

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Sunday March 11th 2018

•Prayer •Fasting •Almsgiving

MASS INTENTIONS for the week ahead:

Sat Vigil: Marietta Mc Mahon, Patricia O'Shea, Ross Hanlon M.M.

Sun 9am: Dinny, Thomas & Elizabeth Farnan.

Sun 11.30am: Brigid, William & Richard Wright, Larry & Jenny Reilly & Dec'd Family, Dec'd members of the Halton Family & Kathleen Toner, May Tuite M.M.

Fri 9.30am: Molly & William O'Reilly

Fri 7.30pm: (Vigil) Ollie & Phyllis Bird, Catherine & Christopher Ennis.

Sat 11.30am: Owen & Jane Bourke

Sat Vigil: Seamus & Bernadette Martin & Dec'd Family, William & Patricia Murtagh, Micheal Corrigan.

Sun 9am: Joe Wallace

Sun 11.30am: Con Kelly, Packie Mc Kiernan, Jimmy Keogh.

WEEKDAY MASSES: Mon 8am, Tues & Thurs 7.30pm, Wed 9.30am, Fri 9.30am & 7.30pm (Vigil) Sat 11.30am (Holyday).

MINISTERS OF THE WORD for next

weekends' Masses are: Vigil (Mar 17th) Teresa Doherty 11.30am (Mar 18th) Bernie Sherrock

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST for

next weekends' Masses are: Vigil (Mar 17th) Mairead Farrell, Enda Kelly & Susan Kenny. 11.30am (Mar 18th) Joseph Mc Govern, Dawn Finnegan, Anthony Leavy, Finula Garrahy.

COLLECTIONS: Athboy €625, Rathmore €75, Rathcairn €85. 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 17th March – St. Patrick

REST IN PEACE: Your prayers are requested for Vincent Nugent, Woodtown West and John Leavy whose funeral takes place in Athboy on Monday next.

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.

TROCAIRE BOXES are available in all the churches.

ST PATRICK'S DAY – Saturday March 17th: Vigil Mass at 7.30pm on Friday evening. Masses at the usual Sunday times on Saturday – Rathmore 9am, Rathcairn 10.15am and Athboy 11.30am. It is a Holy Day of Obligation and special day of Prayer for Emigrants.

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 9th April 2018 at 8pm in the Parochial House. Please enrol in advance to the Parochial House.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: 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, 7.30pm to 8pm.

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.

WELCOME: We welcome with great joy and congratulations our recently baptised: - Alanna Geraghty, Rosie Ni hEanaí, Conor Hickey, Fionn Regan, Matthew Fox, Jim O'Donnell, Alfie Kiely and Mason Kiely. Many congratulations to their parents and godparents also.

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

FREE 5 WEEK BASIC LAPTOP iPhone iPad, SmartPhone, or Tablet classes available in all areas – Meath Partnership. If you would like to book a place please phone Angela on 046 9280790.

ATHBOY TIDY TOWNS Table Quiz in Flood's Pub on Thursday 15th March at 9pm.

CULTUR MIGRANT CENTRE: Anti- Racism Event "Diversity – Never Enough" will take place in the Parish Hall, St. Anne's Resource Centre, Navan on 29th March 10am – 2pm with guest speakers, workshops, food from a variety of cultures and refreshments. Everyone is welcome.

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)

.....**Prayers, Reflections** for Lent together with the **Scripture** readings for each day on our parish website www.athboyparish.ie.

A Thought for Mother's Day

The most important person on earth is a Mother.

She cannot claim the honour of having built Notre Dame Cathedral.

She need not. She has built something more magnificent than any cathedral - a dwelling for an immortal soul, the tiny perfection of her baby's body.

The angels have not been blessed with such a grace.

They cannot share in God's creative miracle to bring new saints to Heaven.

Only a human mother can.

Mothers are closer to God the creator than any other creature:

God joins forces with mothers in performing this act of creation....

What on God's good earth is more glorious than this; to be a mother?