

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Sunday January 7th 2018

I baptise you with water, but the one who is coming will do much more: he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

MASS INTENTIONS for the week ahead:

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

Tues 7.30pm: Patsy Mahon, Bella & Christopher Mahon & Kathleen Garry.

Sat 10am: Martin & Annie Doherty

Sat Vigil: Coilin Keane, Rose Smith

Sun 9am: Margaret Daly

Sun 11.30am: Frank Brogan & his sister Rosaleen.

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 13th) Frank Holland 11.30am (Jan 14th) Ann Hoey

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST for next weekends' Masses are: Vigil (Jan 13th) Marie Leavy, Jacqueline Barrett, Noreen Whelehan & Donal Mc Loughlin 11.30am (Jan 14th) Betty Beirne, Judy O'Doherty, Kathleen Cumiskey & Frances Ennis.

COLLECTIONS: Athboy €880, Rathmore €125, Rathcairn €225. Thank you for your generous support.

ADORATION OF BLESSED

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

FEASTDAYS in the week ahead:

Sat Jan 13th – St Hilary

REST IN PEACE: Your prayers are requested for Michael O'Loughlin, Castlelawns and Bill Fleming, Dublin and late of Ballyfallon.

RADIO NA GAELTACHTA will broadcast the 10.15am Mass from Rathcairn this morning Sunday January 7th.

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 14th at all Masses. Confirmation will be celebrated in Athboy on Friday Feb 23rd at 3pm.

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

THANKS: Athboy SVP would like to thank all who contributed to the church gate collections held in early December or made direct donations.

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)

PARISH WEBSITE: a new parish website was launched in early December. It has many new features and is dedicated to St. James – the major saint of our parish. The design inspiration for the website is based on a stained glass window over the main entrance to St. James' Church in Athboy that shows St. James lifting a representation of our church up to the Lord. It also depicts his staff, water jug and satchel. His symbol – a cockle shell – is pinned to his cloak. St. James is the patron saint of pilgrims and of Spain. www.athboyparish.ie

OPERATION TRANSFORMATION NATIONAL WALKS take place on Sat 13th Jan at 10am in Kells (meet at Kells Resource Centre) or Trim (meet in front of the castle). All ages and abilities welcome. In the interest of safety, dogs are not allowed. Children must be supervised by an adult.

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.