

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Sunday 24th March 2019



Loving God, during the sacred season of Lent, bring me close to you. Prepare a place in my home and heart for silence and solitude, so that I may re-discover the grace of a prayerful life.

Help me to fast from those things that threaten

the wellbeing of my body and soul and remind me of the grace of simplicity. Enlarge my heart so that I give to those in need and in doing so rediscover the grace of gratitude and generosity. May this season be a grace-filled time to rekindle my love and faith in you. Amen.

The following are suggested as ways of Friday penance:

- abstaining from meat, alcoholic drink or smoking
- making a special effort at family prayer
- making a special effort to participate in Mass on Fridays
- visiting the Blessed Sacrament, making the Stations of the Cross,
- fasting from all food for a longer period than usual and giving what is saved to the needy, or donating it to Trocaire.

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

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 Dara Englishby who received the title "Athboy Community Person of the Year" during the week. Dara leads the Athboy Church Folk Group at the Vigil Mass every week.

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.

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

ATHBOY TIDY TOWNS environmental awareness event Thurs 28th Mar St James Hall – the Kitchen 8-9.30pm.

CCE TLACHTGA Adult Set Dancing classes every Mon Convent Community Centre 8-9pm. All levels welcome.

ACTIVE RETIREMENT GROUP: Meeting Wed 27th Mar 2.45-5pm. Kurling & Boccia Thurs 28th Mar 2.30-5pm. St James' Hall.

POBALSCOIL CHIARAIN, Kells 30 Year Reunion Thurs May 2nd 7pm

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, Wed & Thurs
7.30pm, Fri 9.30am, Sat 10am.

MASS INTENTIONS this week:

Sat Vigil: Bridget McClorey,
Margaret Dunne, Micheal
Corrigan.

Sun 9am: Dinny, Thomas &
Elizabeth Farnan, Gerry Reilly.

Sun 11.30am: Mary Sweeney,
Conn Kelly, Jimmy & Jackie Keogh.

Thurs 7.30pm: Baby Anthony
McDonagh, Patrick & Nora
O'Donnell, Martin & Helen
McDonagh & Dec'd family.

Sat Vigil: Eilish Cassidy, Cella &
Christy Nugent

Sun 9am: Jerry Renehan

Sun 11.30am: Tom McGuinness,
Patrick Hamilton M.M.

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 5.45pm

BAPTISM: By appointment.

Baptism Preparation Meeting,
Tuesday 2nd April 2019, please
enrol in advance to the Parochial
House.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD:

Vigil (Mar 30th) Cormac Ennis
11.30am (Mar 31st) Julie A Corrigan

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Vigil (Mar 30th) Mary Holland, Elizabeth
Gough, Paul Doherty & Clive
Doherty. 11.30am (Mar 31st) Catherine
McElhinney, Tony Barry & Karen Bennett

COLLECTIONS: Athboy €1070,
Rathmore €195, Rathcairn €290.
Many thanks.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: on
Friday commencing after morning
Mass until 7pm.

FEAST DAYS during the week:

Mon Mar 25th – Annunciation of the Lord

WELCOME our recently baptised
– Holly Ducie, Isabelle Murray &
Padraic O Lupáin.