

## ATHBOY PARISH

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

**MASSES TIMES this week:**

**Sunday:** 9am Rathmore

10.15am Rathcairn

11.30am Athboy

**Monday** 8am **Tues** 7.30pm,

**Wednesday & Friday** 9.30am

**Saturday** 10am, **Vigil** 6.15pm

**MASS INTENTIONS this week:**

**Saturday Vigil 6.15pm:**

Mary Fagan

Christina Hamill

**Next Sunday**

**9am:** Vincent Farrelly & dec family

**11.30am** Agnes Smith

Sr Carmel Brennan

Mona & Frank Brogan

Jack & Nancy Holland & dec family

John & Jim O'Donnell, baby Anthony

**Tue 7.30:** Tommy & Sheila O'Reilly

**Next Saturday Vigil 6.15pm:**

Elliot Grace

Ailish Houston

Kathleen McDonagh

**Next Sunday**

**9am:** Joseph & Mary Murtagh

**11.30am** Michael & Mag Connell

Patrick & Mary Ann Dillon

**Baptisms:** contact Parish Office

**Offertory Collection**

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December

**Athboy** €900      Thank

**Rathmore** €275      You!

**Rathcairn** €375

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December

**Athboy** €410

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - GAUDETE

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2025

**Confessions for Christmas:** Penitential Service after Vigil Mass next Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> & after 11.30am Mass next Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December, in Athboy Church.

### Christmas Mass Schedule

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December – **Christmas Eve**

Vigil for Christmas 6pm & 8pm Athboy

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December – **Christmas Day**

9am Rathmore, 10.15am Rathcairn

& 11.30am Athboy



**Church Cleaning:** your help would be appreciated after 7.30pm Mass on Tuesday (16<sup>th</sup>) evening to clean and prepare the church for Christmas. Volunteers welcome

**Christmas Bingo & 25 Prize Raffle:** today, 14<sup>th</sup> December 3pm, Darnley Lodge Hotel.

**Christmas Triduum of Masses:** will be offered on 25, 26 & 27<sup>th</sup> December. Cards are available in the sacristy after Mass or from the Parochial House.

**Copies of Athboy Church, a History Worth Recording** are available from the sacristy, Smyth's Post Office & Bird's Centra. A lovely gift at Christmas.

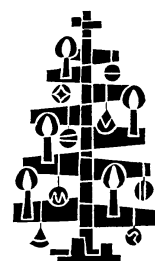
**O'Growney NS Carol Service:** this Tuesday at 1.45pm in Athboy Church. All welcome.

**St Vincent de Paul Society:** Christmas Collection at all Masses this weekend, thank you for your support.

**Tax Reclaim Forms:** thank you to all who have returned forms.

**For Attention of Parents of children attending Primary Schools or have yet to start:** The Department of Education is currently conducting a Primary School Survey that will determine the future provision of Primary Schools and crucially could lead to lasting changes in your school. In simple, direct terms, you are being asked if you want your school to stay a Catholic school or if you want that to change. Have your say before 16<sup>th</sup> December 2025. See - [www.gov.ie/en/departments-of-education/campaigns/primary-school-survey/](http://www.gov.ie/en/departments-of-education/campaigns/primary-school-survey/)

**History Talk:** Amy Bracken History TV and podcast producer/researcher Family Historian Presents Athboy to America and Australia: An introduction to family history records using some case studies of people who left Athboy. Athboy Library Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 7pm.



*The "empty manger" is an Advent symbol, reminds us that we are waiting for Jesus. During Advent it is important that we prepare to welcome the Lord when he comes again in glory. Without Christ in our hearts our lives are empty, like the manger at this time. The increasing light on the Advent Wreath tells us that we are closer now to the birthday of our Saviour and we wait in joyful hope for the coming of Our Lord Jesus Christ.*

