

## EASTER SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2021

### ATHBOY PARISH

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**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

**Wednesday, Thursday &**

**Friday:** 9.30am

**Saturday:** 10am

**MASS INTENTIONS this week:**

**Sunday morning:**

**10.15am:** Padraig & Eileen  
agus muintir Uí Mhealóid

**11.30am:**

Rita Smith, Patrick & Mary  
Smith & dec family

Patrick & Mary O'Connor,  
son Tom & Joe Scanlon,  
John Nugent

Patjoe & Sheila Nugent

**Wed 9.30am:**

Mary & Michael McKenna

**Thurs 9.30am:**

Kathleen Lynagh MM

**Fri 9.30am:**

Mary & Patrick Cawley &  
sons Patrick & Michael

**Sat Vigil:** Paddy Reilly

& dec members of Reilly  
& Heary families

**Sunday morning:**

**11.30am:**

Kevin & Blathnaid Carroll  
Billy & May Bryan  
Mona Dineen

**REST IN PEACE**

**Teresa Dillon**

Connaught Place

**Mickey Murray**

Kells

Having celebrated another Holy Week behind closed doors, the absence of the public celebration of the Sacraments pains us deeply. We are also profoundly concerned about the unduly harsh restriction on the number of mourners permitted to attend a loved one's Funeral Mass. That's why we wrote to our local politicians and to NPHET, pointing out that churches are among the safest places to gather for private prayer and public worship.

But even in the absence of the Sacraments, we do not give up hope because ultimately our hope is in Jesus Christ, the One who conquered death and despair, the One who gives us life. That's what we celebrate at Easter time: Jesus Christ has risen from the dead and nothing can separate us from His love. We offer Mass every single day with you and for you. We believe in our hearts that the Risen Jesus hears our prayers.

Our churches are empty – but Easter reminds us that the tomb is empty too. The Risen Jesus walks with us each day. The new light of the Paschal Candle and the new life that springs from Easter Water: these are symbols of our faith in the Risen Jesus who speaks to us again: “*You are the light of the world*” (Mt 5:14). So let us play our role as people of faith in the wider community, sharing hope with all who find it hard to cope and being witnesses to the light that shines forth at Easter. May the celebration of Easter in our parishes give us all a much needed ‘jab’ of Christian hope!

The priests of the Trim Deanery.



*Thank you to all who assisted with our Holy Week liturgy, to the readers, the volunteers who tidied church grounds during the week, Carmel for her work with the flowers on the altar, Tommy for the palms, David for*

*his help with broadcasting the ceremonies, Noel the organist, Mary in the sacristy and everyone who helped in any way.*

**Trócaire:** thank you to all who have returned their contribution.

**Parish Finance** - Sincere thanks to parishioners for your Easter Offerings and for your ongoing financial support.

- **Easter Offerings and Envelopes** can be placed in the collection box in the centre of the church or in the letter box at Parochial House
- **Donate online** via [athboyparish.ie](http://athboyparish.ie) - click on the “Make a donation” icon
- **Direct Debit** - forms available in the church or from Parochial House

**Parish Cemeteries:** a reminder not to dump withered flowers or old wreaths in church or cemetery grounds in Rathmore or Athboy, nor across the walls into neighbouring property. Please bring home your waste.