

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday August 12th 2018

We welcome and thank Fr Niku for his presence with us to celebrate the sacraments for the next few weeks.

MASS INTENTIONS for the week ahead:

Sat Vigil: Michael Duignan
 Sun 9am: Eamonn McKiernan
 Sun 11.30am: Mary Mulqueeny
 Sat 10am: Jerry Donohoe & his sister Anne Dennehy
 Sat Vigil: Edmund Holland & his parents Jack & Nancy
 Sun 9am: Michael Cahill
 Sun 11.30am: Dan Bagnall

WEEKDAY MASSES: Mon 8am, Tues & Thurs 7.30pm, Wed 11.30am (Holy Day), Fri 9.30am, Sat 10am.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD for next weekends' Masses are: Vigil (Aug 18th) Stephanie Martin 11.30am (Aug 19th) Julie A. Corrigan

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST for next weekends' Masses are: Vigil (Aug 18th) Jacinta Farrell, Mary Kearney & Siobhan Kelly. 11.30am (Aug 19th) Rita Ennis, Mary Finnegan, Jackie Leavy, Robert Gath & Anne Leavy.

COLLECTIONS: Athboy €, Rathmore €, Rathcairn €. 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 Aug 13th – Ss Pontian & Hippolytus, St Fachtna
 Tues Aug 14th – St Maximilian Mary Kolbe
 Wed Aug 15th – Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 Thurs Aug 16th – St Stephen of Hungary
 Fri Aug 17th – Our Lady of Knock

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY – Wednesday August 15th: Vigil Mass on Tuesday evening at 7.30pm. Mass on Wednesday at 11.30am. It is a Holy Day of Obligation.

NEW PARISH PRIEST: Bishop Smith has appointed Fr Pdraig McMahon as our new parish priest to succeed Fr O'Connor. Fr McMahon is currently administrator in the Cathedral in Mullingar where he has served for the past ten years. He is a native of Kingscourt and has served in the parishes of Navan, Clara and Rosemount.

THANKS: After 23 years as a dedicated sacristan, Bridget Carr will retire from Rathmore Church. We thank her for her commitment and dedication to Rathmore Church and wish her well in her retirement.

MEATH DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK takes place today Sunday 12th August. The main celebrant and preacher will be Bishop Michael Smith and the choir taking part is the Meath Diocesan Choir.

THE CEMETERY – An Update: The work in the cemetery is completed. Thank you for your very kind generosity in supporting our fundraising events. Envelopes for "Sponsor a Metre of Tarmac" are still available and the total figure so far raised is €5,835. The Golf Classic raised €5,435. Donations can also be made on our website.

BUS TO KNOCK: Please note change of date. Bus leaving Church Car Park at 9am on Tuesday 14th August. Week of Novena to Our Lady of Knock. Booking and further information contact Maureen 046 9432239/086 0788581 or Bridget 086 8721015.

MASS & PRESENTATION TO FR. O'CONNOR: Mass on Friday September 7th at 7.30pm in St. James' Church followed by presentation and light refreshments in the Darnley Lodge Hotel. Parishioners who would like to donate to this event are asked to return their envelopes before Monday 27th August.

BAPTISMAL MEETING: The next baptismal meeting for parents who wish to have their babies baptised takes place on Monday September 3rd. Please enrol in advance to the Parochial House.

CHY 4 FORMS: If you have received a Chy 4 form recently we would appreciate if you could return it as soon as possible. The Revenue Commissioners offer a tax rebate to charities for donations over €250 per year from any individual.

ATHBOY SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL would like to thank you for your generosity in the recent Church gate collections. These funds will be spent helping people living locally.

Pilgrimages and Retreats this summer....

Knock: Ireland's Marian Shrine, season continues until Oct 14th with Mass, Confessions, Stations of the Cross, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament daily. National Novena in honour of Our Lady of Knock Aug 14-22

Lough Derg: 3-day retreats continue until Mon Aug 13th. One day retreats on various dates throughout August and September. This sacred island is a place of prayer and contemplation, a time to come closer to God, offering no distractions, no interruptions.

Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: Sept 12-17. Athboy Choir will be the pilgrimage choir this year. Bookings to Pilgrimages Abroad 01 6359300.

Catholic Summer Youth Festival: 16th-19th Aug Cistercian College, Roscrea, Co Tipperary. An opportunity to make new friends and explore your faith. www.youth2000.ie

Away on holiday and want to keep in touch?

Why not visit our parish website www.athboyparish.ie for the latest parish news and bulletins.

The weekly bulletin is also published on Facebook. Search for Athboy Parish.

Do not be afraid to aim for holiness and turn yourselves over to God. Holiness does not mean performing extraordinary things but carrying out our daily things in an extraordinary way – that is, with love, joy and faith.

Pope Francis