

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
Sunday 29th March 2020

ATHBOY PARISH

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Public Masses are currently suspended

MASS INTENTIONS this week:

Sat Vigil: Bridget McClorey
Tom McGuinness
Eilish Cassidy
Baby Anthony McDonagh,
Nora O'Donnell & dec'd family
O'Donnell & Mc Donagh

Sun: Jerry Renehan
Margaret Dunne

Fri: List of the Dead

Sat Vigil: Chris & Cella
Nugent, Jack & Moira Miggin

Sun morning: Robert &
Margaret Kane & baby
Noah Andrew McCormack
Blathnaid Carroll,
Mona Dineen,
Billy & May Bryan.

BAPTISMS: contact the
Parochial House.

The suspension of all public Masses in our diocese because of COVID-19 Coronavirus, will continue for the foreseeable future. In the current emergency situation, all are dispensed from the obligation to physically attend Sunday Mass.

The voice of prayer is never silent, so our church remains open for people to pray privately in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. When visiting the church, please comply with social distancing regulations.



Fr Pdraig is offering Mass each day for your intentions, for your deceased family members and for the safety and protection of all the families in our community. Prearranged Mass Intentions are being remembered at these Masses but families are also free to contact the Parochial House in order to re-schedule intentions when the present health emergency is over.

Thank you to parishioners who have been returning offering envelopes and donations in the box in the centre of the church in Athboy and to the Parochial House letterbox. Any parishioner who would like to set up a standing order to the parish can pick up and complete a form available at the back of the Church. This should be returned to the Parochial House. Your kindness and generosity are greatly appreciated.

Communion Calls cannot be attended this month because of Covid-19.

Chrism Mass: Bishop Deenihan has indicated that Chrism Mass in Mullingar Cathedral, will take place in late May or early June.

Holy Week: details and instructions on the celebration of Holy Week and Easter liturgies without a congregation, will be circulated next week.

Funerals: regulations from diocesan offices suggest funerals should only involve family members and be restricted to low numbers. A memorial Mass can be offered at a later date when the community can sympathise and pray for the deceased.

Religious Services on RTÉ: Each morning, at 10.30am from Monday to Friday, RTÉ News Now is **broadcasting Mass** from the Cathedral of Saints Eunan & Columba in Letterkenny, Co Donegal, Diocese of Raphoe. RTÉ News Now can be received on Saorview channel 21; Virgin Media 200; Sky 521; Eir 500 and on the RTÉ News Now App.

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People: ALONE has launched a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.



PRAYER TO MARY DURING THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

by Pope Francis

O Mary, you shine continuously along our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, health of the sick, who at the cross were near to the pain of Jesus, keeping your faith firm.

You, Salvation of the Roman people, know what we need, and we trust that you will provide for those needs so that, as at Cana of Galilee, joy and celebration may return after this moment of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the will of the Father and to do what Jesus tells us, He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and took up our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen