

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 11th October 2020

ATHBOY PARISH

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Public Masses are currently suspended

MASS INTENTIONS this week:

Sat Vigil: Eamon Kelly & Madison Grace Ennis

Sunday morning:

Mary McKiernan M.M.
Anthony Farrell
Martin Kerrane

Sat Vigil: Robbie & Mark McCormack

Sunday morning:

Hannah Ryan M.M.
Jim & Lena Foy M.M.
Stiofán O'Mealoid,
Maria, Jimmy, Eileen & Pdraig O'Mealoid

COLLECTIONS: Sun 4th Oct

Athboy €420

Rathmore €170

Rathcairn €160

Thank you for your support.

REST IN PEACE

Josephine McDonagh

Navan & Frayne

Government restrictions at Level 3 prohibit indoor gatherings which include the weekday and Sunday Eucharist.

- Baptisms must be postponed at level three as gatherings other than weddings or funerals are not permitted in church or indoors.
- Fr Pdraig will celebrate Mass in the Parochial House Oratory and in the coming days will explore transmission options to make this available to parishioners.
- Athboy Church will remain open for private prayer.
- We pray for victims of covid, their families and for all who are working to keep us safe.

Parish Finance: as during the earlier lockdown, **Offerings and Envelopes** can be placed in the collection box in the centre of the church or through the letter box at Parochial House.

You can also **donate online** via the parish website athboyparish.ie - click on the "Make a donation" icon.

Parishioners can set up a regular contribution to parish funds using the **Standing Order** facility - forms available in the church or from Parochial House.

Thank you for your support.



Parish Offering Envelopes: new boxes of offering envelopes have been distributed. If you would like receive envelopes, contact the Parochial House.

October is Mission Month, Mission Sunday on 18th October, is the Holy Father's annual appeal so the life-giving work of missionaries can continue. It is part of a global network serving the church in over 120 countries which assists with provision of infrastructure, helping parishes build schools, clinics, parish halls and churches.



Message from the Irish Bishops

Now that more restrictive measures are being put in place, we encourage people to persevere and not to lose heart. Faith and prayer, in the home and in church can be a huge support in difficult times. While we fully support the guidance of the public health authorities, we will continue to engage constructively in the coming days with the civil authorities to ensure that our people have continued access to the support of Mass and the Sacraments and essential spiritual nourishment for these challenging times. The communal celebration of Mass and the Sacraments – even with restricted numbers - is at the very heart of what it means for us to be a Christian community. These are not simply 'gatherings' of people, but profound expressions of who we are as a Church. For parishes, and individual Catholics, the loss of these spiritual supports can be a source of great anxiety, and fear, and can have a detrimental impact on their overall health and well-being.

This year, November, when we traditionally remember the dead and pray for the bereaved, will be particularly poignant. We sense a huge yearning for consolation and hope in the heart of our people. We are especially mindful in 2020 of those grieving families, who, because of restrictions, have been unable to experience the customary spiritual and community supports which are so much part of our Irish tradition.