

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Sunday February 18th 2018

MASS INTENTIONS for the week ahead:

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

Thurs 7.30pm: Dec'd Smyth Family Members

Sat 10am: Jimmy & Bernie Crowcock

Sat Vigil: Pat Flynn, Dan Hayes, Patrick Smith, Mag Connell M.M.

Sun 11.30am: William & Dominick Farrell & Kitty Mahon, Philomena Carolan M.M.

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

MINISTERS OF THE WORD for next weekends' Masses are: Vigil (Feb 24th) Anne Leavy 11.30am (Feb 25th) L/E Bird

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST for next weekends' Masses are: Vigil (Feb 24th) Jacinta Farrell, Mary Kearney & Siobhan Kelly 11.30am (Feb 25th) Rita Ennis, Mary Finnegan, Jackie Leavy, Robert Gath & Anne Leavy.

COLLECTIONS: Athboy €760, Rathmore €140, Rathcairn €125. Many thanks.

ADORATION OF BLESSED

SACRAMENT: commencing after morning Mass on Friday and continuing throughout the day until late. There will be no Adoration from 2-5pm next Friday Feb 23rd due to Confirmation.

FEASTDAYS in the week ahead:

Wed 21st – St Peter Damian

Thurs 22nd Feb – Chair of St Peter

Fri 23rd – St Polycarp

REST IN PEACE: Your prayers are requested for Liam Houston, Meadowlands.

Something worthwhile for Lent

.....Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Friday until 11pm in St. James' Church. (Adoration Room at the back of the Church)

WELCOME: We welcome Fr Oliver McCrossan of the Columban Missionaries to our parish this weekend and he will speak at the Masses. This year the Columbans celebrate 100 years of missionary work around the world.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & FIRST PENANCE: We also welcome the children together with their parents and families who are preparing for their First Holy Communion this year. For the Sundays in Lent, they will read the Prayers of the Faithful and participate in the Offertory procession. They also make their First Penance this week on Monday 19th at 7pm in Athboy, on Tuesday 20th at 6pm in Rathcairn and on Thursday 22nd at 2pm in Rathmore.

CONFIRMATION: Bishop Smith will administer the sacrament of Confirmation to 74 children on Friday next February 23rd at 3pm in St. James' Church. The practice for Confirmation takes place on Wednesday next Feb 21st at 7.30pm. Parishioners are advised that there will be no parking in the Church grounds and the gallery is reserved for the choir.

SPECIAL COLLECTION next weekend 24/25th Feb at all the Masses for the WMOF.

TROCAIRE BOXES are available in all the churches.

BULLETIN: Due to changes in printing arrangements, items for the bulletin must be in by 12 noon on Thursdays by email or by letter.

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.

EUCHARISTIC 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.

www.worldmeting2018.ie - **THE WEBSITE FOR THE WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES:**

- Anyone wishing to attend sessions at the WMOF or the Mass that the Pope is expected to attend needs to book through the website. There are already 10,000 booked from abroad. In addition, anyone wishing to host can volunteer on this website also.

LENTEN RETREAT FOR YOUNG ADULTS – (18-40) Sat 24th Feb Dalgan Park, Navan 9.30am-5pm. 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.

ATHBOY COMMUNITY PERSON OF THE YEAR nominations can be cast in various shops in town and the Credit Union.

WALKING PROGRAMME: Spring is here! Get down to your local walking group on Monday at 7pm meeting at the Waxies Corner.

ACTIVE RETIREMENT GROUP: Club meeting will take place on Wed 21st Feb 2.45-5pm. Kurling and Boccia on Thurs 22nd Feb 2.30pm-5pm in St James' Hall.

INSIGHTS INTO DEMENTIA – Positive & practical training for family carers and loved ones with dementia at the Whistlemount Day Care, Navan on Tuesday evenings beginning on April 10th. Further details from Christine 01 2073834.



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 Sept 2013.

