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HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH Sunday December 31st 2017

MONDAY JANUARY 1ST 2018: The Feast of Mary, Mother of God World Day of Prayer for Peace Mass at 11am.

SATURDAY JANUARY 6TH: The Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord Mass (Vigil) Friday at 7.30pm, Mass at 11.30am.

RADIO RECORDINGS: LMFM will record the Vigil Mass on Saturday Dec 30th for broadcast on Sunday December 31st. RADIO NA GAELTACHTA will broadcast the 10.15am Mass from Rathcairn on Sunday January 7th – the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

FIRST FRIDAY – Friday Jan 5th: Mass on Friday morning at 8am for those on the List of the Dead. Communion Calls on Friday at the usual times

BAPTISMAL MEETING: The next baptismal meeting for parents who wish to have their babies' baptised takes place on Monday January 8th 2018 at 8pm in the Parochial House. Please enrol in advance to the Parochial House.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION PROGRAMME: The Commitment ceremony for Confirmation will take place on Sunday January 14^{th} at all Masses. Confirmation will be celebrated in Athboy on Friday Feb 23^{rd} at 3pm.

DATES FOR 2018

13/14th January – Commitment Ceremony for Confirmation Wed 17th January – Enrolment Ceremony for First Penance, Athboy. Thursday 18th January – Enrolment Ceremony for First Penance, Rathmore Friday 19th January – Enrolment Ceremony for First Penance, Rathcairn Monday 19th February – First Confessions in Athboy at 7pm. Tuesday 20th February – First Confessions in Rathcairn at 6pm. Thursday 22nd February – First Confessions in Rathmore Wednesday 21st February – Practice for Confirmation at 7.30pm in Athboy Church Friday 23rd February – Confirmation at 3pm Sunday 28th/29th April – Enrolment Ceremony for First Holy Communion Feast of the Most Holy Eucharist (Corpus Christi) Sunday June 3rd Saturday 2nd June – First Holy Communion in Athboy at 10am Sunday 3rd June – First Holy Communion in Rathmore and Rathcairn Sunday 17th June – Cemetery Devotions in Rathmore at 3pm Friday 22nd June – Cemetery Devotions in Hill of Ward Cemetery at 7.30pm Sunday June 24th – Cemetery Devotions in Athboy at 3pm, old cemetery at 2pm Friday 10th August – Cemetery Devotions in Abbey Cemetery, Rathmore at 7.30pm.

Prayer for the Feast of the Holy Family

Loving God, During this holy season of Christmas we ask for your blessing on all families. Let Mary's openness to your wondrous way be an inspiration to place all trust in you. Let Joseph's courage provide hope during times of anxiety and uncertainty. Let Jesus' life ignite all families with a spirit of light and love. May the grace that encircled the Holy family widen to embrace all families. Amen.

We wish all our parishioners a Happy, Peaceful and Holy New Year.

MASS INTENTIONS for the week ahead:

Sat Vigil: Dec'd Holland Family Members

Sun 11.30am: John Carolan Mon 11am: Mary Kenny Tues 7.30pm: Christine Grall Fri 8am: List of the Dead Sat 11.30am: Della Kelly

Sat Vigil: Anne Ennis, Maureen Folan M.M,

Sheila Castles M.M.

Sun 9am: Jim & Mary Smyth

Sun 11.30am: Jimmy & Maureen Magee, Annie Jane, Jim, Seamus & Tommy Kelly,

Vera Sheridan

WEEKDAY MASSES: Mon 11am, Tues & Thurs 7.30pm, Wed 9.30am, Fri 8am & 7.30pm (Vigil) Sat 11.30am (Holyday)

MINISTERS OF THE WORD for next

weekends' Masses are: Vigil (Jan 6th) Stephanie Martin 11.30am (Jan 7th) Julie A. Corrigan

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST for

next weekends' Masses are: Vigil (Jan 6th) Mairead Farrell, Enda Kelly, & Susan Kenny. 11.30am (Jan 7th) Joseph Mc Govern, Dawn Finnegan, Anthony Leavy & Finula Garrahy.

COLLECTIONS: Athboy €715, Rathmore €130, Rathcairn €205. Many thanks.

ADORATION OF BLESSED

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

FEASTDAYS in the week ahead:

Mon Jan 1st – Mary, Mother of God Tues Jan 2nd – Ss Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen Wed Jan 3rd – Holy Name of Jesus, St Munchin Fri Jan 5th – St Charles of St Andrew Sat Jan 6th – Epiphany of the Lord.

REST IN PEACE: Your prayers are requested for Maggie Masterson, Kildalkey.