

**MASS INTENTIONS for the week ahead:**

Sat Vigil: John Thornton, Ebbie Ennis.

Sun 9am: Dec'd Mooney Family Members

Sun 11.30am: Michael Glennon, Tom

O'Connor M.M., Mick Healy M.M.

Tues 7.30pm: Sheila Devine

Thurs 7.30pm: Dec'd Members of the

Growney Family

Fri 9.30am: Molly & Paddy Kiernan

Sat Vigil: Christy Mahon, parents Paddy &

Dympna & Tommy Mahon & Ann Kiberd,

Michael Fulham M.M.

Sun 9am: Paul Smith

Sun 11.30am: Peter Mc Kenna, Kevin,

Thomas & Elizabeth Reynolds.

**WEEKDAY MASSES:** Mon 8am, Tues

7.30pm, No Mass on Wed, Thurs 7.30pm, Fri

9.30am, Sat 10am.

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD** for next

weekends' Masses are: Vigil (May 26<sup>th</sup>)

Louise Keegan, 11.30am (May 27<sup>th</sup>) Lesley

Murtagh

**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST** for

next weekends' Masses are: Vigil (May 26<sup>th</sup>)

Mairead Farrell, Enda Kelly & Susan Kenny.

11.30am (May 20<sup>th</sup>) Joseph Mc Govern,

Dawn Finnegan, Anthony Leavy & Finula

Garrayh.

**COLLECTIONS:** Athboy €745, Rathmore

€200, Rathcairn €180. 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 21<sup>st</sup> May – St Eugene de Mazenod OMI,

Ss Christopher Magallenes & Companions.

Tues 25<sup>th</sup> May – St Rita of Cascia

Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> May – Mary, Help of Christians,

Day of Prayer for the Church in China

Fri 25<sup>th</sup> May – Venerable Bede, St Gregory

VII, St Mary Magdalene de Pazzi

Sat 26<sup>th</sup> May – St Philip Neri

**REST IN PEACE:** Your prayers are

requested for Naoise Clarke, Lambay and

Mary Lynch, Otterstown & Delvin.

**Holy Spirit,** give me wisdom and the

courage of my convictions, as I make life

decisions today and every day. Some may be

simple, others complex, but all require

honesty and quiet reflection. I pray that,

with your help and guidance, my heart will

be open to God's will in whatever choices I

am asked to make. Amen

**PENTECOST SUNDAY****Sunday May 20<sup>th</sup> 2018**

**THE CEMETERY:** Work in the cemetery is continuing. The areas that are being worked on will be cordoned off during working time for health and safety reasons.

**Fundraising Events for the Cemetery:**

• Envelopes for "Sponsor a Metre of Tarmac" (€35 per metre) are now available and the members of the committee will be at the back of the Church this weekend for anyone who wishes to receive a sponsorship envelope.

• Golf Classic on June 16<sup>th</sup> in Rathcore Golf Club.

On our parish website, [www.athboyparish.ie](http://www.athboyparish.ie) will be able to accept donations in the coming days if you have family members and friends throughout the country or abroad who would like to donate to this appeal.

**BINGO** in aid of Church funds takes place on Sunday next 27<sup>th</sup> May at 3pm in the Darnley Lodge Hotel. All welcome.

**FAMILY DAY:** The parishes of the Trim Deanery, which includes Athboy, will host a Family Day on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June beginning with the Corpus Christi procession at 3pm followed by a Family Picnic in the grounds of Trim Parish Church. Bring your own food. Refreshments provided. Entertainment and music. All are very welcome.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** takes place in our parish on the weekend of June 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> - in Athboy on Sat June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10am, and on Sunday June 3<sup>rd</sup> in Rathmore at 9am and in Rathcairn at 10.15am. Sunday June 3<sup>rd</sup> is the Feast of Corpus Christi.

**BAPTISMAL MEETING:** The next baptismal meeting for parents who wish to have their babies' baptised takes place on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2018 at 8pm in the Parochial House. Please enrol in advance to the Parochial House.

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT for the protection of all human life** continues in Rathcairn Church Wed evenings 7.30pm-8pm.

**DATES FOR CEMETERY DEVOTIONS:** Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> June in Rathmore at 3pm, on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June at 3pm in Athboy (Old St. James' at 2pm) and on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June at 7.30pm on the Hill of Ward. Devotions in the Abbey in Rathmore will take place on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie)

**THE GREAT BLUE JEAN BAKE OFF-** Do you love to bake? The Great Blue Jean Bake Off is a chance for amateur bakers to show off their cup cake and bread making skills. It takes place on Sat June 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Festival Marquee during the Street Carnival. For more info see [www.bluejeanfest.com/the-great-blue-jean-bake-off/](http://www.bluejeanfest.com/the-great-blue-jean-bake-off/)

**GIVE BLOOD** on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May in the Darnley Lodge Hotel from 4.30pm- 8pm.

**"Vote for Life"**

*A Comment from Bishop Smith*

With less than a week to go to the referendum, there remains a lot of confusion among the electorate about what the proposal entails.

We are not voting on a solution to the complex cases that have touched the hearts and minds of many people.

We are voting on whether to take away the only legal protection in the Constitution for all unborn children - healthy babies in the womb as well as babies who may have a life-limiting disability.

Our faith requires us to be compassionate but let me be clear – there is no semblance of compassion involved in ending the life of any child in the womb.

I urge you to cast your vote for a society that cherishes the equal right to life of every person. You can do this by voting NO on Friday.