

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Sunday 23rd December 2018

**CHRISTMAS IN OUR PARISH****CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES***Christmas Eve* – Athboy 7pm & 10pm,*Christmas Day* – Rathmore 9am, Rathcairn 10.15am,  
Athboy 11.30am.**TRIDUUM OF MASSES** 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> December at 11am.  
Triduum cards available from the sacristy and the Parochial House.**FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY** Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> Dec  
Mass at the usual Sunday times.*We wish all our parishioners a Happy and Holy Christmas.***SUNDAY MASS TIMES:**Athboy Saturday Vigil 6.15pm  
& Sunday 11.30am

Rathmore Sunday 9am

Rathcairn Sunday 10.15am

**WEEKDAY MASSES:** Mon 8am,  
Wed, Thurs, Fri & Sat 11am.**MASS INTENTIONS this week:**

Sat Vigil: Lily O'Brien

Sun 9am: Nancy Smith

Sun 11.30am: Michael O'Loughlin

**Christmas Eve**

8am: Owen &amp; Jane Bourke

7pm: Jim & Mary Foy & daughter  
Mona.

10pm: Billy &amp; May Bryan

**Christmas Day**11.30am: Bernard, Margaret &  
Mary Monaghan.

Wed/Thurs/Fri 11am: Triduum Mass

Sat 11am: Owen &amp; Jane Bourke

Sat Vigil, 6.15pm: Thomas Maguire  
& Rita O'Dwyer.

Sun 9am: Brendan Smith

**BAPTISM:** By appointment.Baptism Preparation Meeting,  
Tuesday 8th January 2019, please  
enrol in advance to the Parochial  
House.**MINISTERS OF THE WORD:**

Vigil (Dec 29th) Hugh Gibney

11.30am (Dec 30th) Rosaleen

Enright

**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST**

Vigil (Dec 29th) Marie Leavy,

Jacqueline Barrett, Noreen

Whelehan &amp; Donal McLoughlin

11.30am (Dec 30th) Betty Beirne,

Kathleen Cumiskey, Frances Ennis &amp;

Louise Ennis

**COLLECTIONS:** Athboy €770,

Rathmore €145, Rathcairn €145.

Many thanks.

**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:** onFridays after morning Mass until  
late.**FEAST DAYS during the week:**Tues Dec 25<sup>th</sup> –Nativity of the LordWed Dec 26<sup>th</sup> – St StephenThurs Dec 27<sup>th</sup> – St John, apostleFri Dec 28<sup>th</sup> – The Holy InnocentsSat Dec 29<sup>th</sup> – St Thomas A Becket**WELCOME** home to all who have returned to Athboy in recent days to celebrate Christmas with family and friends. Thank you to all who have helped prepare our liturgy for Christmas and who give of their time and talents throughout the year in Athboy, Rathmore and Rathcairn.

May the new born Christ bring peace, joy and hope to all.

*Fr. Padraig***MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST** will bring Holy Communion to those who requested it on Christmas Day.**OFFERING DAY:** Christmas Day is the principal Offering Day for the support of the priest in our parish.**VISIT OUR PARISH WEBSITE** [www.athboyparish.ie](http://www.athboyparish.ie) for some Advent & Christmas prayers & reflections as well as all the Christmas schedules & latest parish news & photos.**SVP** wish to thank everyone who contributed so generously to their recent church gate collection.**Christmas Message from our new Bishop:** *I pray that the joy, hope and peace of the first Christmas may be present in our Dioceses this Christmas. I pray that all families will experience the warmth of the family celebration and that the celebration of Christmas will be a Christian celebration that will support and increase our faith. Let us never forget that the coming of Christ means for each one of us that we have a future, even when this life is ended, and that we are loved, uniquely, by God. May God bless you and yours this Christmas and may 2019 be a year of blessing for us all.*

Bishop Tom Deenihan

***If You Look for Me at Christmas.....***You won't need a special star, I'm no longer just in Bethlehem,  
I'm right there where you are.

You may not be aware of Me amid the celebrations -

You'll have to look beyond the stores and all the decorations.

But if you take a moment from your list of things to do,

And listen to your heart you'll find I'm waiting there for you.

You're the one I want to be with, You're the reason that I came,

And you'll find Me in the stillness As I'm whispering your name. Jesus.