

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME****Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2019****SUNDAY MASS TIMES:**

**Athboy** Saturday Vigil 6.15pm  
& Sunday 11.30am

**Rathmore** Sunday 9am

**Rathcairn** Sunday 10.15am

**MASSES DURING THE WEEK:** Mon  
8am, Tues & Thurs 7.30pm, Wed - No  
Mass, Fri 9.30am, Sat 10am.

**MASS INTENTIONS this week:**

Sat Vigil: Larry, Phyllis & Martin  
Geraghty, Chris Gargan & parents  
Philip & Anne, Michael McKenna  
& parents Kathleen & Brendan,  
Bea O'Connor M.M.

Sun 11.30am: May Tuite

Sat 10am: Jo & Larry Murphy

Sat Vigil: Sean Byrne, Daniel  
O'Sullivan, Dolores O'Sullivan &  
dec'd Cassidy family, Bett Treacy  
Sun 9am: Robert & Christina  
Mullen and babies Charlie & Lucy.

**CONFESSIONS:** Saturday 5.45pm

**BAPTISM:** By appointment. Baptism  
Preparation Meeting, Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>  
February 2019, please enrol in  
advance to the Parochial House.

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD:**

Vigil (Feb 9th) Frank Holland  
11.30am (Feb 10th) Ann Hoey

**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST**

Vigil (Feb 9th) Jacinta Farrell, Mary  
Kearney, Robert Gath. 11.30am (Feb  
10th) Rita Ennis, Mary Finnegan,  
Jackie Leavy & Anne Leavy.

**COLLECTIONS:** Athboy €990,  
Rathmore €147, Rathcairn €245.  
Many thanks.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** on

Fridays after morning Mass until late.

**FEAST DAYS during the week:**

Tues 5<sup>th</sup> Feb – St Agatha

Wed 6<sup>th</sup> Feb – Ss Paul & companions

Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> Feb – St Mel

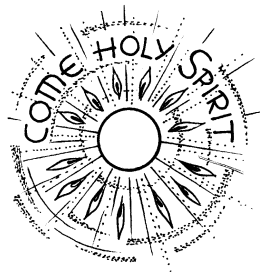
Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Feb – St Jerome Emiliani, St  
Josephine Bakhita

**REST IN PEACE:** Your prayers are  
requested for Margaret Cassidy,  
England (sister-in-law of Pauline  
O'Sullivan, Hill of Ward) and Fr John  
Cummins, PP Abbeyleix.

**CANDLEMAS OFFERINGS:** Today, Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb is an Offering  
Day for the support of the priest of our parish. Thank you for your kind  
support.

**CHURCH CLEAN-UP:** A big thank you to everybody who kindly  
volunteered last Tuesday evening and again on Wednesday afternoon to  
clean our Church in preparation for Confirmation on the 15<sup>th</sup> February.

**BLESSING OF THROATS:** Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb after Vigil and 11.30am Mass  
in Athboy and before Mass in Rathmore and Rathcairn (time permitting).



**CONFIRMATION:** Bishop Deenihan will  
administer the sacrament of Confirmation in our  
parish on Friday February 15<sup>th</sup> at 11am.

**Confessions:** Fr Pdraig has completed hearing  
Confessions of the 6<sup>th</sup> class children in the  
schools during the week.

**Ceremony of Light for Confirmation** takes place  
next weekend - 6.15pm Vigil Mass Saturday Feb

9th for O'Growney NS, Athboy, and on Sunday Feb 10th 9am Mass for  
pupils of Rathmore NS and 10.15am Mass for Rathcairn NS. We ask for  
your prayers for the children, their parents and teachers at this special  
time.

**WELCOME:** We welcome our new Ministers of the Word.

**LOURDES:** Fr Pdraig will lead a small parish pilgrimage to Lourdes 11  
- 16<sup>th</sup> May. Places are limited, further details and booking information  
from Fr Pdraig.

**MASS OF REMEMBRANCE** Wed 6<sup>th</sup> Feb 2.30pm in St. Loman's  
Hospital, Mullingar, in memory of deceased patients and people buried in  
St. Loman's Hospital Cemetery from 1907 to 1970. All welcome.

**MEATH BEFRIENDING SERVICE** aims to reduce loneliness and  
isolation within Co. Meath by a weekly visit from a trained volunteer. For  
further info or to avail of the service, contact Meath Volunteer Centre 046  
9280790.

**ATHBOY ICA** meeting Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Feb 8pm St James' Hall, the Kitchen.

**SAVE THE DATE!** Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March An Evening of Music with Fr  
Ray Kelly & Matt Leavy.

**St. Josephine Bakhita 1868-1947**, a native of the Darfur region of Sudan, was kidnapped by  
Arab slave traders in Feb 1877 and for 12 years of her life was bought, sold and given away  
over a dozen times. During this period, she suffered horrific physical abuse. She was brought as  
a slave to Italy where she was declared free, became a Christian, and entered the convent of  
Canossian Daughters of Charity in Venice. Here she was a cook and a doorkeeper for over 42  
years. Known for her gentle voice and smile she was canonized by Pope John Paul II in 2000.  
Her feast day, Feb 8<sup>th</sup>, is designated International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human  
Trafficking. Each year over 2.5million people are victims of trafficking and slavery. Through  
the Day of Prayer, we reflect on the experience of those who have suffered but also, we are  
called to reach out to victims and survivors.

*"If I were to meet the slave-traders who kidnapped me and even those who tortured me, I  
would kneel and kiss their hands, for if that did not happen, I would not be a Christian and  
Religious today"*