

Holy Week is the most revered week in the year for Christians as we recall the moments of Jesus' passion, death and resurrection. 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.



Please join us 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



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:

Saturday Vigil

6.15pm: John, Pat Joe & Sheila Nugent
Cella & Christopher Nugent

Palm Sunday

9am: Margaret & Robert Kane,
Baby Noah Andrew McCormack

10.15am: Teresa & Frank Farrell

Wed 9.30am: In Thanksgiving

Easter Sunday morning:

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

11.30am: Mary & Patrick Cawley,
sons Michael & Patrick

BAPTISMS: may be booked by
contacting the Parochial House.

Offertory Collection

Sunday 26th March

Athboy €715

Rathmore €120 Thank

Rathcairn €150 You!

RIP

Jimmy Martin

Martry, Kells

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

2nd April 2023

Confessions: Fr Padraig will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation after Vigil & 11.30am Mass this weekend and 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 to the Parochial House. Envelopes for Trócaire are available in the church and 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.



Chrism Mass: Bishop Deenihan will celebrate the Chrism Mass in Mullingar Cathedral on Wednesday at 7pm. The Holy Oils to be used in the parishes of our diocese will be blessed and consecrated. All are invited and welcome to attend.

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



Blood Donor Clinic coming to the Darnley Lodge, Athboy on Thursday 13th April, 2023 from 3:45pm – 8:00pm. All Blood Donor Clinics are still by appointment. Call 1 800 222 111 to book an appointment if you can donate blood.

Anam Cara Midlands: supports bereaved parents, monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Wednesday 12th April at 7:15pm in the Mullingar Park Hotel. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. We also offer an online service. For more info call 01 4045378

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.

