ASCENSION OF THE LORD

 *Sunday 12th May 2024*

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**MASSES TIMES this week:**

**Sunday:** 9am Rathmore

 10.15am Rathcairn

 11.30am Athboy

***Monday*** *8am*

***Thursday & Friday*** *9.30am*

***Saturday***: *10am &* ***Vigil*** *6.15pm*

**Confessions:** Saturday 5.45pm

**MASS INTENTIONS this week:**

**Saturday Vigil 6.15pm:**

 Peter, Mary & Patrick Dolan

 Lucjan Raczka

**Sunday:11.30am** Adam Tomsia

**Next** **Saturday Vigil 6.15pm:**

 Ebbie Ennis

 Imelda Faulkner

**Next Sunday 11.30am:** Noel Kelly

Kevin, Thomas & Elizabeth Reynolds

**Baptisms:** contact Parish Office.

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

**Offertory Collection**

Sunday 28th April

**Athboy** €980 Thank

Rathmore €125 You!

Rathcairn €145

**Thank you for your generous support with last weekend’s Easter Dues collection.**

**Receiving Holy Communion for the First Time:** our prayerful best wishes to the 75 children whoreceive the Eucharist for the first time this weekend. Thank you to their parents, families and teachers in school for helping the girls and boys prepare for this special celebration.

**Children’s Prayer after Communion**

*Lord Jesus, I love and adore you.*

*You’re a special friend to me.*

*Welcome, Lord Jesus, O welcome.*

*Thank you for coming to me.*

*Thank you, Lord Jesus, O thank you*

*for giving yourself to me.*

*Make me strong to show your love wherever I may be.*

*Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask you to stay*

*close by me forever and love me, I pray.*

*Bless all of us children in your loving care*

*and bring us to heaven to live with you there.*

*I’m ready now, Lord Jesus, to show how much I care.*

*I’m ready now to give your love at home and everywhere.*

**Retreat:** for the priests of the diocese takes place this week, directed by Fr Sylvester O’Flynn OFM. Please pray for all the priests attending.

**May, month of Our Lady:** the Blessed Virgin Mary is traditionally the focus of prayer and devotion during May. Families are encouraged to make a May Altar at home with a statueor image of Our Lady and to ask her intercession in our lives.

**Vigil of Prayer for Vocations** in St Patrick’s Church, Trim, Saturday 1st June from 7pm until midnight

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• The vigil will begin with the Saturday evening Mass at 7pm, followed by Eucharistic Adoration.

• Concluding with Mass by candlelight at 11.15pm.

• Confessions will be available throughout the vigil.

**Cemetery Devotions Dates**

Rathmore Sunday 23rd June, 3pm

Hill of Ward, Saturday 29th June, 7.30pm

Athboy, Sunday 30th June, 2pm Old St James’ & 3pm main cemetery

**Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2024** will travel on September 10th and will be led by Bishop Deenihan. All pilgrims will be accommodated in hotels and there are 4, 5 & 6 night options, various hotels available.  Further information and booking forms are available from Joe Walsh Tours, 89 Harcourt St. Dublin. [www.joewalshtours.ie](https://scanner.topsec.com/?d=4423&r=auto&u=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.joewalshtours.ie&t=57f63b12e85e4de590d0c8f70233e57e2aebeed4)  Tel. 01 2410 800.

**St James' Hall** Craft & Bric-a-brac Market takes place on Saturday 18th May from 11.00am to 2.00pm