

## MASS INTENTIONS for the week ahead:

Sat Vigil: John & Phyllis Brennan, Bill & Ellen Priest, Anthony Mc Donagh, Jim Gilsenan, Patricia Gallagher M.M.

Sat Vigil: Connie & John Kellaghan

Sun 9am: John Mc Kiernan

Sun 11.30am: Paddy & Kathleen Lynch.

**WEEKDAY MASSES:** No weekday Masses this week.

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD** for next weekends' Masses are: Vigil (Sept 22nd) Ita McGuigan 11.30am (Sept 23rd) Nancy Dardis

**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST** for next weekends' Masses are: Vigil (Sept 22nd) Jacinta Farrell, Mary Kearney & Siobhan Kelly. 11.30am (Sept 23rd) Rita Ennis, Mary Finnegan, Jackie Leavy, Robert Gath & Anne Leavy.

**COLLECTIONS:** Athboy €1231, Rathmore €210, Rathcairn €230. Thank you for your generous support.

## ADORATION OF BLESSED

**SACRAMENT:** on Friday commencing at 9am and continuing throughout the day until late.

## FEASTDAYS in the week ahead:

Mon Sept 17<sup>th</sup> – St Robert Bellarmine, St. Hildegard of Bingen

Wed Sept 19<sup>th</sup> – St Januarius

Thurs Sept 20<sup>th</sup> – Ss Andrew Kim, Paul Chong & Companions

Fri Sept 21<sup>st</sup> – St Matthew, apostle & evangelist

**REST IN PEACE:** Your prayers are requested for Billy Mc Govern, Fosterfields whose funeral takes place in Athboy on Sunday at 2pm.

# TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## Sunday September 16th 2018

**BAPTISMAL MEETING:** The next baptismal meeting for parents who wish to have their babies baptised takes place on Monday October 1<sup>st</sup> at 8pm in the Parochial House. Please enrol in advance to the Parochial House.

**ALTAR SERVERS:** The current Altar Servers rota has now finished. Fr Padraig will recruit new servers in October. If you will permit your child to serve at Mass, training will be provided and a rota will be distributed. Many thanks to the Altar Servers, particularly those who have gone to secondary school and their parents for their dedicated service throughout the year.

**FR PAT'S MASS & PRESENTATION:** The committee would like to thank everyone both in the parish and beyond, who contributed so generously to the collection for Fr. Pat and attended in such large numbers in the Church and in the hotel afterwards.

**OFFERING DAY:** Sunday next is an Offering Day for the support of the priests of the parish. (Transport Collection)

**WERE YOU AT THE POPE?** Many thanks for the lovely photos that parishioners have submitted so far. A number of photos are now on the parish website [www.athboyparish.ie](http://www.athboyparish.ie). If you have some photos of the Pope's visit that you would like to share with us, kindly email them to [athboyensis@gmail.com](mailto:athboyensis@gmail.com). Please include your name and your contact phone number.

**FOR ALL POPE FRANCIS' HOMILIES** visit [www.worldmeeting2018.ie](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie).

**ROSARY ON THE COAST FOR LIFE & FAITH:** Following the passing of the referendum removing the protection for unborn babies in Ireland we ask you to come and please pray the Rosary on the Coasts of Ireland on Oct 7<sup>th</sup> 2018 for the protection of unborn babies and for the strengthening of the Catholic Faith. Sign up for a location at [www.coastalrosaryireland.ie](http://www.coastalrosaryireland.ie).

**POOR CLARES GALWAY CLOISTER DAY** - Sat Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> 10am to 5pm. The day is designed to help young women between the ages of 21 and 40 to find out more about the Poor Clare way of life with a view to vocation discernment. To book place contact Sr. Faustina at [poorclaresgalwayvocations@gmail.com](mailto:poorclaresgalwayvocations@gmail.com).

**MEATH LOCAL SPORTS PARTNERSHIP** are setting a national record for the most people taking part in a chair based exercise class in Ireland. The event takes place on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> Sept at 11.15am in Simonstown GAA Centre. To book a place contact Ruairi on 046 9067337.

**ACTIVE RETIREMENT GROUP:** Group meeting to take place on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2.45pm-5.00pm. Kurling and Boccia on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2.30-5.00pm in St. James' Hall. New members welcome.

**RSA CHECK IT FITS** visits Trim on Wed 26<sup>th</sup> Sept at SuperValu in Haggard St. 10 am-5.30pm. Get your child car seat checked for free!

**LEARN TO SPEAK IN PUBLIC:** Navan Toastmasters next meeting Wed 19<sup>th</sup> Sept 8pm Ardboyne Hotel, Navan 8pm.

The great Indian philosopher and poet Tagore says, "Only in the deepest silence of night the stars smile and whisper amongst themselves." A lighthouse has no function in the daytime; a beacon shines only when there is darkness. To discover the light that is within us, we must go through the darkness. When Christ said that he was the light of the world, he was not talking only about the external, prophetic light, but about an internal light that was the light at the heart of the universe and the light at the heart of every living person. When he called Christians to let their light shine before the world, he was talking about the light that shines from our innermost being, that part of us where God has written his name on us.

There is an oriental proverb that says, "Pearls lie not on the seashore; if thou desirest one, thou must dive for it." Similarly, to find our true light, the light that beckons and enlightens, we must go deep into ourselves, and the deeper we go, the brighter will be our light. It is then that we can be true lights to the world. We can't all be blazing lighthouses or glaring neon lights. Many of us are just flickering wicks that need to be pared and cared for, very gently, carefully and confidently. Still, even flickering lights can lead people to their true selves.