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:

Saturday Vigil

6.15pm: Gerry Renehan

Sunday

11.30am: Jimmy & Jackie Keogh Nora & Patrick O'Donnell, baby Anthony McDonagh

Tue 7.30pm: Patrick & Mary O'Connor, son Tom, Joe Scanlon & dec family Thu 9.30am: Eileen & Sean Thornton,

Thomas Winston Fri 9.30am: Sr Noeleen Reilly Sat 10am: Tom McGuiness

Next Saturday Vigil

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

Next Sunday

9am: Margaret & Robert Kane, Baby Noah Andrew McCormack 10.15am: Teresa & Frank Farrell

BAPTISMS: may be booked by contacting the Parish Office.

Offertory Collections

Friday 17th March

Athboy €700 Go raibh

Rathmore €180 maith

Rathcairn €265 agaibh!

Sunday 19th March

Athboy €830

Rathmore €185 Thank

Rathcairn €205 You!

RIP

Denis Newman

Kilmainham, Kells

John Woods

Carlow

Donal McGuinness

Clonmellon

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Sunday 26th March 2023

ent is a time of sacrifice and penance which prepares us to celebrate Easter. During Lent we are invited to repent of our sinfulness and seek forgiveness from God in the Sacrament of Penance. According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, sin "is an offence against God as well as a fault against reason, truth and right conscience. Sin is wilfully rejecting good and choosing evil."

The Sacrament of Penance for Easter will be available after Vigil and 11.30 Masses next weekend.



Easter Bingo & Raffle: in aid of parish funds, today at 3pm in the Darnley Lodge. Thank you to all who support our parish bingo.

Passion (Palm) Sunday: next weekend we begin Holy Week by recalling Christ's entry to Jerusalem. Palm will be blessed and available at all Masses.



Chrism Mass: Bishop Deenihan will celebrate the Chrism



Mass on Wednesday 5th April in Mullingar Cathedral at 7pm. The Bishop will bless and consecrate the holy oils to be used at the celebration of sacraments in the parishes of our dioceses during the year. All are welcome to this ceremony.

For fifty years Trócaire has been a part of the Irish church's almsgiving during Lent; boxes and envelopes



are available in our church. On Holy Thursday you are invited to return your box or contribution.

Pilgrimage to Lourdes: Fr Padraig will lead a parish pilgrimage to Lourdes, $22 - 27^{th}$ May. If you are interested in travelling, contact Fr Padraig.

Reflecting on the story of Lazarus: "We listen to the story of Lazarus as we come closer to Easter: at one level it acts as a precursor for what is to come, the death and resurrection of Jesus, but at another level, it simply points to the inadequacy of our hopes for this life, which are surpassed by far in the resurrection. Lazarus simply returned to the life which he had left; death still lay ahead. Jesus rose to a life that has no end." Fr John Cummins, RIP

Date of Easter: at the Council of Nicea in 325, the date for Easter was fixed as the Sunday after the full moon after the spring equinox.

Cemetery Devotions in Rathmore 3pm Sunday 18th June Athboy 3pm Sunday 25th June