

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

Sunday March 25th 2018

Holy Week Ceremonies:

Monday March 26th: Penitential Service at 7.30pm.

A number of visiting priests will be available for Confessions.

Wednesday March 27th: Chrism Mass in the Cathedral, Mullingar
7pm.

At this Mass, the oils that are used in the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and of the Sick are blessed and distributed. All are welcome.

Holy Thursday March 29th: Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7.30pm.

Good Friday March 30th: Stations of the Cross at 3pm.

Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 7.30pm.

Holy Saturday March 31st: Easter Vigil at 8pm.

Easter Sunday April 1st: Masses at the usual Sunday times.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & FIRST PENANCE: We also welcome the children together with their parents and families who are preparing for their First Holy Communion this year.

BINGO in aid of Church funds takes place today Sunday, March 25th at 3pm in the Darnley Lodge Hotel.

EASTER OFFERINGS: Sunday next, Easter Sunday is an offering day for the support of the priests of our parish.

TROCAIRE BOXES: Please bring your Trocaire boxes to the ceremony on Holy Thursday.

BAPTISMAL MEETING: The next baptismal meeting for parents who wish to have their babies' baptised takes place on Monday 9th April 2018 at 8pm in the Parochial House. Please enrol in advance to the Parochial House.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: All welcome to a weekly half hour of Eucharistic Adoration, praying before the Blessed Sacrament, for the protection and greater appreciation of the sanctity of all human life. Rathcairn Church, every Wednesday, 7.30pm to 8pm until the end of May. Please note that there will be no Adoration on Wednesday next, March 28th.

CEMETERY: Major improvements which will consist of new paths and re-surfacing of existing paths, new layout for future graves will commence soon. The plans are available at the back of the Church in Athboy. The cost will be in the region of €66,000.

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY starts Good Friday for 9 days. Confessions & Holy Communion during this time. Leaflets given out on Palm Sunday.

STAND UP FOR LIFE, a series of regional rallies around Ireland take place the week after Easter and will highlight the importance of Ireland's 8th Amendment and the tens of thousands of lives saved by it. Given that a referendum to remove Ireland's 8th Amendment is due to take place before the summer, please consider attending one of the rallies. To find out more visit www.loveboth.ie or telephone 087 299 8702.

MUIRIOSIA are seeking to recruit a support worker for 10 hours a week in Athboy. Applications and details from the Centre for Independent Living 057 9322832.

EASTER SUNDAY 10K hosted by Fr Murphy's AC on Easter Sunday April 1st at 11.30am in Kildalkey. Registration online or on the day. The race is to raise money for a new track at the club. More details on our Facebook page.

RATHMORE NS Open evening on Thursday April 19th from 7-8pm. Parents will have the opportunity to visit the school, meet the teachers and discuss enrolling.

FUNDRAISING BINGO hosted by Kildalkey students Maura Spain & Meghan de Barra in aid of VESA Abroad Rebuild Fiji on Thursday 5th April in the Darnley Lodge Hotel at 8.30pm.

MASS INTENTIONS for the week ahead:

Sat Vigil: Eilish Cassidy, Margaret Dunne.

Sun 11.30am: Brigid Mc Clorey, Valerie Monaghan, Tracy Doyle.

Mon 8am: Andy Byrne.

Thurs 7.30pm: Baby Anthony Mc Donagh & dec'd members of the Mc Donagh & O'Donnell families.

Sat Vigil: Val & Sheila Ward, Michael & Renee Healy

Sun 9am: Rita Smith & Pat & Mary Smith & dec'd family members.

WEEKDAY MASSES: Mon 8am, Tues & Wed 9.30am.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD for next weekends' Masses are: Vigil (Mar 31st) Louise Keegan. 11.30am (Apr 1st) Lesley Murtagh

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST for next weekends' Masses are: Vigil (Mar 31st) Jacinta Farrell, Mary Kearney, Siobhan Kelly. 11.30am (Apr 1st) Rita Ennis, Mary Finnegan, Jackie Leavy, Robert Gath & Anne Leavy.

COLLECTIONS: Athboy €880, Rathmore €175, Rathcairn €185. Many thanks.

ADORATION OF BLESSED

SACRAMENT: on Holy Thursday after the ceremonies and on Good Friday adoration will be at the Altar of Repose until the ceremony at 7.30pm.

REST IN PEACE: Your prayers are requested for Moira Mc Culloch, Edinburgh (Neil Brown's sister).

GOOD FRIDAY is a day of fast and abstinence.

VISIT the prayer space on our website for prayers and reflections for Holy Week www.athboyparish.ie.

FACEBOOK: The bulletin is now available on Facebook.