

MASS INTENTIONS for the week ahead:

Sat Vigil: Billy & May Bryan, Gerry Renehan
 Sun 9am: Peter & Bridget Farrell
 Sun 11.30am: Annie & Martin Doherty
 Mon 8am: John Leavy
 Tues 7.30pm: Owen & Rosie O'Connor & Bernard & Mary O'Connor
 Thurs 7.30pm: Annie & Christy Delaney
 Sat Vigil: Michael Daly & Dec'd Family, Kit, Bernadette & G.B. Raleigh
 Sun 11.30am: Paddy Quinn, Anna May Buckley, John Mc Cormack

WEEKDAY MASSES: Mon 8am, Tues & Thurs 7.30pm, Wed 9.30am, No Mass Fri or Sat am.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD for next weekends' Masses are: Vigil (Apr 21st) Anne Leavy 11.30am (Apr 22nd) L/E Bird

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST for next weekends' Masses are: Vigil (Apr 21st) Mairead Farrell, Enda Kelly & Susan Kenny 11.30am (Apr 22nd) Joseph Mc Govern, Dawn Finnegan, Anthony Leavy & Finula Garrahy

COLLECTIONS: Athboy €790, Rathmore €145, Rathcairn €125. Many thanks.

ADORATION OF BLESSED

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

FEASTDAYS in the week ahead:

Mon 16th April – St Bernadette Soubirous
 Wed 18th April – St Lasarian
 Fri 20th April – Bl Maurice Mc Kenraghty
 Sat 21st April – St Anselm

REST IN PEACE: Your prayers are requested for Mary Mc Kenna, Fosterfields, Johnny Nugent, Caucetown, Maney Cawley Martinstown and Michael Healy, Dressogue whose funeral takes place in Athboy on Monday at 11am.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**Sunday 15th April 2018**

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

BINGO in aid of Church funds takes place on Sunday 29th April at 3pm in the Darnley Lodge Hotel.

BAPTISMAL MEETING: The next baptismal meeting for parents who wish to have their babies' baptised takes place on Monday 14th May 2018 at 8pm in the Parochial House. Please enrol in advance to the Parochial House.

ENROLMENT CEREMONIES FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: The enrolment ceremony for the boys and girls who are making their First Holy Communion this year takes place at all Masses on Sunday April 29th.

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.

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 in the Phoenix Park must be booked online through the WMOF website. www.worldmeeting2018.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.

ATHBOY ACTIVE RETIREMENT GROUP: Club meeting on Wednesday 18th April 2.45-5pm. Kurling and Boccia on Thursday 19th April 2.30-5pm in St James' Hall.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS: Next Sunday the Church throughout the world prays for vocations. Will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life?

Pray for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead.

Keep our parish priests in your prayers throughout the week.

Encourage your children, grandchildren and other young people to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister.

Pray a rosary for more young men and women in our diocese to respond to God's call.

The Offertory collection at all Masses next weekend will be for the education of priests to the Diocese of Meath. Thank you.

LIFE IS SACRED

"Human life is sacred because, from its beginning, it involves the creative action of God and it remains forever in a special relationship with the Creator, who is its sole end. God alone is the Lord of life from its beginning until its end. No one can under any circumstance claim for himself the right directly to destroy an innocent human being." *Catechism of the Catholic Church n.2258*

Prayer of St. Bernadette Soubirous

(feastday 16th April)

O My God, I beg you, by your loneliness, not that you may spare me affliction, but that You may not abandon me in it. When I encounter affliction teach me to see you in it as my sole Comforter. Let affliction strengthen my faith, fortify my hope, and purify my love. Grant me the grace to see Your hand in my affliction and to desire no other comforter but you. Amen.