

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT**St Patrick, Principal Patron of Ireland****Sunday 17th March 2019****SUNDAY MASS TIMES:**Athboy Saturday Vigil 6.15pm
& Sunday 11.30am

Rathmore Sunday 9am

Rathcairn Sunday 10.15am

MASSES DURING THE WEEK:Mon 10am, (Bank Holiday) Tues &
Thurs 7.30pm, Wed & Fri 9.30am,
Sat 10am.**MASS INTENTIONS this week:**Sat Vigil: William & Patricia
Murtagh, Catherine Ennis.

Sun 9am: Joe Wallace

Sun 11.30am: Owen & Jane

Bourke, Jenny & Larry Reilly &
dec'd Family.

Tues 7.30pm: Private Intention

Thurs 7.30pm: Dec'd Members of
the Englishby family

Sat Vigil: Bridget McClorey,

Margaret Dunne, Micheal Corrigan

Sun 9am: Dinny, Thomas &

Elizabeth Farnan, Gerry Reilly.

Sun 11.30am: Conn Kelly, Jimmy &
Jackie Keogh.**CONFESSIONS:** Saturday 5.45pm**BAPTISM:** By appointment.

Baptism Preparation Meeting,

Tuesday 2nd April 2019, pleaseenrol in advance to the Parochial
House.**MINISTERS OF THE WORD:**Vigil (Mar 23rd) Anne Leavy11.30am (Mar 24th) L/E Bird**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST**Vigil (Mar 23rd) Deirdre McAnarney,

Madeline Bracken, Tom Sheridan

11.30am (Mar 24th) Frances Walsh,

Kathleen Nee, Rose Leavy & Paul Farrell.

COLLECTIONS: Athboy €940,

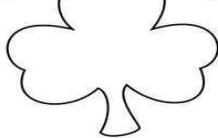
Rathmore €160, Rathcairn €190.

Many thanks.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: onFriday commencing after morning
Mass until late.**FEAST DAYS during the week:**Mon 18th Mar – St Cyril of JerusalemTues Mar 19th – St JosephThurs Mar 21st – St Enda of AranSat Mar 23rd – St Turibius of Mogrovejo**REST IN PEACE:** Michael Kelliher,
Clonmellon.

St Patrick was born in the early years of the fifth century. He was taken captive at the age of sixteen and brought to Ireland where he was sold as a slave. He tended herds on Slemish Mountain for six years. His captivity had a very positive effect on his spiritual life. He prayed many times each

Happy St. Patrick's Day!



day, his faith growing stronger and his love and reverence for God increasing. He escaped back home at the age of twenty-two. It was obvious to him that God was calling him to return to convert the Irish. He studied in France, returned to Ireland as a bishop c 457-61, or as early as 432 according to another tradition. His mission was not immediately greatly successful but eventually he would make a tremendous number of converts. Two writings

survive; the *Letter to Coroticus*, a protest to the soldiers of a British prince who had killed some converts and sold others as slaves, and his *Confession*, written near the end of his life, showing him as one living by the faith he preached and allowing Christ to direct his whole life.



AN EVENING OF MUSIC Friday 29th March St. James' Church, 8pm with Fr Ray Kelly & Matt Leavy & other artists on the night! Proceeds in aid of parish funds. Tickets €15 available from the Parochial House, the Darnley Lodge Hotel, McElhinney's Mans Shop,

Smyth's Newsagents and Siopa, Rathcairn.

AN INVITATION TO YOUNG PEOPLE: On the Thursday evenings of Lent we invite young people from 5th & 6th Class to meet members of the NET Team at 6.45-7.30pm and students from Secondary School at 8-8.45pm. The meetings will take place each side of 7.30pm Mass and they are an opportunity for young people to chat and learn about their faith. You can learn more about Net Ministries by checking

www.netministries.ie

CONGRATULATIONS to the children who celebrated the Sacrament of Penance for the First Time during the week. Thank you to their parents and their teachers in the schools who helped them prepare for the Sacrament. During Lent the children in Third, Fourth and Fifth classes will have the opportunity to go to confession in school.

OUR PARISH PRAYER TREE: Parishioners are welcome to put a prayer request on the tree during Lent. Tags and pens are available. Your intentions will be prayed for at all Masses during Lent.

BINGO in aid of Church funds takes place on Sun 24th March at 3pm in the Darnley Lodge Hotel.

ROSARY & CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY every Wednesday in Lent at 7.30pm in Rathcairn Church.

TROCAIRE LENTEN 2019 campaign is told through the stories of three families living in Guatemala, Uganda and Lebanon. Each story shows a different way families face losing their land and the effect it has on the lives. Each family is a different face to the same injustice, through the lens of fear they face (violence, hunger, never seeing their home again) and the love people in Ireland can show them. Trocaire boxes are available in all Churches.

DAFFODIL DAY Mar 22nd: If anyone would like to volunteer to help on the day please ring Frances 087 6545856.

ATHBOY PANTOMIME SOCIETY presents *Snow White* 19, 21st, 22nd, 23rd Mar St James' Hall 8pm. Tickets available for most shows.

