

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April 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**

**Next Sunday Mass in Athboy  
only at 11.30am**

**Confessions:** Saturday 5.45pm

#### MASS INTENTIONS this week:

**Saturday Vigil 6.15pm:**

Tom Mooney,

Brigid & Tom Conlon

Michael McGovern, his parents

William & Eileen McGovern

Annie & Martin Doherty

**Sunday 11.30am:**

John McCormack

Anna May Buckley & Brian Kelly

**Mon 8:** Philip & Mary O'Callaghan

**Wed 9.30:** Ellen Lavelle

**Fri 9.30:** Peter Thomas

**Sat 10** Peter & MaryAnn Walsh,  
deceased family

**Next Saturday Vigil 6.15pm:**

Ann Kelly MM

Billy Growney, parents Anne & Pat

Liam Doyle

Dorothy Cassidy

**Baptisms:** contact Parish Office.

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

#### Offertory Collection

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April

Athboy €1,005

Rathmore €130 Thank

Rathcairn €200 You!

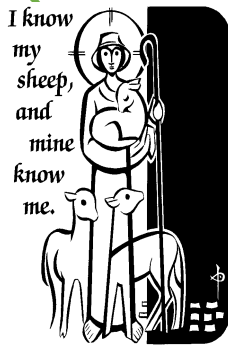
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**Liam Mahon**

*Baskinagh & Dublin*

**Patrick (Patsy) Fitzsimons**

*Navan & Collinstown*



**Vocations Sunday:** on the Fourth Sunday of Easter, known as Good Shepherd Sunday, we pray for vocations to priesthood and religious life. The offertory collection this weekend will go towards the support of four students, Rev Anthony Kerr, Mark Caffery, Martin Smith & Nicola Tamburrino who are studying for priesthood in Meath diocese.

**“Called to sow seeds of hope and to build peace.”**

*This Day is dedicated in a particular way to imploring from the Father the gift of holy vocations for the building up of his Kingdom: “Ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest” (Lk 10:2). Prayer – as we all know – is more about listening to God than about talking to him. The Lord speaks to our heart, and he wants to find it open, sincere and generous. His Word became flesh in Jesus Christ, who reveals to us the entire will of the Father. In this present year, devoted to prayer and preparation for the Jubilee, all of us are called to rediscover the inestimable blessing of our ability to enter into heartfelt dialogue with the Lord and thus become pilgrims of hope. For “prayer is the first strength of hope. You pray and hope grows, it moves forward. I would say that prayer opens the door to hope. Hope is there, but by my prayer I open the door.” Pope Francis*

**Bingo:** in aid of parish funds today at 3pm in St James' Hall.



**Talk on the Cause of Fr Willie Doyle** takes place on Thursday 25 April at 7.30 pm, Parish Centre, Mullingar. Speakers: Patrick Kenny, Father Willie Doyle Association Jack Engelmann, University of Notre Dame Bishop Tom Deenihan

Blessings available with Fr Doyle's personal crucifix.

**March for Life 2024:** Bank Holiday Monday **6th May, 2:00pm.** Marching in **Dublin** from University Church side of St Stephen's Green to Leinster House.

The first **National Pilgrimage for Life**, organised by the Council for Life of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference, will be celebrated on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May in Knock Shrine with Mass at 3.00pm in the Basilica. Anointing of the Sick will take place during Mass.

#### **Prayer of Pope John XXIII for Vocations**

O Jesus, send labourers into your fields, which are awaiting holy apostles, saintly priests, heroic missionaries and dedicated sisters and brothers. Enkindle in the hearts of men and women the spark of a vocation.

Grant that Christian families may desire to give to your church, helpers in the work of tomorrow. Amen.