

MASS INTENTIONS for the week ahead:

Sat Vigil: Michael Dolan

Sun 9am: Betty Mc Govern

Sun 11.30am: Breda Matthews, Carmel Shepherd

Thurs 7.30pm: Martin Moore

Sat Vigil: Michael Duignan

Sun 9am: Eamonn Mc Kiernan

Sun 11.30am: Mary Mulqueeney

WEEKDAY MASSES: Mon 10am (Bank Holiday), Tues & Thurs 7.30pm, Wed & Fri 9.30am, Sat 10am.**MINISTERS OF THE WORD** for next weekends' Masses are: Vigil (Aug 11th) Anne Leavy 11.30am (Aug 12th) L/E Bird**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST** for next weekends' Masses are: Vigil (Aug 11th) Marie Leavy, Jacqueline Barrett, Noreen Whelehan & Donal Mc Loughlin. 11.30am (Aug 12th) Betty Beirne, Judy O'Doherty, Kathleen Cumiskey & Frances Ennis.**COLLECTIONS:** Athboy €745, Rathmore €180, 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 Aug 6th – Transfiguration of the LordTues Aug 7th – Ss Sixtus II & companions, St CajetanWed Aug 8th – St DominicThurs Aug 9th – St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein), St Felim, St NathyFri Aug 10th – St LawrenceSat Aug 11th – St Clare. Patrick Healy & Con O'Rourke, OFM, martyrs.**REST IN PEACE:** Your prayers are requested for Phil Lynch, St James' Terrace and Noel Doran, Cloncat.

This prayer we must pray every day

"Holy Spirit, make my heart open to the word of God,

Make my heart open to goodness,

Make my heart open to the Beauty of God

every day" Pope Francis

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Sunday August 5th 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.**ABBEY CEMETERY:** Devotions in the Abbey Cemetery, Rathmore take place on Friday 10th August at 7.30pm. August 10th is the feast of St. Lawrence.**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.**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 and further information contact Maureen 046 9432239/086 0788581 or Bridget 086 8721015.**MEATH DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK** takes place on Sunday 12th August. The main celebrant and preacher will be Bishop Michael Smith and the choir taking part is the Meath Diocesan Choir. Confessions 11am -5pm. Anointing of the Sick 2.30pm, Mass 3pm.**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.**ACTIVE RETIREMENT GROUP:** Club meeting to take place on Wednesday 8th August 2.45-5pm. Kurling and Boccia on Thursday 9th August 2.30-5pm in St James' Hall.**FR MURPHY A.C.** are hosting their annual Streets of Athboy 5K on Friday 10th August at 8pm. All proceeds go towards a new track at the club. Register now to get a free T-shirt via a link on our Facebook page. Registration on the evening from 6.30pm.**ATHBOY RUGBY CLUB** AGM will take place on Friday 10th August at 8.30pm in the Clubroom.**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

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