

**SUNDAY MASS TIMES:**

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

**Rathmore** Sunday 9am

**Rathcairn** Sunday 10.15am

**MASSES DURING THE WEEK:**

Mon 8am, no Mass on Tuesday,  
Ash Wed 8am, 9.30am & 7.30pm,  
Thurs 7.30pm, Fri 9.30am, Sat 10am.

**MASS INTENTIONS this week:**

Sat Vigil: Patricia O'Shea

Sun 11.30am: Marietta McMahon,  
Geraldine Arthur, Dominick &  
William Farrell, Kitty Mahon.

Wed 7.30pm: William & Eileen  
McGovern

Thurs 7.30pm: Myles & Nora Joyce  
& Steve Redmond.

Friday 9.30am: Michael Crotty

Sat Vigil: John Leavy

Sun 9am: Dec'd Members of  
Mooney Family

Sun 11.30am: Frances & Mattie  
Casserly

**CONFESSIONS:** Saturday 5.45pm

**BAPTISM:** By appointment. Baptism  
Preparation Meeting, Tuesday 5th  
March 2019, please enrol in advance  
to the Parochial House.

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD:**

Vigil (Mar 9th) Ita McGuigan

11.30am (Mar 10th) Nancy Dardis

**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST**

Vigil (Mar 9th) Marie Leavy, Jacqueline

Barrett, Noreen Whelehan & Donal

McLoughlin 11.30am (Mar 10th) Betty

Beirne, Kathleen Cumiskey, Frances

Ennis & Louise Ennis.

**COLLECTIONS:** Athboy €870,

Rathmore €200, Rathcairn €170.

Many thanks.

**EUCARISTIC ADORATION:** on

Friday commencing after morning

Mass until late.

**FEAST DAYS during the week:**

Mon Mar 4<sup>th</sup> – St Casimir

Tues Mar 5<sup>th</sup> – St Kieran

Wed Mar 6<sup>th</sup> – Ash Wednesday, St Colette

Thurs Mar 7<sup>th</sup> – SS Perpetua & Felicity

Fri Mar 8<sup>th</sup> – St John of God, St Senan

Sat Mar 9<sup>th</sup> – St Frances of Rome.

**REST IN PEACE**

Paddy Lavelle, Parkview

Pat Hamilton, Woodtown West.

**EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME****Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2019**

**L**ent begins this week on Ash Wednesday which is a day of fasting and abstinence. Ashes, a biblical sign of penance, signify the human condition of the sinner who

expresses guilt in an exterior manner and by doing so experiences interior conversion and the hope of receiving God's mercy. The spiritual journey of Lent leads us to the Vigil on Holy Saturday night when having completed our season of penance, we renew our baptismal promises and celebrate Christ's victory over sin and death.

During this season of prayer and penance, we recall the forty days Jesus spent in the wilderness praying and fasting. The three disciplines of Lent are prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

**Something to consider.....**

**Prayer** – attending weekday Mass, praying the Stations of the Cross or spending an hour on Fridays in Adoration of the Eucharist (book available at the rear of the church if you wish to commit to an hour on Fridays).

**Fasting** – from alcohol, tobacco, chocolate, sugar, television or screen time, to make time for God and time for our family.

**Almsgiving** – Trocaire is the Catholic development agency whose work seeks to help people in the developing world.

Our Lenten sacrifice can make a real difference to others.

Please take a Trocaire Box home this weekend and use it to help people who are hungry for food and for justice.

**BINGO** in aid of Church funds takes place today at 3pm in the Darnley Lodge Hotel.

**CELEBRATING PENANCE FOR THE FIRST TIME:** with the girls and boys in Second Class in our parish schools.

Rathmore, Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm

Rathcairn, Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 6pm

Athboy, Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm

**ROSARY & CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY** every

Wednesday in Lent at 7.30pm in Rathcairn Church. Opportunity to do Stations of the Cross afterwards.

**AN EVENING OF MUSIC** Friday 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

**CEMETERY DEVOTIONS:** Rathmore on Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> at 3pm, Hill of Ward Fri June 28<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm, Athboy Sun June 30<sup>th</sup> at 3pm, Old St. James at 2pm.

**BLUE JEAN COUNTRY QUEEN FESTIVAL** meeting for community groups Fri Mar 8<sup>th</sup> Darnley Lodge 8pm.

**ICA** meeting Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Mar 8pm St James' Hall – the Kitchen.

**ATHBOY TIDY TOWNS** table quiz Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> Mar Flood's Bar

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Betty & Hugh Lynagh on their recent Golden Wedding Anniversary.

