

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday January 14th 2018

World Day of Prayer of Migrants & Refugees

MASS INTENTIONS for the week ahead:

Sat Vigil: *Colin Keane, Rose Smith*

Sun 9am: *Margaret Daly*

Sun 11.30am: *Frank Brogan & his sister Rosaleen*

Sat Vigil: *Bob & Bridget Brown, Nicholas Dunne*

Sun 9am: *Brian & Teresa Smith*

Sun 11.30am: *Michael & Betty Glynn*

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

MINISTERS OF THE WORD for next

weekends' Masses are: *Vigil (Jan 20th)*

Teresa Doherty 11.30am (Jan 21st) Bernie Sherrock.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST for

next weekends' Masses are: *Vigil (Jan 20th)*

Jacinta Farrell, Mary Kearney & Siobhan Kelly 11.30am (Jan 21st) Rita Ennis, Mary Finnegan, Jackie Leavy, Robert Gath & Anne Leavy.

COLLECTIONS: Athboy €1265 (incl Holy Day), Rathmore €155, Rathcairn €130. 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 15th – *St Ita, St Arnold Janssen SVD*

Tues Jan 16th – *St Fursa*

Wed Jan 17th – *St Anthony*

Sat Jan 20th – *Ss Fabian & Sebastian*

THE COMMITMENT CEREMONY FOR CONFIRMATION takes place at all Masses this weekend. Confirmation will be celebrated in Athboy on Friday Feb 23rd at 3pm.

ENROLMENT CEREMONY FOR FIRST PENANCE takes place this week – in Athboy on Wed 17th at 7pm, in Rathmore on Thursday 18th at 2pm and in Rathcairn on Friday 19th at 7pm. First Penance takes place on Mon Feb 19th in Athboy, Tues 20th Feb in Rathcairn and on Thurs 22nd Feb in Rathmore. *“God our Father, you are always kind and ready to forgive. Helps us to learn to follow you as we prepare for First Penance. We know that you will forgive us for the times that we did not follow your love. Be with us on our journey to First Penance”*

BAPTISMAL MEETING: The next baptismal meeting for parents who wish to have their babies' baptised takes place on Monday February 5th 2018 at 8pm in the Parochial House. Please enrol in advance to the Parochial House.

BINGO in aid of Church funds takes place on Sunday January 21st at 3pm in the Darnley Lodge Hotel.

CONGRATULATIONS: We offer our congratulations and our prayers for Monsignor Dermot Farrell, Vicar General of the Meath Diocese and Parish priest of Dunboyne who has been appointed by Pope Francis as Bishop of Ossory. (Kilkenny)

ALTAR SOCIETY: The members of the Altar Society would like to thank all the people who contribute to the flowers for the altar throughout the year, whether through the donations box at the back of the church or through personal donations to the society members. Your support for the Altar Society's work is very much appreciated.

SAVE THE DATE! Saturday 10th March Dublin Rally to save the 8th.

POOR CLARES in Galway are hosting a Cloister Day on Sat Jan 27th 10am to 5pm. The day is designed to help young women between the ages of 21 and 40 to find out more about the Poor Clare way of life with a view to vocation discernment. To book a place contact St Faustina at: poorclaresgalwayvocations@gmail.com

PARISH WEBSITE: a new parish website www.athboyparish.ie was launched in early December. It has many features including the latest parish bulletins, information on parish activities and on the sacraments, scripture quotes and reflections. Community groups can have their details listed and amended on the site by emailing the parish office at athboyensis@gmail.com.

SEAN-NÓS Dance classes resume on Wed 17th January at 9pm in the Convent Community Centre. Beginners welcome. Just join up on the night.

DANCE CLASSES resume in Athboy Macra Hall on Wednesday nights from 8.30pm-10.30pm. Contact James on 086 2003739.

EVENING CLASSES in Boyne Community School, Trim commence on Mon Jan 29th. Enrolment Wed 17th Jan 7-8.30pm. More details on school website.

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES takes place in Dublin 21-26 Aug 2018. It is held every three years. This major international event brings together families from across the world to celebrate, pray and reflect on the importance of the family as the cornerstone of our lives, of society and of the Church. It includes a huge variety of programmes for adults, young people and children. More details see www.worldmeeting2018.ie

PARISH STATISTICS:

| | Baptisms | Weddings | Funerals |
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| 2017 | 34 | 16 | 25 |
| 2007 | 66 | 15 | 26 |
| 1997 | 41 | 12 | 26 |