

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday January 28th 2018

MASS INTENTIONS for the week ahead:

Sat Vigil: Larry, Phyllis & Martin Geraghty, Michael Phelan

Sun 9am: Brendan Smith, Paddy, Peggy & James Herbert.

Sun 11.30am: Anne Brady

Fri 8am: List of the Dead

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Sat Vigil: Chris Gargan & his parents Philip & Anne.

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

MINISTERS OF THE WORD for next weekends' Masses are: Vigil (Feb 3rd) Louise Keegan 11.30am (Feb 4th) Lesley Murtagh

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST for next weekends' Masses are: Vigil (Feb 3rd) Mary Holland, Elizabeth Gough, Paul Doherty & Clive Doherty 11.30am (Feb 4th) Catherine Mc Elhinney, Tony Barry & Tom Sheridan

COLLECTIONS: Athboy €755, Rathmore €130 Rathcairn €200. Your 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 30th Jan – St Aidan

Wed 31st Jan – St John Bosco

Thurs 1st Feb – St Brigid

Fri 2nd Feb – Presentation of the Lord, World Day for Consecrated Life

Sat 3rd Feb – St Blaise, St Ansgar

REST IN PEACE: Your prayers are requested for Philomena Carolan, Coille Dios.

CANDLEMAS DAY – FRIDAY FEBRUARY 2nd: Feast of the Presentation of the Lord:

Candles will be blessed for use in the home at the 8am and 7.30pm Masses on that day.

FEAST OF ST. BLAISE – SATURDAY FEBRUARY 3rd: Throats will be blessed after 10am Mass and the Vigil Mass. The blessing of St Blaise is a sign of our faith in God's protection and love for us and for the sick. Using two crossed and unlighted candles, the throat of each person is touched saying "Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from all ailments of the throat and from every other evil. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

FIRST FRIDAY - Friday 2nd February: Masses at 8am and 7.30pm and will be offered for those of the List of the Dead.

COMMUNION CALLS on Friday Feb 2nd at the usual times.

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.

CANDLEMAS OFFERINGS: Next Sunday is an Offering Day for the support of the priests of our parish.

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.

ATHBOY COMMUNITY SCHOOL: a prayer service for Christian Unity will be held on Thursday 1st February in Athboy Community School. The theme is "That All may be Free" All are welcome.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND: Final two places on the 17th Annual Pilgrimage to the Holy Land from Meath Diocese led by Fr Dwayne Gavin, Fr Gerry Mc Cormack and Sr Consilio Rock from 16th April – 24th. Bookings with MAP Travel at 01 8783111

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK begins today Sunday 28th January. The theme this year is "Called to be a Family of Families".

O'GROWNEY NS: The closing date for enrolment for Junior Infants Sept 2018 is Wednesday 31st January.

MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE Aug 29th – Sept 5th fully inclusive €699 if deposit paid before Feb 1st after €719 applies. Contact Teresa at 9486983/087 9657299.

27th DIVINE MERCY NATIONAL CONFERENCE RDS Dublin: A bus will travel from Athboy/Trim on Saturday 17th February. To reserve a seat please contact Rita 085 7284600.

O'GROWNEY '19: a cultural and heritage project based on the commemoration of Fr. Eugene O'Growney is being planned for 2019. If you are interested in getting involved with this year-long celebration of our cultural heritage, there will be a meeting in the Darnley Lodge Hotel, Athboy on Tuesday 6th February at 7.30pm.

Prayer to St. Brigid

You were a woman of peace.

You brought harmony where there was conflict.

You brought light to the darkness.

You brought hope to the downcast.

May the mantle of your peace cover those who are troubled and anxious, and may peace be firmly rooted in our hearts and in our world.

Inspire us to act justly and to reverence all God has made.

Brigid you were a voice for the wounded and the weary. Strengthen what is weak within us. Calm us into a quietness that heals and listens. May we grow each day into greater wholeness of mind, body and spirit. Amen.