ATHBOY PARISH

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MASSES TIMES this week:

Sunday: 9am Rathmore 10.15am Rathcairn 11.30am Athbov

Monday 8am Tuesday 7.30pm Wednesday & Friday 9.30am

Thursday 10.30am

Saturday: 10am & Vigil 6.15pm

Confessions: Saturday 5.45pm

MASS INTENTIONS this week: Sat Vigil 6.15pm: Patrick Flynn

Jimmy & Bernie Crowcock

Sunday 9am: Owen Murtagh MM

Bob & Christina Mullen, grandchildren Charlie & Lucy

11.30am: Patrick Hamilton,

Paddy Lavelle, Dan Hayes Frank Garrahy, dec Hogan & Garrahy family

Tue 7.30pm: Ettie Lynch, decd family

Fri 9.30am: List of the Dead Sat 10am: Betty Mahon MM Next Saturday Vigil 6.15pm:

Dan & Patricia O'Shea Marietta McMahon

Next Sunday

9am: Hugh & Kathleen Lynagh

11.30am: Patrick Smyth Jim & Kitty Beirne Christopher McDonagh, John O'Donnell

Baptisms: may be booked by contacting the Parish Office.

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

Offertory Collection

Sunday 18th February

Athboy €910

Rathmore €160 Thank

Rathcairn €220 You!

> RIP **Pat McElhinney** Otterstown

Sheila O Reilly Otterstown

Sheila Kealey Kildalkev

Pauline Brennan

Clondalkin & Killarney

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Sunday 25th February 2024

ent: is a time of repentance, fasting and preparation for the coming of Easter. It is a time of self-examination and reflection. In the early church, Lent began as a period of fasting and preparation for baptism by new converts and then became a time of penance by all Christians. Today, Christians focus on their relationship with God, growing as



disciples and choosing to give up something or to volunteer and give of themselves for others.

The liturgical colour for Lent is purple. Purple is the colour of repentance for sins and symbolises the state of our souls outside the light of Christ.

Adoration of the Eucharist: takes place after morning Mass every Friday in Athboy Church. Would you consider giving some time to pray before the Blessed Sacrament?

Celebrating the Sacrament of First Penance: with the children of 2nd class in our parish schools on the following dates:

Rathmore Tuesday 5th March at 2pm. Rathcairn, Wednesday 6th March at 2pm. Athboy, Wednesday 6th March at 7pm.

Trócaire Boxes are available in the churches. 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



Easter Bingo: in aid of parish funds Sunday 24th March at 3pm in the Darnley Hotel.

YOUTH MEET & PRAYER GATHERING (+18 years) will take place in the Cathedral of Christ the King, Mullingar at 7:30pm on Friday 1st March. An opportunity for young adults to join together for adoration, prayer, reflection & discussion assisted with the support and guidance of priests and the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal.

Cemetery Devotions

Rathmore: Sunday 23rd June at 3pm

Hill of Ward: Saturday 29th June at 7.30pm

Athboy: Sunday 30th June at 3pm



Athboy St. Patrick's Day Parade 2024 theme: You CAN recycle, if you've got the BOTTLE! Closing date for entry forms is Monday 4th March. Cash prize of €300 for overall winner. Cast your nomination for Athboy Community Person of the year by Sunday 10th March. Nomination boxes in the Darnley Lodge and Athboy Credit Union. athboypatricksparade@gmail.com, queries to Fiona (087) 7760851 or Eimear (087) 6940272.

Blood Transfusion Service: clinic in Darnley Hotel, Athboy on Thursday 29th February, 3.45 – 8pm. Please call to make an appointment 1 800 222 111.