

TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 19th September 2021

ATHBOY PARISH

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MASSES TIMES this week:

Sunday: Vigil: 6.15pm (Sat)

9am, 10.15am (as Gaeilge)
& 11.30am

Monday: 8am

Tuesday: 7.30pm

Wed, Thurs & Fri: 9.30am

Sat: 10am

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 5.45pm

MASS INTENTIONS this week:

Sat Vigil: Mary Smith MM

Billy McGovern

Bill & Ellen Priest

Liam & Jean Mulvaney

Sunday morning:

9am: Joe & Teresa Callaghan

11.30am: John Galvin

Peter McKenna

Tue 7.30pm: Pat Moloney

Fri 9.30am: Jean Smith,

Ted & Annie Sheridan,

Eamon & Rose Sheridan

Sat Vigil: John Mc Kiernan

Next Sunday morning:

10.15am: Micheál & Nora

O'Conghaile

11.30am: Lena Foy

BAPTISMS: may be booked by contacting the Parochial House.

Offertory Collections

Sunday 12th September

Athboy €600

Rathmore €190 Thank

Rathcairn €195 You!

R.I.P.

Peter Herbert, Dressogue

Pat Moloney, Doonbeg

- Churches now operate to 50% of capacity for Masses, funerals and other ceremonies.
 - Masks must continue to be worn at all times in the church.
 - Please use the hand sanitizers as you enter the Church.
 - Parishioners may now occupy any seat, however it is recommended that the capacity of each seat be reduced to half.
- Athboy Church will continue to be sanitized after Vigil Mass on Saturday evenings, we appreciate the volunteers who assist us.**

Returning to the country churches for Sunday Mass:

In October, 10.15 Aifreann Gaeilge in Rathcairn Church.

In November, 9am Sunday Mass in Rathmore Church.

Today is an **Offering Day** for the support of the priest, thank you for your support.

Envelope Boxes: we are preparing new boxes of offering envelopes for distribution. If you would like to receive a box, please contact the Parochial House.



Online Donations: via the parish website athboyparish.ie

Adoration of the Eucharist: in Athboy Church on Fridays after 9.30am Mass - 1pm.



Vocations to Priesthood Website: www.meathvocations.com

Vocations Director for Meath Diocese Fr Tony Gonoude 044 937 3923

Irish Catholic: newspaper is available for sale at the back of the church every week, price €2.50

A JOINT MESSAGE FOR THE PROTECTION OF CREATION

Sustainability: In our common Christian tradition, the Scriptures and the Saints provide illuminating perspectives for comprehending both the realities of the present and the promise of something larger than what we see in the moment. The concept of stewardship—of individual and collective responsibility for our God-given endowment—presents a vital starting-point for social, economic and environmental sustainability. In the New Testament, we read of the rich and foolish man who stores great wealth of grain while forgetting about his finite end (Lk 12.13–21). We learn of the prodigal son who takes his inheritance early, only to squander it and end up hungry (Lk 15.11–32). We are cautioned against adopting short term and seemingly inexpensive options of building on sand, instead of building on rock for our common home to withstand storms (Mt 7.24–27). These stories invite us to adopt a broader outlook and recognise our place in the extended story of humanity.

But we have taken the opposite direction. We have maximised our own interest at the expense of future generations. By concentrating on our wealth, we find that long-term assets, including the bounty of nature, are depleted for short-term advantage. Technology has unfolded new possibilities for

progress but also for accumulating unrestrained wealth, and many of us behave in ways which demonstrate little concern for other people or the limits of the planet. Nature is resilient, yet delicate. We are already witnessing the consequences of our refusal to protect and preserve it (Gn 2.15). Now, in this moment, we have an opportunity to repent, to turn around in resolve, to head in the opposite direction. We must pursue generosity and fairness in the ways that we live, work and use money, instead of selfish gain.

Pope Francis. Ecumenical Patriarch, Bartholomew. Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin.

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People: ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.