

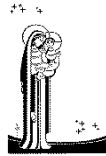
# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2018

**A**dvent marks the beginning of a new liturgical year; it is a time of waiting, conversion and hope. The two-fold character of Advent remembers the First Coming of the Son of God to humanity 2,000 years ago and we look forward to Christ's Second Coming at the end of time.

The call to conversion invites us to repent of our sins and to be ready for the Lord's coming. We are hopeful and hope-filled because of God's love shown in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. With expectant hearts we pray this Advent:

Come Lord Jesus, do not delay!



**Feast of the Immaculate Conception:** Saturday next, 8<sup>th</sup> December is a Holyday of Obligation. Mass times for the feast day – Vigil Friday 7.30pm, Saturday 11.30am.

**FIRST FRIDAY- Friday 7<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Mass at 8am & 7.30pm for those on the parish List of the Dead.

**COMMUNION CALLS** on Friday next at the usual times.

**NA CASAIDIGH IN CONCERT** in aid of Rathcairn Church improvements Friday 7<sup>th</sup> Dec Áras Pobail Ráth Chairn 8.30pm Tickets €20. All support welcome!

**WEEK OF GUIDED PRAYER:** Sunday Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> – Friday Dec 7<sup>th</sup>, Mercy Place, 2 St Brigid's Court, Connaught St., Athboy. A time of prayer and reflection based on Scripture in preparation for Christmas. For info phone 046 9430047/9432371.

**IRISH CATHOLIC** for sale at the back of the Church, €2.

**ST. PAUL'S MISSAL 2019** for sale, €8 in Sacristy.

**HOSPITAL VISITS:** If you have a family member in hospital and they would like Fr. Pdraig to visit them please contact the Parochial House.

**PADRE PIO MASS:** Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Dec at 8pm St Mary's Navan. All welcome.

**SANTA SUNDAY:** Darnley Lodge Hotel Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2.30-4.30pm.

**ATHBOY ICA** meeting Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec 8pm St James' Hall, The Kitchen.

**ATHBOY DEVELOPMENT FORUM** requires a Supervising Caretaker for the Convent Community Centre. Applications to the CCC before 7<sup>th</sup> Dec.

**BOOK LAUNCH:** "Rath Chairn An Talam Bán, The Promised Land" a bilingual history of Rathcairn Sun Dec 9<sup>th</sup> Rathcairn Community Centre. 7pm

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY COMMITTEE AGM** Wed Dec 5<sup>th</sup> 8.30pm Darnley Lodge

### SUNDAY MASS TIMES:

**Athboy** Saturday Vigil 6.15pm  
& Sunday 11.30am

**Rathmore** Sunday 9am

**Rathcairn** Sunday 10.15am

**WEEKDAY MASSES:** Mon 8am,  
Tues & Thurs 7.30pm, Wed 9.30am,  
Fri 8am & 7.30pm, Sat 11.30am.

### MASS INTENTIONS this week:

Sat Vigil: Maureen Folan, Dan & Maureen Prendergast.

Sun 9am: Jim & Mary Smyth

Sun 11.30am: Denis McCann, Jimmy & Maureen Magee

Wed 9.30am: Bernard & Sadie Brennan

Fri 8am & 7.30pm List of the Dead

Sat 11.30am: Geraldine Miggin

Sat Vigil, 6.15pm: Paddy Gilroy & Dec'd Family, Baby Colm McNamara & Florence Leahy, John & Rose Sullivan, Ned & Mary O'Connor

Sun 9am: Ellen & Edward Wallace.

Sun 11.30am: Eugene & Lilly Sheridan.

**CONFESSIONS:** Saturdays 5.45pm

**BAPTISM:** By appointment. Baptism Preparation Meeting, Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, please enrol in advance to the Parochial House.

### MINISTERS OF THE WORD:

Vigil (Dec 8th) Stephanie Martin

11.30am (Dec 9th) Julie A. Corrigan

### MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Vigil (Dec 8th) Deirdre McAnarney, Madeline Bracken & Tom Sheridan.

11.30am (Dec 9th) Frances Walsh, Kathleen Nee, Rose Leavy & Paul Farrell.

**COLLECTIONS:** Athboy €770,  
Rathmore €140, Rathcairn €210.  
Many thanks.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** on Fridays after morning Mass until late.

### FEASTDAYS during the week:

Mon Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> – St Francis Xavier

Tues Dec 4<sup>th</sup> – St John of Damascus

Thurs Dec 6<sup>th</sup> – St Nicholas

Fri Dec 7<sup>th</sup> – St Ambrose

Sat Dec 8<sup>th</sup> – Immaculate Conception of Our Lady.

**REST IN PEACE:** Your prayers are requested for Bride an Táillúra, Connemara.

The **SVP Christmas Church Gate collection** takes place at all Masses 8/9 December. Your contribution would be greatly appreciated.

Despite improving employment situations, SVP Athboy have continued to find a slight increase in requests for help from year to year. 73 individuals were helped this year – some on a once off basis, others for a period of time. The main triggers for seeking help are low income with unreliable weekly hours and high housing costs.

Help is mainly given towards food, fuel or education/training. Some of those previously supported in education/training have qualified and are now self-supporting.

It cost €31,500 last year to provide this support to families in need locally.

This money was all raised locally – no state aid is available.