

MASS INTENTIONS for the week ahead:

Sat Vigil: Bett Tracey, Sean Byrne
 Sun 9am: Micheal O'Connor
 Sun 11.30am: Frank Garrahy, Brendan Doyle, Danny & Dolores O'Sullivan & dec'd members of Cassidy family
 Tues 7.30pm: Kitty & Jim Monaghan
 Wed 9.30am: Dr Derrick Waldron-Lynch
 Wed 7.30pm: William & Eileen McGovern, Michael O'Loughlin M.M.
 Thurs 7.30pm: Elsie Finnegan
 Sat 10am: Jo & Lall Murphy
 Sat Vigil: Frank & Kathleen Hanily, Fr Sean Farrell, Niall Sheridan, Larry Murtagh
 Sun 9am: Robert & Christina Mullen & babies Charlie & Lucy.
 Sun 11.30am: Geraldine Arthur, Sarsfield Donohoe

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

MINISTERS OF THE WORD for next weekends' Masses are: Vigil (Feb 17th) Teresa Doherty 11.30am (Feb 18th) Jim Brogan

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST for next weekends' Masses are: Vigil (Feb 17th) Marie Leavy, Jacqueline Barrett, Noreen Whelehan & Donal Mc Loughlin. 11.30am (Feb 18th) Betty Beirne, Judy O'Doherty, Kathleen Cumiskey & Frances Ennis.

COLLECTIONS: Athboy €765, Rathmore €145 Rathcairn €160. Many thanks.

ADORATION OF BLESSED

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

FEASTDAYS in the week ahead:

Wed 14th Feb – Ash Wednesday, Ss Cyril & Methodius, Patrons of Europe. St. Valentine.
 Fri 16th Feb – Day of Prayer for Victims of Sexual Abuse.
 Sat 17th Feb – Seven Founders of Servite Order. St Fintan

REST IN PEACE: Your prayers are requested for May Tuite, Otterstown, Ross Hanlon, Turry Meadows.

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday February 11th 2018

BINGO in aid of Church funds takes place today Sunday Feb 11th at 3pm in the Darnley Lodge Hotel. All welcome.

LENT begins on Ash Wednesday February 14th. Masses at 8am, 9.30am & 7.30pm. Ashes will be distributed at all Masses. Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence.

TROCAIRE BOXES are available in all the churches.

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Mother Teresa said, "Adoration is the best time you will spend on Earth." All welcome to a weekly half hour of Eucharistic Adoration, praying before the Blessed Sacrament, for the protection and greater appreciation of the sanctity of all human life. Rathcairn Church, every Wednesday in February & March, 7.30 to 8pm.

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES "Let's talk Family! Let's be Family!" 6-week parish conversation on the *Joy of Love* for the Tuesdays nights in Lent, commencing on Tuesday 20th February at 8pm after the evening Mass in the Adoration Room, St James' Church. It is the official programme to prepare for the WMOF.

PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENTS:

The preparation programme for First Holy Communion commences next weekend at all Masses with the children reading the Prayers of the Faithful and participating in the Offertory procession.

COLUMBAN MISSIONARIES: Fr Oliver McCrossan of the Columban Missionaries will visit our parish on Feb 17/18 and speak at the Masses. This year the Columbans celebrate 100 years of missionary work around the world.

LENTEN RETREAT FOR YOUNG ADULTS

– (18-40) Sat 24th Feb Dalgan Ppark, Navan 9.30am-5pm. A day of prayer to help you discern your path in life. In choosing one's path, it is good to invite God in. To book contact Fr Joe 086 6036506

SUNDAY AFTERNOON TEA DANCE- hosted by Athboy Foroige 25th Feb 3-5pm St James' Hall. For over 50s. Raffle in aid of Athboy People Who Share Care.

DIABETES: Dietitian led diabetes programme "Desmond" for all patients with Type 2 Diabetes starts in the Trim Primary Care Centre at the end of Feb. Free course over 2 half days. Please contact Joanne on 041 6860766 if interested.

GIVE BLOOD: on Thursday 15th February 4.30-8pm Darnley Lodge Hotel.

SUM OF MONEY found on the street. Details from the sacristy

Something worthwhile for LentJesus longs to see you and spend time with you. Will you visit Him? Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Friday until 11pm in St. James' Church. (Adoration Room at the back of the Church)

Praise to you, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, source of all consolation and hope. By your Son's dying and rising, he remains our light in every darkness, our strength in every weakness. Be the refuge and guardian of all who suffer from abuse and violence. Comfort them and send them healing for their wounds of body, mind and spirit. Rescue them from bitterness and shame and refresh them with your love. Heal the brokenness in all victims of abuse and revive the spirits of all who lament this sin. Help us to follow Jesus in drawing good from evil, life from death. Make us one with you in your love for justice as we deepen our respect for the dignity of every human life. Giver of peace, make us one in celebrating your praise, both now and forever. Amen.

Day of Prayer for Victims of Sexual Abuse Friday February 16th



Every child who, rather than being born, is condemned unjustly to being aborted, bears the face of Jesus Christ, bears the face of the Lord, who even before he was born, and then just after birth, experienced the world's rejection. And every elderly person..... even if he is ill or at the end of his days, bears the face of Christ. They cannot be discarded, as the "culture of waste" suggests! Pope Francis 2013

