

## 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 8am, Tues **7pm**,  
Wed, Thurs, Fri 9.30am, Sat 10am.

**CONFESSIONS:** Saturday 5.45pm

### MASS INTENTIONS this week:

**Sat Vigil:** Tom Mullen M.M.  
Larry, Phyllis & Martin Geraghty,  
Nicholas Dunne, Chris Gargan &  
parents Philip & Anne.

**Sun 11.30am:** May Tuite

**Fri 9.30am:** List of the Dead

**Sat Vigil:** Christy & Annie Fox &  
Matt Mooney, Maureen Holmes,  
Bett Tracey

**BAPTISM:** By appointment. Baptism  
Preparation Meeting, Tuesday 4th  
February 2020, please enrol in advance  
to the Parochial House.

### MINISTERS OF THE WORD:

Vigil (Feb 8<sup>th</sup>): Ita McGuigan  
11.30am (Feb 9<sup>th</sup>): Nancy Dardis

### MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:

Vigil (Feb 8<sup>th</sup>): Mary Holland,  
Elizabeth Gough, Paul Doherty & Clive  
Doherty.

11.30am (Feb 9<sup>th</sup>): Catherine  
McElhinney, Karen Bennett, Mary  
Fagan & Sarah Coyne.

**COLLECTIONS:** Athboy €1,035,  
Rathmore €175, Rathcairn €145.  
Thanks.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** every  
Friday after morning Mass until late.

### REST IN PEACE

**Sarah Walsh**, Moycullen, Galway

## PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2020

**Confirmation:** will be celebrated on Friday next, 7<sup>th</sup>



February, with seventy-seven pupils from 6<sup>th</sup> class in Athboy, Rathcairn & Rathmore. This weekend, they celebrate the Ceremony of Light; their parents hand them their Baptismal Candle, symbolising their passing on the light of faith, recalling and renewing the promises made on the day

they were baptised. We pray for the children being confirmed, that they may be open to the guidance and help offered to them by the Holy Spirit in how they live each day. We welcome Bishop Deenihan and Bishop Smith who will join us for this special day.

**Presentation of the Lord:** also known as Candlemas Day, a remembrance of the Lord and Mary, mother of the Lord. Simeon recognised Jesus as "a light to reveal God to the nations." Candles will be blessed at 11.30am Mass.

**Candlemas Offerings:** today is an offering day towards the support of the priest, thank you for your generosity.

**First Friday arrangements:** Mass for the List of the Dead, 9.30am, no evening Mass.

**Adoration of the Eucharist** will pause because of the Confirmation ceremony, between 2 - 5pm next Friday.



**Church tidy-up:** once again this year we hope to prepare the church for Confirmation. After 7pm Mass on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February, your help would be appreciated.

**Feast of St Blaise:** Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February, blessing of throats after 8am Mass.

**Diocesan Cess Payment:** this week, the parish received its annual Cess bill from Diocesan Offices in Mullingar. This payment supports safeguarding, regional marriage tribunal, primary & post-primary catechetical support, Accord & diocesan offices. The amount due from Athboy parish is €8,094, a 20 % increase on previous years.

**Irish Catholic Newspaper** available at the back of the Church €2

**Padre Pio Mass** Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Feb St Mary's Church, Navan 7.30pm

**Active Retirement Group:** AGM on Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Feb 2.45-5pm.  
Kurling/Boccia Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> Feb 2.30-5pm St James' Hall.

**Athboy ICA** meeting Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb 8pm St James' Hall (the kitchen).

**Apprenticeship Expo** Tues 25<sup>th</sup> Feb Knightsbrook Trim 9.30-3

**Free 5 week** iPhone iPad Smartphone classes St James Hall commencing 17<sup>th</sup> Feb 10am-12noon.

