

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**Sunday 22nd April 2018****Day of Prayer for Vocations***This 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 this weekend will be for the education of priests to the Diocese of Meath. Thank you.

MASS INTENTIONS for the week ahead:

Sat Vigil: Michael Daly & Dec'd Family, Kit, Bernadette & G. B. Raleigh

Sun 11.30am: Paddy Quinn, Anna May Buckley, John McCormack

Fri 9.30am: Billy Mc Cole

Sat Vigil: Joseph Heffernan, Paddy Reilly & Tommy Heary & Patricia Reilly.

Sun 9am: Maureen & Richard Smith

Sun 11.30am: Patrick, Mary & Tom

O'Connor & Dec'd Scanlon Family members.

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

MINISTERS OF THE WORD for next weekends' Masses are: Vigil (Apr 28th) Stephanie Martin 11.30am (Apr 29th) Julie A. Corrigan

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST for next weekends' Masses are: Vigil (Apr 28th) Marie Leavy, Jacqueline Barrett, Noreen Whelehan & Donal Mc Loughlin. 11.30am (Apr 29th) Betty Beirne, Judy O'Doherty, Kathleen Cumiskey & Frances Ennis.

COLLECTIONS: Athboy €770, Rathmore €190, Rathcairn €210. Thank you.

ADORATION OF BLESSED

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

Adoration also in Rathcairn Church Wed evenings 7.30pm-8pm for the protection and greater appreciation of the sanctity of all human life.

FEASTDAYS in the week ahead:

Mon 23rd April – St George. St Adalbert

Tues 24th April – St Fidelis of Sigmaringen

Wed 25th April- St Mark, Evangelist

Fri 27th April – St Asicus

Sat 28th April – St Peter Chanel. St Louis Mary de Montfort

REST IN PEACE: Your prayers are requested for Michael Healy, Dressogue & Mona Dineen, Cloran Road, Teresa Flavin, (Fergal's mother) and John P. MacCann, Ballyboy.

WELCOME: We welcome the great Easter joy our recently baptised babies: Clara Hickey, Aaron Daly, Rian Gormely, Molly Hanily & Maddison Mulvaney. Many congratulations to their parents and godparents also.

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

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.

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.

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

FUNDRAISING FOR CEMETERY IMPROVEMENTS: The plans for major improvements - consisting of new paths and re-surfacing of existing paths, new layout for future graves, are available at the back of the Church in Athboy. The cost will be in the region of €66,000. "Sponsor a Metre" €35 per metre. Golf Classic on June 16th in Rathcore Golf Club. More details to follow.

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

BUS TO KNOCK on Sunday 29th April for the Annual Pilgrimage of Adoration, leaving Trim at 8.30am. Fare €20. Ring Rita at 9431431.

ROYAL COUNTY 5KM & 10KM Kells Bank Holiday Monday 7th May at 10.30am.

MEATH CO COUNCIL PRIDE OF PLACE closing date Friday 1st June.

FREE 5 WEEK BASIC LAPTOP iPad, SmartPhone or tablet classes available in all areas - contact Angela 046 9280790 Meath Partnership.

ALZHEIMER'S NATIONAL TEA DAY is on Thursday 3rd May and the Athboy Support Group are hosting a tea morning 9.30am-2pm in the Darnley Lodge Hotel.

NATIONAL POETRY DAY: Athboy Writer's Forum will host a poetry/flash fiction and Open Mic session at Flood's Pub on Tues 24th at 8pm. All welcome.

8th Amendment: In *M V Minister for Justice and Equality* (Supreme Court, 7th March 2018), the Supreme Court held that the unborn have no constitutional rights other than the right to life protected by the 8th Amendment. Therefore, if this referendum is passed the unborn will have no constitutional rights whatsoever. As a result, if the referendum is passed the Oireachtas will be able to enact any law they want on abortion and make any changes to that law at any time in the future if a majority of TDs decide. They will even be able to bring in abortion on demand up to birth if at any time a majority of TDs support that. Only a simple majority of TDs would be required, because: under Article 15 of the Constitution, a simple majority in the Dáil is sufficient, except *where the Constitution itself says* that more than a simple majority is required. Also if the Seanad doesn't go along with the proposed law or with a proposed future change to that law, the Dáil can override the Seanad, by virtue of Article 23 of the Constitution. Therefore, it would not be necessary to have majority agreement in the Seanad.