

## ATHBOY PARISH

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### 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 7.30pm, Wed 8pm,  
Thurs 9.30am, Fri 8am & 7.30pm,  
Sat 10am.

**CONFESSIONS:** Saturday 5.45pm

### MASS INTENTIONS this week:

**Sat Vigil:** Dec'd Doherty & Howard  
families & Thomas Manning,

Patrick Smyth,

Phyllis & Ollie Bird

Marietta McMahan

**Sun 11.30am:** William & Dominic  
Farrell & Kitty Mahon,

Paddy Lavelle, Mary McCann

**Tues 7.30pm:** Tom Mullen

**Fri 8am & 7.30pm:** List of the Dead

**Sat Vigil:** Patricia O'Shea

John Leavy

Mareine Munkitrick

**Sun 9am:** Hugh Lynagh

**Sun 11.30am:** Michael & William  
Crotty.

**BAPTISM:** By appointment. Baptism  
Preparation Meeting, Tuesday 3rd  
March 2020, please enrol in advance to  
the Parochial House.

### MINISTERS OF THE WORD:

Vigil (Mar 7th): Cormac Ennis

11.30am (Mar 8th): Julie A. Corrigan

### MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:

Vigil (Mar 7th): Deirdre McAnarney,  
Madeline Bracken, Tom Sheridan &  
Rose Leavy.

11.30am (Mar 8th): Frances Walsh,  
Kathleen Nee & Jo Doran McGovern.

**COLLECTIONS:** Athboy €985,  
Rathmore €215, Rathcairn €235.  
Thank you for your generous  
support.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** every  
Friday after morning Mass until late.

### REST IN PEACE

Michael Devin, Oldcastle,

Tim O'Shea, Cork



## FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2020

We journey into the desert as we begin Lent 2020, and we are encouraged to embrace the richness of this time and the possibilities that lie within. The desert can be unappealing, we may feel a resistance to the challenge, but the potential is enormous. Going inward, praying, fasting, taking on, giving – all of these practices offer us opportunities for genuine spiritual growth. It is through this journey that we can deepen our relationship with the One who urges us on. We should not be afraid of the desert for, as the Gospel today tells us, it is the Spirit who leads us on this path.

Lent is an opportunity to examine our lifestyles and to think about our relationship with God's creation. As Catholic faith communities, let us embrace the challenge to care for our common home in these weeks, making small changes. We can all do something: eliminate single-use plastic, fast from our cars, plant trees, read Laudato Si, pray for our world leaders. Let this be a time of discerning our call to care more for this planet, our home.

*Jane Mellett*

**Trócaire Boxes** are available in the churches, please take one and use during Lent to support people in the developing world.

**Bingo** in aid of Church funds takes place on next Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March at 3pm in the Darnley Lodge.

**First Friday:** Fr Pdraig will visit the sick on Friday.

**First Penance:** Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March Rathmore 2pm  
& Rathcairn 3.30pm. Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March Athboy 7pm.

**Clothing Collection** in aid of Athboy church funds: any unwanted clothes can be donated between 11am and 1pm on Wednesdays and Thursdays to TABU at rear of Darnley Lodge before Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March. No duvets. All donations appreciated.

**Celebrating 175 Years:** Bishop Deenihan has indicated that he will offer 11.30am Mass on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June to celebrate the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St James Church. Parishioners willing to assist with organising the celebrations are invited to join a sub-committee. If you are interested, please give your name to Fr Pdraig or any member of the Finance Committee in the coming days.



**Vocations Information Day** April 5th: St Mary's Church, Navan. If you have been considering the priesthood this is an opportunity for you to find out more about what priesthood entails, about seminary studies; and a chance to explore God's call to priesthood in a deeper way. For more information please contact Fr Shane Crombie [frshane@gmail.com](mailto:frshane@gmail.com)

**3 Day Lent Online Free Retreat** focusing on prayer, fasting & almsgiving. Register now with [piorityinstitute.com](http://piorityinstitute.com)

**Padre Pio Mass** St Mary's, Navan Wed 4<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm.

**Athboy ICA** meeting Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> March 8pm St James' Hall.

**Active Retirement Group** – meeting Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Mar 2.45-5pm.

Kurling/Boccia Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> Mar 2.30-5pm St James' Hall.

**Give Blood** Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Mar Darnley Lodge 4.30-8pm