

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION

Sunday April 1st 2018

MASS INTENTIONS for the week ahead:

Sat Vigil: Val & Sheila Ward, Michael & Renee Healy

Sun 9am: Rita Smith & Pat & Mary Smith & Dec'd Family

Sun 11.30am: Mary Sweeney

Mon 10am: Dec'd Members of the Hoey Family.

Fri 8am: List of the Dead.

Fri 7.30pm: John Leavy M.M.

Sat Vigil: Christy Nugent, Jack & Moira Migglin.

Sun 9am: Margaret Kane & baby Noah Andrew Mc Cormack.

Sun 11.30am: Tom Mc Guinness, Dec'd Members of the Sheridan Family.

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

MINISTERS OF THE WORD for next weekends' Masses are: Vigil (Apr 7th) Ita Mc Guigan. 11.30am (Apr 8th) Nancy Dardis

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST for next weekends' Masses are: Vigil (Apr 7th)

Deirdre Mc Anarney, Madeline Bracken. 11.30am (Apr 8th) Frances Walsh, Kathleen Nee, Rose Leavy, Paul Farrell & Don O'Doherty.

COLLECTIONS: Athboy €775, Rathmore €155, Rathcairn €135. Thank you for your generous support.

ADORATION OF BLESSED

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

God, our Father

We are brothers and sisters in Jesus your Son,

One family, in the Spirit of your love.

Bless us with the joy of love.

Make us patient and kind,

gentle and generous, welcoming those in need.

Help us to live your forgiveness and peace.

Protect all families with your loving care,

Especially those for whom we now pray....

Increase our faith,

Strengthen our hope,

Keep us safe in your love,

Make us always gentle for the gift of life that we share.

This we ask, through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Prayer for the World Meeting of Families 2018

EASTER OFFERINGS: Today, Easter Sunday is an offering day for the support of the priests of our parish.

TROCAIRE BOXES: Please return your Trocaire boxes as soon as possible.

FIRST FRIDAY – Friday April 6th – Masses at 8am & 7.30pm. Communion Calls to the sick and housebound on Friday also at the usual times.

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 until the end of May.

PARISH WEBSITE & Facebook: Many thanks for all the positive feedback we have received about our new website, which was launched last December. It has in excess of 250 visits per week. It features the latest parish bulletins and information on all parish activities. The Sunday and daily Scripture readings are also available together with a prayer space which has a number of prayers and reflections which you may find useful in this busy and harried world that we live in. Our parish bulletin is also available now on Facebook. Search for Athboy Parish.

CEMETERY: Major improvements which will consist of new paths and re-surfacing of existing paths, new layout for future graves will commence soon. The plans are available at the back of the Church in Athboy. The cost will be in the region of €66,000.

DATES FOR CEMETERY DEVOTIONS: Sunday 17th June in Rathmore at 3pm, on Sunday 24th June at 3pm in Athboy (Old St. James' at 2pm) and on Friday 22nd June at 7.30pm on the Hill of Ward. Devotions in the Abbey in Rathmore will take place on Friday 10th August at 7.30pm.

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES: Bookings for all programmes including the Pope's Mass must be booked online through the WMOF website www.worldmeeting2018.ie
STAND UP FOR LIFE, a series of regional rallies around Ireland takes place next week and will highlight the importance of Ireland's 8th Amendment and the tens of thousands of lives saved by it. Given that a referendum to remove Ireland's 8th Amendment is due to take place before the summer, please consider attending one of the rallies. To find out more visit www.loveboth.ie or telephone 087 299 8702.

PADRE PIO MASS takes place on Wednesday April 4th in St. Mary's Church, Navan at 8pm. Blessing with St. Pio's glove after Mass. Everyone welcome.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: Bus going to Knock Shrine on Divine Mercy Sunday April 8th. Fare €20. Booking essential. Contact 086 8721015 or 9432391.

POOR CLARES in Galway are hosting a Cloister Day on Sat April 21st from 10am to 5pm. The day is designed to help young women between the ages of 21 and 40 find out more about the Poor Clare way of life with a view to vocation discernment. Email Sr Faustina at poorclairesgalwayvocations@gmail.com.

CAMP VERITAS – a Catholic summer camp for teenagers Clongowes Wood College June 25-30. More details from www.campveritas.ie

RATHMORE NS Open evening on Thursday April 19th from 7-8pm. Parents will have the opportunity to visit the school, meet the teachers and discuss enrolling.

FUNDRAISING BINGO hosted by Kildalkey students Maura Spain & Meghan de Barra in aid of VESA Abroad Rebuild Fiji on Thursday 5th April in the Darnley Lodge Hotel at 8.30pm.

ATHBOY ICA next meeting – the AGM will be held on Mon April 2nd at 8pm in St. James' Hall, the Kitchen.

ACTIVE RETIREMENT GROUP: Next meeting on Wed 4th April 2.45pm-5pm. Kurling and Boccia on Thurs 5th April 2.30pm-5pm in St. James' Hall. New members welcome.