

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Sunday 3rd April 2022

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MASSES TIMES this week:

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

Monday 8am, Tuesday 7.30pm

Wed, Thurs & Friday 9.30am

Saturday: 10am

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 5.45pm

MASS INTENTIONS this week:

Sat Vigil: Mona Dineen
Billy & May Bryan
William & Patricia Murtagh

Sunday morning:

9am: Peter & Bridget Farrell

11.30am: Michael Healy

Tues 7.30pm: Decd Englishby family

Sat 10am: Paul & Peter Smithwick MM

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

Next Sunday morning:

11.30am: Pat O'Sullivan

Mary & Patrick Cawley,
and sons Michael & Patrick

BAPTISMS: may be booked by
contacting the Parochial House.

Offertory Collection

Sunday 27th March

Athboy €660

Rathmore €105 Thank

Rathcairn €135 You!



Bingo: in aid of Parish Funds today 3rd April at 3pm in the Gym of the former Convent School, Kildalkey Rd.

Ministers of the Word: if you are interested in reading at Mass, we would love to hear from you. We are updating our rota and some vacancies exist for new readers. Contact Fr Padraig.



Next Sunday is **Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion.** Palms will be blest at all Masses next weekend.

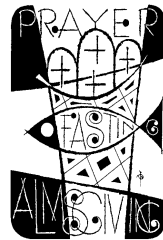
Three years have passed since we could gather together to celebrate the ceremonies of Holy Week and Easter. These are the most sacred and important dates in our Christian Calendar, therefore a special invitation is extended to everyone to attend the ceremonies this year.

Thank You for your generous response to our appeal for help for victims of the war in Ukraine, €7,225 has been donated. We continue to pray for peace in Ukraine

Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ, united in prayer,
We beg lasting peace for Ukraine and the whole world,
Console the relatives and friends of all who have died in violence,
Ease the suffering of all who are maimed,
Shelter the families who have lost their homes,
Make us work together for reconciliation according to your will.
Lord we offer these prayers and the prayers
still unspoken in the depths of our hearts,
We ask you in your goodness
to hear and answer them
through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Living Lent - Fasting: *God commanded it, Jesus practiced it, Church*



Fathers have preached the importance of it—fasting is a powerful and fundamental part of the Christian life. The purpose of our fast is to not become physically weak or lose weight but to create a hunger, a spiritual voice that only Christ can fill. These acts of self-denial dispose us to free ourselves from worldly distractions, to express our longing for Jesus, to somehow imitate his suffering.

Fasting helps us focus on God as the greatest importance in our lives. It unites us with our Lord Jesus who fasted in the desert for 40 days. This is a good time to think about what is ruling your life. Where is your attention drawn? What is occupying your time and thoughts? Give that thing up. And then when Lent is over, contemplate where your focus went when you no longer had that thing. Were you more able to focus on God and others?

Pilgrimage to Lourdes: 23-27th May 2022, led by Fr Padraig will travel to Our Lady's Shrine in Lourdes during May. Booking Forms and further details from Fr. Padraig.

Lismullin Institute: lecture on Tuesday 5th April in Lismullin Conference Centre at 8pm, on Fr. Eugene O Gramhnaigh. All welcome.

Youth 2000: Leinster Retreat in Ashbourne Community College on the 8th - 10th of April. This retreat is for age 16-35 and all the information can be found on www.youth2000.ie

ALONE: Would you be willing to provide companionship or make calls to Older People once a week? ALONE are seeking volunteers in this area. Full training and support provided. If interested please sign up here: <https://alone.ie/volunteers/> or contact volunteer@alone.ie or on 086 1085965

