



## Happy Mother's Day!

### 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:

**Sat Vigil 6.15pm:** Nora Gilroy MM

John Kelly

#### Sunday

**9am:** Denis, Thomas & Elizabeth Farnan

**10.15am:** Donal O'Laoire

**11.30am:** Tom Buckley

Michael Sheehan

Bridget, William & Richard Wright

Patsy Mahon & dec family

**Thu 9.30am:** William & Mary

O'Reilly, dec family

**Sat 10am:** Patrick, Rose &

Philomena Holland

**Next Saturday Vigil 6.15pm:**

Catherine & Christopher Ennis

#### Next Sunday

**9am:** Joe Wallace

**10.15am:** Cólín O'Catháin &

Monica, & clann Uí Chatháin

**11.30am:** Sheila O'Reilly MM

**Baptisms:** may be booked by contacting the Parish Office.

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

#### Offertory Collection

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March

Athboy €975

Rathmore €185 Thank

Rathcairn €215 You!

#### RIP

Matty Joe Greville

Killucan



**Feast of St Patrick:** will be celebrated next Sunday

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2024

**Lactare Sunday:** gives us a glimpse of the joy that awaits us at Easter, as we approach Holy Week. We are now half-way through our Lenten journey and on this Fourth Sunday of Lent, the Church expresses hope and joy in the midst of our Lenten fasts and penances.

**Novena of Prayer to St Joseph:** begins tomorrow 11<sup>th</sup> March

**Adoration of the Eucharist:** every Friday in Athboy Church.

**Lenten Adoration** in preparation for Easter in **Rathcairn** Church, next Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 7-9pm. All Welcome!

**Irish Catholic:** available weekly in Athboy Church, €3



**Easter Bingo & Raffle:** in aid of parish funds Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 3pm in the Darnley Hotel. Every Panel €100!



**Clothing Collection:** if you are spring cleaning your wardrobe and disposing of any clothing, shoes or handbags, our annual clothing collection in aid of parish funds takes place on Wednesdays & Thursdays in March 10am – 1pm, beginning this Wednesday morning!



**Parish Finance Committee:** *Expressions of interest are invited for construction works to existing building at O'Growney Street, Athboy to provide office space, pastoral centre and refurbished first floor accommodation. Works shall comprise of refurbishment works to first floor apartment, remedial and alteration works to internal layouts, elevations, external envelope, and all associated services installations and site works, including the formation of ope in boundary wall shared with St. James' Church (protected structure NIAH Reg Number 14324011) and the creation of pathway on church grounds and installation of gateway. Please direct all expressions of interest to [info@studiohatch.ie](mailto:info@studiohatch.ie)*

**Lighting Improvements:** this week the ceiling lights in Athboy Church were replaced with LED fittings. Over the past three years, bulbs in the three chandeliers have also been replaced with LEDs.

**Irish Bishops Statement on Gaza:** *"As the Catholic Bishops of Ireland, we echo Pope Francis' heartfelt appeal for a complete ceasefire in Gaza – 'Enough, please! Let us all say it: enough...Stop!' Stop the War!*

*In saying this, we join with many in our parishes, together with all people of goodwill, in demanding an immediate end to the daily horror of killing, wounding and destruction of property and infrastructure there.*

*In this Season of Lent, we Christians prepare for the celebration of the Paschal Mystery of Christ's Death and Resurrection, as Muslims prepare for the Season of Ramadan and Jews prepare for the celebration of Passover. We urge people to continue praying and fasting for the intention of peace. In praying for peace in the land of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, we remember in a special way the small but vibrant Christian communities in Palestine.*