

#### **ATHBOY PARISH**

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## **SUNDAY MASS TIMES:**

Athboy Saturday Vigil 6.15pm & Sunday 11.30am Rathmore Sunday 9am Rathcairn Sunday 10.15am

#### **MASSES DURING THE WEEK:**

Mon 10am, Wed 7.30pm, Thurs & Fri 9.30am, Sat 10am.

**CONFESSIONS:** Saturday 5.45pm

#### MASS INTENTIONS this week:

**Sat Vigil:** Dan & Maureen Prendergast, Baby Colm MacNamara, Geraldine Miggin.

**Sun 9am:** Edward & Ellen Wallace, Tom Farrell

Sun 11.30am: Jimmy & Maureen Magee, John & Rose Sullivan & Mary & Ned O'Connor,

Frank & Mary Cusack & dec'd family.

**Sat Vigil:** Kathleen McDonagh, Mary Fagan

Sun 9am: Nancy Garry

Sun 11.30am: Tommy O'Reilly

**BAPTISM:** By appointment. Baptism Preparation Meeting, Tuesday 7th January 2020, please enrol in advance to the Parochial House.

## **MINISTERS OF THE WORD:**

Vigil (Dec 14th): Ita McGuigan 11.30am (Dec 15th): Nancy Dardis

# **MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST**

Vigil (Dec 14th): Marie Leavy, Jacqueline Barrett, Noreen Whelehan & Donal McLoughlin.

11.30am (Dec 15th): Betty Beirne, Frances Ennis, Louise Ennis.

**COLLECTIONS:** Athboy €810, Rathmore €100, Rathcairn €205. Thank you for your kind support.

**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Fridays after morning Mass until late.

**BAPTISMS:** Welcome to Anthony McDonagh, Joshua Uzell, Darcey Rice, Chrissie Mullen & Fiadh Murphy. Many congratulations to their parents and god parents.

# SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT Sunday 8th December 2019

Carol Service: A big thank you to everyone who helped



make last Sunday evening's carol service a beautiful musical preparation for

Christmas. Special thanks to all the choirs and to all the O Growney N.S. Parent Association for providing refreshments for the Diocesan Choir

members beforehand. Checkout pictures on the parish Facebook page.

**Christmas Triduum of Masses:** will be offered on 24, 25 & 26<sup>th</sup> December. Cards are available to be signed in the sacristy after Mass or from the Parochial House.



Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception: celebrated on 8<sup>th</sup> December, is transferred to 9<sup>th</sup> December this year because of Advent. It is **not a holyday of obligation this year**. Mass at 10am in Athboy, music with the children of O'Growney N.S.

**Pilgrimage to Lourdes:** Fr Padraig will lead a small group pilgrimage similar to last year, 17<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2020. Booking and further details 046 9432184.

**Penitential Service:** after 7.30pm Mass on Tues 17<sup>th</sup> Dec.

Weekend Funerals: because of the instruction of Canon Law that a priest should celebrate no more than two Masses per day, it is proposed that Saturday funerals will be celebrated at 10am and any Mass intention previously arranged, will also be included with the funeral Mass.

The established Sunday arrangement for the country churches remains, whereby funerals takes place in Rathmore or Rathcairn at 2pm and the morning Mass is cancelled.

Thurs Dec 12<sup>th</sup> is the feast of St Finnian, patron of our diocese.

**Christmas Bingo & Raffle** in aid of Church funds Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec Darnley Lodge Hotel 3pm.

**Junction Box:** Many thanks to Meath Co Council for providing a junction box at the rear entrance to the church in Athboy. Please keep this entrance free for access to and from the church.

**St. Vincent de Paul Society:** Annual Church gate collections this weekend.

**Santa** Darnley Lodge today Dec 8th at 2pm. Presents €7. **Active Retirement:** meeting Wed 11<sup>th</sup> 2.45-5pm St James Hall.

## Lord Jesus,

Master of both the light and the darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas. We who have so much to do seek quiet places to hear you voice each day.

We who are anxious over so many things look forward to your coming among us.

We who are blessed in so many ways long for complete joy in your kingdom.

We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of your presence. We are your people walking in darkness yet seeking the light. To you we say "Come Lord Jesus".