

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 2nd August 2020

ATHBOY PARISH

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SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday Vigil 6.15pm

Sunday 9am, 10.15am (as Gaeilge),
11.30am

MASSES DURING THE WEEK:

Mon 10am, Tues & Fri 7.30pm,

Wed, Thurs & Fri 9.30am,

Sat 10am.

MASS INTENTIONS this week:

Sat Vigil: Philomena Lynch

Sun 9am: Betty McGovern

Tues 7.30pm: m.m. Phyllis Kearney
her husband Jim & son Brian

Fri 9.30am & 7.30pm: List of the Dead

Sat Vigil: m.m. Marie Byrne

Christina & Barbara Smith

Sun 10.15am: Seán Ó Cofhaigh
agus Mai agus muintir

11.30am Martin Moore

BAPTISMS: may be booked by
contacting the Parochial House.

COLLECTIONS:

Sunday 26th July: Athboy €410,

Rathmore €250, Rathcairn €100.

Thank you for your generous
Patron Day Offerings.

Rest in Peace

Sean Clifford, England & Kerry

Sakina Yaqoob, Pakistan

All Sunday Masses will be celebrated in Athboy Church because of its capacity for social distancing.

Thank you to Mary McCormack our sacristan and to all the volunteers who are helping us to maintain our gathering for the Eucharist daily and every weekend. The church in Athboy is fully disinfected and sanitised every Saturday; after every celebration of Mass, the seats are disinfected.

When coming to Mass please

- use hand sanitizer as you enter the church
- sit with members of your family
- wear a mask or face covering to protect others
- receive Holy Communion on your hands
- clean the space you occupy after Mass
- avoid the sacristy area
- maintain social distancing inside and outside the church
- if you feel unwell please remain at home

Offertory Collection can be placed in the buckets as you enter or exit the church - thank you for your support.

Eucharistic Adoration: on the main altar in Athboy on Fridays after 9.30am Mass til 1pm.



Holy Communion for the First Time: public health restrictions will determine the number allowed to attend; most likely this will involve immediate family only. All ceremonies on Saturday 29th August will take place in Athboy Church and times will be confirmed later this month.



Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock: - Sunday 9th August, this year will be a virtual pilgrimage. Two priests from the diocese will attend the Shrine in Knock for the Rosary at 2.30pm and Mass at 3.00pm. Events can be followed online on the Knock Shrine website www.knockshrine.ie



Missing each other - Missing the Lord: "As we could not receive the Sacraments during the pandemic, we were not being nourished and strengthened by them in the usual



way. That is part of the reason, Pope Francis stressed that live-streamed Masses even from parish churches, and spiritual Communion, are less than the Church. Virtual Mass is not the Church. The liturgy is not a film, nor are we spectators. ... People have come to the realisation that 'watching Mass' is very different from being physically present and participating in the celebration with other members of their family and the community. For all its advantages and immediacy, the virtual is no substitute for physical presence with the assembled community." - *Bishop of Ossory, Dermot Farrell*

Prayer of St John Vianney – Curé of Ars & Patron of Priests, feast on 4th August:

I love You, O my God, and my only desire is to love You until the last breath of my life. I love You, O my infinitely lovable God, and I would rather die loving You, than live without loving You. I love You, Lord and the only grace I ask is to love You eternally. My God, if my tongue cannot say in every moment that I love You, I want my heart to repeat it to You as often as I draw breath.