

TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 3rd October 2021

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MASSES TIMES this week:

Sunday: Vigil: 6.15pm (Sat)

9am, & 11.30am in Athboy

10.15am in Rathcairn

Monday: 8am

Thurs & Fri: 9.30am

Sat: 10am

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 5.45pm

MASS INTENTIONS this week:

Sat Vigil: Eileen Maguire

Nora & John Faulkner, son Patrick

Sunday morning:

11.30am: Luke Mahon, (Junior)

Eamon Kelly & his
grand-daughter Madison Grace,
McHale & O'Driscoll families,
Alice Farrell, MM

Next Sat Vigil: Oliver Cummins,

John & Mary Doherty

Frank Glennon MM

Next Sunday morning:

9am: Anthony Farrell

11.30am: Mary & Paddy Quinn

Josephine McDonagh

BAPTISMS: may be booked by
contacting the Parochial House.

Offertory Collections

Sunday 26th September

Athboy €650

Rathmore €195 Thank

Rathcairn €175 You!

Online Donations €200

R.I.P.

Holly Gwen Foley, Turry Meadows

Sadie O'Reilly, Kingscourt

- 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; it is recommended that the capacity of each seat be reduced to half.

Returning to the country churches for Sunday Mass:

This Sunday, 10.15am Aifreann Gaeilge in Rathcairn Church
In November, 9am Sunday Mass in Rathmore Church

Day for Life is celebrated today, Sunday 3 October on the theme 'The Good Samaritan: A Model of Compassion'. In the context of the recent proposal to introduce assisted suicide, both in Ireland and the UK, this year's Day for Life message invites Catholics to consider a more positive and compassionate response to the care of people who are in the final stages of life.

"Compassion is often presented as a justification for assisted suicide, but having compassion means "suffering with" someone. Assisted suicide reflects a failure of compassion on the part of society. It is a failure to respond to the challenge of caring for people who are terminally ill, or who have disabilities or dementia, as they approach the end of their lives. Those who assist with a suicide, whatever their motives, co-operate with the self-destruction of another person. It is one thing when life is allowed to take its natural course, with appropriate management of pain and stress, but is not artificially prolonged by burdensome treatment. It is something else entirely, when one person actively and deliberately participates in ending the life of another."

You can download this year's message from www.councilforlife.ie

Athboy Community School: a Virtual Tour & Presentation for 6th class pupils & their parents/guardians will be available on the school website www.athboycs.ie on 6th October. Online application forms can be submitted from 6th - 29th October.

Athboy Anois invite poems, household tips and photographs for its 9th edition. Email@ athboyanois@gmail.com

A JOINT MESSAGE FOR THE PROTECTION OF CREATION

This is the first time that the three of us feel compelled to address together the urgency of environmental sustainability, its impact on persistent poverty, and the importance of global cooperation. Together, on behalf of our communities, we appeal to the heart and mind of every Christian, every believer and every person of good will. We pray for our leaders who will gather in Glasgow to decide the future of our planet and its people. Again, we recall Scripture: 'choose life, so that you and your children may live' (Dt 30:19). Choosing life means making sacrifices and exercising self-restraint.

All of us—whoever and wherever we are—can play a part in changing our collective response to the unprecedented threat of climate change and environmental degradation.

Caring for God's creation is a spiritual commission requiring a response of commitment. This is a critical moment. Our children's future and the future of our common home depend on it.

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