

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday August 19th 2018

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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: 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.

MASS INTENTIONS for the week ahead:

Sat Vigil: Edmund Holland & his parents Jack & Nancy.

Sun 9am: Michael Cahill

Sun 11.30am: Dan Bagnall

Mon 8am: Michael & Ellen Loughlan

Sat Vigil: Barbara Smith, John & Mairead Tyrell

Sun 11.30am: John Ward, Joseph &

Josephine & Eugene O'Reilly.

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

MINISTERS OF THE WORD for next weekends' Masses are: Vigil (Aug 25th) Frank Holland 11.30am (Aug 26th) Ann Hoey

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST for next weekends' Masses are: Vigil (Aug 25th) Deirdre Mc Anarney, Madeline Bracken. 11.30am (Aug 26th) Frances Walsh, Kathleen Nee, Rose Leavy, Paul Farrell & Don O'Doherty.

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 19th – St Bernard

Tues Aug 21st – St Pius X

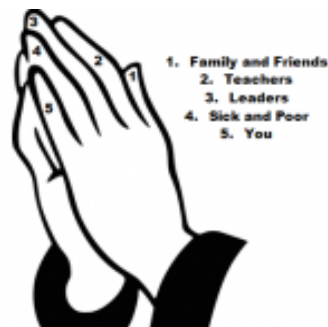
Wed Aug 22nd – Queenship of Mary

Thurs Aug 23rd – St Rose of Lima, St Eugene

Fri Aug 24th – St Bartholomew

Sat Aug 25th – St Louis of France, St Joseph Calasanz

POPE FRANCIS' FIVE FINGER PRAYER



The thumb is the closest finger to you. So start praying for those who are closest to you. The next finger is the index. Pray for those who teach you, instruct you and heal you. They need the support and wisdom to show direction to others.

The following finger is the tallest. It reminds us of our leaders, the government and those in authority.

The fourth finger is the ring finger. It is our weakest finger. It reminds us to pray for the weakest, the sick and those in need.

And finally, our smallest finger – it reminds us to pray for ourselves. When you are done praying for the other groups, you will be able to see your own needs in the proper perspective and also you will be able to pray for your own needs in a better way.