

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2022

### ATHBOY PARISH

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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:

**This Sunday morning:**

**9am:** Holy Communion  
for the First Time in Rathmore

**11.30am:** Kevin, Thomas &  
Elizabeth Reynolds

**Tues 7.30pm:** Noel Kelly

**Sat 10am:** Holy Communion for the  
First Time in Athboy

**Next Saturday evening:**

**6.15pm Vigil:** Peter & Colm Dolan

**Next Sunday morning:**

**10.15:** An Chéad Chomaoineach  
i Rathcairn

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

#### Offertory Collection

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May

Athboy €625

Rathmore €150 Thank

Rathcairn €135 You!

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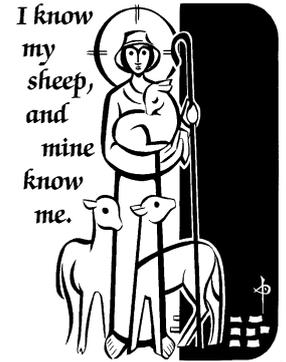
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#### Prayer for Vocations

Heavenly Father,  
we ask you to send  
labourers into your harvest.  
Inspire, in the hearts of your people,  
vocations to the priesthood and religious life.  
Bless our families with a spirit of generosity,  
so that those whom you call  
have the courage to give themselves  
to your Church in faith.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



**Vocations Sunday:** the Fourth Sunday of Easter is **Good Shepherd Sunday**, and is marked as the **World Day of Prayer for Vocations**. The purpose of this day is to fulfil Jesus' instruction to "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into his harvest" (Matthew 9:38). While appreciating all vocations, the Church concentrates her attention on raising up shepherds for God's people - vocations to the priesthood and to religious life - while encouraging all who are discerning their vocation to pray more earnestly that they may hear and respond to God's call. Vocations information in Meath Diocese: Fr Tony 044 9373923. We pray for Deacon Barry White, who will be ordained priest for service in our diocese later in the summer.

*"When we speak of "vocation", then, it is not just about choosing this or that way of life, devoting one's life to a certain ministry or being attracted by the charisma of a religious family, movement or ecclesial community. It is about making God's dream come true, the great vision of fraternity that Jesus cherished when he prayed to the Father "that they may all be one" (Jn 17:21). Each vocation in the Church, and in a broader sense in society, contributes to a common objective: to celebrate among men and women that harmony of manifold gifts that can only be brought about by the Holy Spirit. Priests, consecrated men and women, lay faithful: let us journey and work together in bearing witness to the truth that one great human family united in love is no utopian vision, but the very purpose for which God created us." Pope Francis, message for Vocation Sunday 2022*

**Holy Communion for the First Time:** for the children in Rathmore NS, today at 9am, Rathmore Church  
O'Growney NS, Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May, 10am, Athboy Church  
Scoil Uí Ghramhnaigh, Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May, 10.15am, Rathcairn Church



*We pray for the almost 80 children who will receive Holy Communion for the first time this month. As they continue to grow in faith and love, supported by their parents and families, we hope that they will experience the real love and presence of Jesus with them.*



**Young Adult Retreat (18-40):** Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May, 9.45am - 5pm. La Verna, Franciscan Sisters, Mullingar. An invitation to explore God's call in your life. Contact John 087 2478519 or Sr Úna 090 6481666