

## FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 9th February 2020

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

**CONFESSIONS:** Saturday 5.45pm

#### MASS INTENTIONS this week:

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

**Tues 7.30pm:** Kitty & Jim  
Monaghan

**Fri 9.30am:** Sean Byrne

**Sat 10am:** Jimmy & Bernie  
Crowcock

**Sat Vigil:** John Doherty M.M.  
Michael O'Connor,

Daniel O'Sullivan & Cassidy family

**Sun 11.30am:** Dr Derek Waldron-  
Lynch, Frank Garrahy, Nuala Farmer

**BAPTISM:** By appointment. Baptism  
Preparation Meeting, Tuesday 3rd  
March 2020, please enrol in advance to  
the Parochial House.

#### MINISTERS OF THE WORD:

Vigil (Feb 15<sup>th</sup>): Teresa Doherty

11.30am (Feb 16<sup>th</sup>): Jim Brogan

#### MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:

Vigil (Feb 15<sup>th</sup>): Mairead Farrell, Enda  
Kelly, Susan Kenny & Aideen Mahon.

11.30am (Feb 16<sup>th</sup>): Joseph McGovern,  
Anthony Leavy, Finula Garrahy &  
Catriona Lysaght.

**COLLECTIONS:** Athboy €1,020

Rathmore €225, Rathcairn €330.

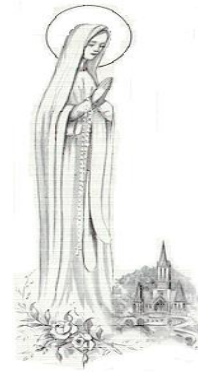
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**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** every  
Friday after morning Mass until late.

#### REST IN PEACE

**Tony Leahy**, Dun Laoghaire, Co.  
Dublin

**Our Lady of Lourdes:** next Tuesday. On 11<sup>th</sup> February 1858



Bernadette Soubirous, a fourteen year old girl went to gather firewood at the rock of Massabielle with her two sisters, along the bank of the river Gave on the outskirts of the small French town of Lourdes. It was a cold, damp and misty morning. Bernadette's suffered badly with asthma, so when the three girls reached the stream Toinette and Jeanne waded through the cold water, leaving Bernadette alone.

Wanting to join her sisters, Bernadette leaned against a boulder in the cave to remove her

stockings. "...I had hardly any time to take off my stockings when I heard the sound of wind, as in a storm." Bernadette noticed branches and brambles waving beside the cave, but the trees in the meadow were not moving. As she put her foot into the water she looked up "I saw at that moment a girl in white, no bigger than myself, who greeted me with a slight bow of her head..." So began the series of apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Bernadette. There were eighteen apparitions between 11<sup>th</sup> February and 16<sup>th</sup> July 1858; during the sixteenth apparition on 25<sup>th</sup> March that the lady declared "I am the Immaculate Conception."

7.30pm Mass on Tuesday will be celebrated at the Lourdes altar.



**Pilgrimage to Lourdes:** Fr Pdraig will lead a small group pilgrimage to Our Lady's Shrine, Lourdes, departing 17<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2020. Booking and further details 046 9432184.

**Confirmation:** Thank you to everyone who helped make Friday's celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation, so memorable and prayerful. Particular thanks to the parishioners who helped clean and prepare the church on Tuesday evening. Thank you to the choir and all who assisted with the liturgy. Our prayerful best wishes to the girls and boys who received the sacrament.



**Candlemas Offerings:** thank you for your generosity last weekend.

**Diocesan Cess Payment:** last 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. Your extra contribution this weekend is appreciated.

**Irish Catholic Newspaper** available at the back of the Church €2  
**Table Quiz** hosted by Tidy Towns & Convent Community Centre  
Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> Feb Floods Bar 9pm sharp

**CE Scheme vacancies-** shop assistant, administrator, groundkeepers. More info: [jobsireland.ie](http://jobsireland.ie) or Terry 087 4468267  
**HSE** – Free Diabetes Education Course for people with Type 2 starting in Trim. Contact Joanne 041 6860766 for more details.