8th – Immaculate Conception of Our Lady

Sat Dec 9th – St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

REST IN PEACE: Your prayers are requested for Maureen Folan, Parkview, Sheila Castles, Gillstown Great, and Niall Sweeney whose funeral takes place in Athboy on Monday next at 11am.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday December 3rd 2017

Advent is a time of waiting, conversion and of hope.

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.

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

FRIDAY DEC 8th – Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Our Lady: Vigil Mass on Thursday evening at 7.30pm, Mass on Friday at 11.30am and 7.30pm. The School choir from O'Growney NS will sing at the 11.30am Mass. It is a Holyday of Obligation.

OUR PARISH CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE takes place on Saturday Dec 16th at 7.30pm in St. James' Church, Athboy. All the church choirs and schools choirs will participate in this ceremony of music and scripture.

ST JAMES CHURCH CHOIR and friends are hosting a Christmas Dinner in the Darnley Lodge Hotel on Sat 9th December at 8pm. 4-course meal - €25. Bookings to Dave 089 4715655.

CHRISTMAS TRIDUUM OF MASSES takes place this year on Dec 26th, 27th & 28th December at 11am. Triduum cards are available from the Parochial House and from the sacristy after all Masses.

CHRISTMAS BINGO in aid of Church funds takes place on Sunday December 17th at 3pm in the Darnley Hotel. Raffle tickets are now on sale.

MISSALS FOR 2018 are now available priced €10.

THE MONTHLY PADRE PIO MASS takes place in St. Mary's Church, Navan on Wednesday December 6th at 8pm. Blessing with St. Pio's glove after Mass. Everyone welcome.

THE ANNUAL ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHURCH GATE COLLECTION takes place on Saturday Dec 9th and Sunday Dec 10th.

PUBLIC ROSARY on Fri Dec 8th – the Feast of the Immaculate Conception in Market Street, Trim (under the courthouse clock) at 6pm.

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.

ATHBOY MEN'S SHED: Retired: Want something to do: Drop in to the Men's Shed Wednesday morning 10am – 12.30pm Convent Community Centre, Kildalkey Rd.

SANTA SUNDAY: Darnley Lodge Hotel Sunday 3rd December 2pm-4.30pm. Parcels €5.

ATHBOY ICA next meeting will be held on Monday December 4th at 8pm in St. James' Hall, the Kitchen.

ATHBOY TWINNING CHRISTMAS FAIR, Thursday 7th December 7pm, Darnley Hotel.

Learning our Prayers – Preparing for Confirmation

Hail, Holy Queen

Hail, Holy Queen, mother of mercy; hail our sweetness, and our hope! To you we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to you we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, your eyes of mercy towards us; and after this our exile, show to us the blessed fruit of your womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. Amen.

