

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 10am,

Tuesday 7.30pm

Wed, Thurs & Friday 9.30am

Saturday: 10am

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 5.45pm

MASS INTENTIONS this week:

Saturday Vigil 6.15pm:

Owen & Kitty Murtagh,

their granddaughter Laura

Joan & Michael Coleman, dec family

Deceased Cassidy family

Next Sunday morning:

9am: Betty McGovern

11.30am: Aidan & Nora Kavanagh

Philomena Lynch

Ned & Julia Brogan

Tues 7.30pm: Decd Boylan family

Fri 9.30am: List of the Dead

Next Saturday Vigil 6.15pm:

Martin Moore

Next Sunday morning:

9am: Eamon McKiernan

11.30am: Susan Egan

Brenda Galvin

Breda Matthews

Alice, William & Dominic Farrell,

& Kitty Mahon

BAPTISMS: may be booked by contacting the Parish Office.

Offertory Collection

Sunday 24th July

Athboy €795

Rathmore €180 Thank

Rathcairn €250 You!

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 31st July 2022

Next Bingo: in aid of Parish Funds, Sunday 7th August at 3pm, in the Darnley Hotel.



Patron Day Offerings: thank you for your support last week.

St Vincent de Paul: will have their Church gate collection next weekend August 6/7th, at all Masses. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Cemetery Devotions will take place in:

Rathmore Abbey, 7.30pm, Wednesday 10th August

Athboy ICA Guild: meeting on Monday 1st August at 8pm in St James' Hall, The Kitchen.

Bank Changes: if using a cheque to contribute to the parish, please make it payable to **Athboy Church**.

Parishioners who use direct payment to the parish and are customers of Ulster Bank, are asked to contact the Parish Office if changing accounts.

Meath Diocese Pilgrimage to Knock: at the start of the Knock Novena on Sunday 14th August. The Pilgrimage will be led by Bishop Tom Deenihan.

Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: 12-17 September, led by Bishop Tom Deenihan.

Booking forms available from: Joe Walsh Tours, 69 O'Connell St, Dublin 1. Tel: 01-2410800. The pilgrimage this year is for Hotel Pilgrims only.



Pope Francis speaks to us about Creation and our responsibility to look after "the earth, our common home"



"Listen to the voice of creation" is the theme and invitation of this year's Season of Creation. The ecumenical phase begins on 1 September with the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, and concludes on 4 October with the feast of Saint Francis. It is a special time for all Christians to pray and work together to care for our common home. Originally inspired by the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople, this Season is an opportunity to cultivate our "ecological conversion", a conversion encouraged by Saint John Paul II as a response to the "ecological catastrophe" predicted by Saint Paul VI back in 1970.

If we learn how to listen, we can hear in the voice of creation a kind of dissonance. On the one hand, we can hear a sweet song in praise of our beloved Creator; on the other, an anguished plea, lamenting our mistreatment of this our common home.

.....and his message for World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly

"Many people are afraid of old age. They consider it a sort of disease with

which any contact is best avoided. The elderly, they think, are none of their concern and should be set apart, perhaps in homes or places where they can be cared for, lest we have to deal with their problems. This is the mindset of the "throw-away culture", which leads us to think that we are somehow different from the poor and vulnerable in our midst, untouched by their frailties and separated from "them" and their troubles. The Scriptures see things differently. A long life – so the Bible teaches – is a blessing, and the elderly are not outcasts to be shunned but living signs of the goodness of God who bestows life in abundance. Blessed is the house where an older person lives! Blessed is the family that honours the elderly!"

Best Wishes to Orlagh, Ali & the Meath Ladies in Croke Park this weekend!