

TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 26th September 2021

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MASSES TIMES this week:

Sunday: Vigil: 6.15pm (Sat)

9am, 10.15am (as Gaeilge)

& 11.30am

Monday: 8am

Tuesday: 7.30pm

Wed, Thurs & Fri: 9.30am

Sat: 10am

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 5.45pm

MASS INTENTIONS this week:

Sat Vigil: John Mc Kiernan

Sunday morning:

10.15am: Micheál & Nora

O'Conghaile

11.30am: Lena Foy,

Paddy & Kathleen Lynch

Tue 7.30pm: Sarah Catháin

Fri 9.30am: List of the Dead

Sat 10am: Teresa & Movee

McCormack & son John

Sat Vigil: Eileen Maguire

Next Sunday morning:

11.30am: Luke Mahon, (Junior)

Eamon Kelly & his

grand-daughter Madison Grace,

McHale & O'Driscoll families,

Alice Farrell, MM

BAPTISMS: may be booked by contacting the Parochial House.

Offertory Collections

Sunday 19th September

Athboy €780

Rathmore €205 Thank

Rathcairn €210 You!

R.I.P.

Kathleen McKenna, Castle Avenue

- Churches now operate to 50% of capacity for Masses, funerals and other ceremonies.
- Masks must continue to be worn at all times in the church.
- Please use the hand sanitizers as you enter the Church.
- Parishioners may now occupy any seat, however it is recommended that the capacity of each seat be reduced to half.

Returning to the country churches for Sunday Mass:

Next Sunday, 10.15am Aifreann Gaeilge in Rathcairn Church

In November, 9am Sunday Mass in Rathmore Church

Financial Statement: the Parish Finance Committee have published the 2020 Financial Statement, a copy is available to take home.

“The Offertory Collection: takes place at the time of the Offertory or Preparation of the Gifts, in which the congregation makes their offerings to the Church. This dates back to ancient times and the principle behind it remains the same, a recognition the Lord has given us everything we have, life and health as well as all material goods.” Catholic Encyclopedia

As we offer our gifts the priest invites us to “Pray, brothers and sisters that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the almighty Father.”



Envelope Boxes: new boxes of offering envelopes will be distributed in the coming days. Thank you to all who assist with this work.

Day for Life: will be celebrated in Ireland on next Sunday 3 October.

A JOINT MESSAGE FOR THE PROTECTION OF CREATION

The Impact on People Living with Poverty

The current climate crisis speaks volumes about who we are and how we view and treat God's creation. We stand before a harsh justice: biodiversity loss, environmental degradation and climate change are the inevitable consequences of our actions, since we have greedily consumed more of the earth's resources than the planet can endure. But we also face a profound injustice: the people bearing the most catastrophic consequences of these abuses are the poorest on the planet and have been the least responsible for causing them. We serve a God of justice, who delights in creation and creates every person in God's image, but also hears the cry of people who are poor. Accordingly, there is an innate call within us to respond with anguish when we see such devastating injustice.

Today, we are paying the price. The extreme weather and natural disasters of recent months reveal afresh to us with great force and at great human cost that climate change is not only a future challenge, but an immediate and urgent matter of survival. Widespread floods, fires and droughts threaten entire continents. Sea levels rise, forcing whole communities to relocate; cyclones devastate entire regions, ruining lives and livelihoods.

Water has become scarce and food supplies insecure, causing conflict and displacement for millions of people. We have already seen this in places where people rely on small scale agricultural holdings. Today we see it in more industrialised countries where even sophisticated infrastructure cannot completely prevent extraordinary destruction.

Tomorrow could be worse. Today's children and teenagers will face catastrophic consequences unless we take responsibility now, as 'fellow workers with God' (Gn 2.4-7), to sustain our world. We frequently hear from young people who understand that their futures are under threat. For their sake, we must choose to eat, travel, spend, invest and live differently, thinking not only of immediate interest and gains but also of future benefits. We repent of our generation's sins. We stand alongside our younger sisters and brothers throughout the world in committed prayer and dedicated action for a future which corresponds ever more to the promises of God.

Pope Francis. Ecumenical Patriarch, Bartholomew. Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin.