

## ATHBOY PARISH

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**Public Masses are currently suspended Mass will be broadcast on our parish facebook page**

**MASSES TIMES this week:**

**Sunday:** Vigil: 6.15pm (Sat)  
10.15am (as Gaeilge)  
& 11.30am

**Tuesday:** 7.30pm(Vigil)

**Wed:** 10.15am, 11.30am

**Thurs & Fri:** 9.30am

**Saturday:** 10am

**MASS INTENTIONS this week:**

**Sat Vigil:** Catherine MacDonald  
Pat Andrews & dec family

**Sunday morning:**

**11.30am:** : Joe Wallace,  
Bridget, William & Richard  
Wright,  
William & Molly O'Reilly  
& dec family

**Tues 7.30pm:**

Jay & Bridie Keogh  
Catherine & Christopher Ennis

**Wed 11.30am:** Owen Bourke

**Sat Vigil:** Michael Corrigan  
Bill & Anne Farrell  
Christy & Marcella Nugent

**Sunday morning:**

**11.30am:** Conn Kelly  
Michael & Rena Healy,  
son Liam & grandson Mick

### RIP

**Kathleen Lynagh**

Rathmore

**Catherine MacDonald**

(nee Weston)

Maine USA

**Tom Murtagh**

Girley

Fr M. V. Daly

PE Stamullen

## FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Sunday 14th March 2021

**Statement on freedom to worship publicly from the Irish Bishops:** *On 19 February the four Catholic Archbishops had a meeting with Taoiseach Micheál Martin to continue the dialogue about the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on the lives of people in our Church.*

*"We strongly believe that people's freedom to worship publicly should be restored as soon as the current Level 5 restrictions begin to be eased. It is particularly painful for Christians to be deprived, for the second year running, of the public expression of our faith during the most sacred time of Holy Week and Easter.*

*We make an urgent appeal that the following matters be addressed:*

- *That the easing of restrictions from Level 5 should include the restoration of public worship, albeit in a safe and limited way. For people of faith not to be free to worship until regulations return to Level 2, whilst many other restrictions are eased, is seen as particularly distressing and unjust.*

- *That the number of mourners permitted at funeral services be increased, with immediate effect, noting that in Northern Ireland this number has not been reduced below 25. The current restriction places immense burdens on grieving families, compounding the pain of their loss.*

*We encourage Catholics to make their views on these issues known to their own TDs and local representatives.*

[You can read the full statement on the parish website athboyparish.ie](http://www.athboyparish.ie)

**Feast of St Patrick, Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March:** *we celebrate our national patron, credited with bringing the Christian faith to Ireland. St Patrick initially was taken here as a captive aged sixteen and he tended herds on Slemish mountain. Captivity had a positive effect on his spiritual life as he prayed many times every day. After his escape Patrick felt called to serve God and return to Ireland to convert the Irish. He returned as a bishop having completed his studies, likely in France.*

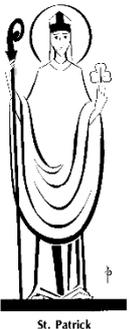
**Mass times for St Patrick's Day**

Tuesday: Vigil Mass at 7.30pm

Wednesday: Aifreann Gaeilge 10.15am & Mass at 11.30am

**Feast of St Joseph, Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March:** *"Among St Joseph's virtues, the following stand out: faith with which he fully accepted God's salvific plan; prompt and silent obedience to the will of God; love for and fulfilment of the law, true piety, fortitude in time of trial; trial; chaste love for the Blessed Virgin Mary, a dutiful exercise of his paternal authority and fruitful reticence."*

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St. Patrick



### Pope Francis Prayer for the Year of St Joseph

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.



**Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers in our parish**