

## ATHBOY PARISH

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### MASSES TIMES this week:

#### Easter Sunday:

9am Rathmore

10.15am Rathcairn

11.30am Athboy

**Monday 10am, Tuesday 7.30pm**

**Thursday & Friday 9.30am**

**Saturday: 10am & Vigil 6.15pm**

**CONFESSIONS:** Saturday 5.45pm

### MASS INTENTIONS this week:

#### Sunday morning:

**9am:** Rita Smith, Pat & Mary Smith  
& dec Smith family

**Thu 9.30am:** Betty Cusack

**Sat 10am:** John McCormack

#### Next Saturday

**6.15pm Vigil:** John Kelly MM

Mona Dineen, Billy & May Bryan

Paddy Reilly

#### Next Sunday morning:

**9am:** Gerard Reilly

**10.15am:** Dónal Ó'Laoire MM

**11.30am:** Annie Doherty

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

### Offertory Collection

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

**Athboy €860**

**Rathmore €185** Thank

**Rathcairn €205** You!

### RIP

**Phyllis Murphy**

Highfield

**Johnny (Sam) Cassidy**

Hill of Ward

**Frank Collier**

Collon



## EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2023

*Wishing all our parishioners and friends a Peaceful and Blessed Easter. May the joy of Christ rising from death fill our hearts with the reassurance of his eternal love and presence with us.*

*Thank you to all who attended Holy Week liturgies and to everyone who assisted in any way. Thank you to our sacristans, servers, readers, Eucharistic ministers, stewards, choirs & instrumentalists and to all who arrange flowers and look after church grounds during the year.*

**Easter Offerings:** today is an Offering Day for the support of the priest, thank you for your generous support.

**Trócaire** **Trócaire Boxes:** can be returned during the week to the Parochial House. Envelopes for Trócaire 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.

**Next Bingo:** in aid of parish fund on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April at 3pm in the Darnley Hotel.



**Clothing Collection:** in the coming weeks the parish will accept any old or unwanted clothes for recycling. Further details in next week's newsletter.

**Pilgrimage to Lourdes:** 22-27<sup>th</sup> May 2023, led by Fr Padraig will travel to Our Lady's Shrine in Lourdes during May. Booking Forms and further details from Fr. Padraig.

We congratulate Fr. Paul Connell, a priest of our diocese, who has been appointed by Pope Francis as the new Bishop of Ardagh and Clonmacnoise. We wish him every blessing in his new ministry. Bishop-elect Paul Connell, a native of Mullingar, Co Westmeath, was born on 27 January 1958 and was ordained to the priesthood in the Cathedral of Christ the King, Mullingar, on 20 June 1982. Following ordination, he was briefly attached to Rochfortbridge parish before being appointed to the staff of Saint Finian's College where he succeeded as President and Principal in 1998 until 2019. In 2020, he was appointed by Bishop Deenihan, as Chancellor of the Diocese of Meath.

*In his public audience on Spy Wednesday, Pope Francis noted how many people today who walk down the street appear sad, focused "only on their cell phones, but without peace, without hope."*

*He urged people to eliminate "useless things that are substitutes for hope" during Holy Week to focus on the true source of hope found in Christ. Pope Francis also highlighted how Jesus did not cover up or hide his wounds when he was nailed to the cross. "Brothers and sisters, we too are wounded — who isn't in life? And many times, with hidden wounds that we hide out of shame. Who does not bear the scars of past choices, of misunderstandings, of sorrows that remain inside and are difficult to overcome? But also of wrongs suffered, sharp words, unmerciful judgments?"*

*"God does not hide his wounds, that pierced his body and soul, from our eyes. He shows them so we can see that a new passage can be opened with Easter: to make of our own wounds, holes of light. By offering forgiveness and love from the cross, Jesus "converts evil into good" and "sorrow into love," he said. Catholic News Agency*

