

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Sunday 18th February 2024

ATHBOY PARISH

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MASSES TIMES this week:

Sunday: 9am Rathmore

10.15am Rathcairn

11.30am Athboy

Monday 8am Tuesday 7.30pm

Wed, Thursday & Friday 9.30am

Saturday: 10am & Vigil 6.15pm

Confessions: Saturday 5.45pm

MASS INTENTIONS this week:

Saturday Vigil 6.15pm:

Frank Ennis MM

Ellen McCole MM

Eimear Gilroy

Larry Murtagh

Sunday

11.30am: Sarsfield Donohue

Patricia (Patsy) Davis MM

Next Saturday Vigil 6.15pm:

Jimmy & Bernie Crowcock

Patrick Flynn

Next Sunday

9am Owen Murtagh MM

Bob & Christina Mullen

11.30am: Patrick Hamilton

Paddy Lavelle

Dan Hayes

Frank Garrahy,

deceased Hogan & Garrahy family

Baptisms: may be booked by contacting the Parish Office.

Parish Office hours: Thursday & Friday 9am-1pm & 2-4pm.

Offertory Collection

Sunday 11th February

Athboy €940

Rathmore €120 Thank

Rathcairn €185 You!

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John Noonan

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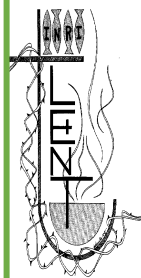
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Lent: recalls the forty days of our Lord's fasting in the desert, which He undertook before entering into His public ministry. We read in the Gospel: "Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry" (Mt. 4:1-2). Penance forms a necessary part of our preparation for Easter. During Lent we are invited to reflect on our lives, to repent of our sins and to approach the sacrament of penance so that we may be better prepared to celebrate Easter.

On Saturday, the sacrament of penance is available at 5.45pm in the confessional room in Athboy Church.

Forms of Friday Penance for Lent



Abstaining from meat or some other food

Abstaining from alcohol or smoking

Making a special effort at involvement in family prayer

Making a special effort to participate in Mass on Fridays

Visiting the Blessed Sacrament

Making the Stations of the Cross

Fasting and using proceeds to help the needy

Helping the poor, sick or lonely

Trócaire Boxes are available in the churches this weekend. We share the proceeds of our fasting or the sacrifices we make during Lent with people who need our support. Please take a Trócaire box home and use it during Lent to support people in the developing world.

Pilgrimage to Lourdes: Fr Padraig will lead a group pilgrimage to Our Lady's Shrine, Lourdes, departing 28th April - 2nd May 2024. Booking and further details 046 9432184.



Irish Catholic: available weekly in Athboy Church, €3



Bingo: in aid of parish funds today Sunday 18th February at 3pm in the Darnley Hotel.

Synod feedback invitation: a series of meetings is planned for the coming weeks across the diocese of Meath to offer feedback on the Synod which was held in Rome last October and to offer an opportunity for further discernment on the synodal process which will inform the preparations for the Synod in Rome next October. All interested persons are invited to one of the following meetings:
Mullingar Community Centre, Wednesday 21st February
Navan Parish Room, Wednesday 6th March
Meetings commence at 7:00pm and will be facilitated by the Meath Diocesan Synodal Team. It would be helpful to have some familiarity with the document issued following the Synod last October called *Towards the 2024 Assembly* available on www.synod.va.

Cemetery Devotions

Rathmore: Sunday 23rd June at 3pm

Hill of Ward: Saturday 29th June at 7.30pm

Athboy: Sunday 30th June at 3pm



Parish Pastoral Assembly: meeting on Wednesday 21st February, at 7.30pm in Parochial House