

**H**oly Week is the most revered week in the year for Christians. During the week we follow in the footsteps of Jesus. We are led through the moments of Jesus' entry to Jerusalem, his betrayal by Judas, the Last Supper, his arrest in Gethsemane, his trial and crucifixion, his death on the Cross, his resurrection at Easter.



Not since 2019 could we gather to celebrate the Holy Week ceremonies in person. Please make an extra effort to attend this year as we recall and celebrate these important days of our Christian faith.



On **Palm Sunday** *Jesus entered Jerusalem to accomplish his paschal mystery. Palms will be blessed at Mass and available in the church after Masses this weekend.*

Saturday Vigil Mass at 6.15pm  
Sunday Rathmore 9am, Rathcairn 10.15am  
& Athboy 11.30am

On **Holy Thursday** Jesus celebrated the Last Supper with his apostles. He washed the feet of his friends, he changed bread and wine into his Body and Blood and said *"Do this in memory of me."* The Mass of the Lord's Supper reminds us that, though many, we are all part of one Body in Church.



**Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper in Athboy Church at 7.30pm**  
**Night Prayer at the Altar of Repose at 9.30pm**



On **Good Friday** Jesus died on the Cross. We remember how Jesus carried the Cross as a sign of his love for us. Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence.

**Stations of the Cross in Athboy Church at 3pm**  
**Celebration of the Lord's Passion in Athboy Church at 7.30pm**  
*(please bring Rosary Beads to Good Friday ceremonies)*



On **Holy Saturday** *we wait in darkness to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. From the Paschal Fire the new Paschal Candle is blessed and lit, the Exultet is sung, we listen to the word of God, Easter water is blessed and we renew our Baptismal Promises.*

**Easter Vigil & Mass in Athboy 7.30pm**

On **Easter Sunday** *morning we celebrate Jesus is Risen! Alleluia!*

Easter morning Mass times:  
Rathmore 9am,  
Rathcairn Aifreann Gaeilge 10.15am  
Athboy 11.30am



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### Holy Week MASSES TIMES:

**Sunday:** Vigil 6.15pm Athboy (Sat)  
9am Rathmore  
10.15am Rathcairn  
11.30am Athboy

**Monday 8am,**

**Tuesday 7.30pm**

**Spy Wednesday 9.30am**

**Holy Thursday 7.30pm**

**Good Friday Stations 3pm**

**Passion Liturgy 7.30pm**

**Holy Saturday Vigil 7.30pm**

### MASS INTENTIONS this week:

**Sat Vigil:** Dorothy Cassidy  
Paddy Reilly & decd Heery family  
John Nugent, brother Patjoe & Sheila

### Palm Sunday morning:

**11.30am:** Pat O'Sullivan  
Mary & Patrick Cawley,  
and sons Michael & Patrick

### Easter Sunday morning:

**9am:** Rita Smith, Pat & Mary Smith  
& deceased family.

**BAPTISMS:** may be booked by  
contacting the Parochial House.

### Offertory Collection

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

**Athboy €765**

**Rathmore € 230 Thank**

**Rathcairn €155 You!**

## Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion 10<sup>th</sup> April 2022

**Confessions:** Fr Pdraig will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Holy Thursday & Good Friday in Athboy Church 12noon - 1pm.

**Easter Offerings:** Easter Sunday is an **Offering Day** for the priest, thank you for your generous support. Easter Offering envelopes will be available in the churches.



**Trócaire** Trócaire Boxes: can be returned at ceremonies on Holy Thursday or Good Friday, or during the week to the Parochial House. Envelopes for Trócaire can also be placed in the collection box in the centre of Athboy Church. It would greatly assist if you could convert coin into notes or a cheque made payable to "Diocese of Meath Trócaire Account." Thank you for sharing the proceeds of your Lenten sacrifice with those who need our help in the developing world.

**Chrim Mass:** Bishop Deenihan will celebrate the Chrim Mass in Mullingar Cathedral on Wednesday at 7pm. All are invited and welcome to attend.

The Irish Bishops' Conference have announced that the **Sunday Obligation** would be restored at Easter. The current wave of infection, which is reported to have peaked, will continue to make some people nervous and those who are elderly, vulnerable or symptomatic should, of course, not attend Mass. However, we pray in the Mass that it is *'indeed right and just, our duty and our salvation'* to give thanks to the Lord and the communal celebration of the Sunday Eucharist is our greatest act of thanksgiving. As society opens up fully, it is right that the Christian community would gather again to give praise and thanks to God and celebrate the mysteries of our redemption.

**Bingo:** thank you to all who organised and supported last weekend's Bingo in aid of Parish Funds.



Loving Father, we prepare to celebrate your love during Holy Week. We thank Jesus for giving us his Body and Blood at the Last Supper. We thank him for dying on the Cross to save us. Help us to become more like Jesus in our love for you and one another. Fill our hearts and homes with your peace and joy as we celebrate His resurrection this Easter. We make this prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.