

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

Sunday 26th December 2021

ATHBOY PARISH

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MASSES TIMES this week:

Sunday:

9am Rathmore

10.15am Rathcairn

11.30am Athboy

Monday, Tuesday,

Wednesday, Thursday,

Friday, Saturday: 10am

Saturday - New Year's Day

Mass at 10am & 6.15pm

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 5.45pm

MASS INTENTIONS this week:

This Sunday morning:

9am: Paul Smith

Mon, Tues & Wed 10am:

Christmas Triduum Masses

Thurs 10am: Micil O'Loughlin

Michael Smith

Fri 10am: Bairbre Uí Dhonnchadha

Next Sat 6.15pm: Tommy & Eileen

Maguire, Rita O'Dwyer

Next Sunday morning:

9am: Brendan Smith & dec family

11.30am: John Carolan

Annie Jane & Jim Kelly & dec family

BAPTISMS: may be booked by contacting the Parochial House.

Offertory Collection

Sunday 19th December

Athboy €625

Rathmore €130 Thank

Rathcairn €150 You!

Online Donations €150

Thank you to all who have returned Christmas Offerings

RIP

Denis O'Riordan,

Millstreet, Cork

Mary J Crowley,

Rathconnell, Mullingar

- Please continue to wear face covering at all times in the church.
- Please use the hand sanitizers as you enter the church.
- Our church continues to be sanitized regularly for the safety of all.

Prayer at the Crib

God of every nation and people, from the very beginning of creation you have made manifest your love: when our need for a Saviour was great you sent your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary. To our lives he brings joy and peace, justice, mercy and love. Lord, bless us as we look upon this manger; may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus, and raise up our thoughts to him, who is God-with-us and Saviour of all, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.



Christmas Bingo & Raffle: Thank you to all who organised and supported the parish Christmas bingo & raffle last weekend, total proceeds €5,400.



Renewed thanks to all who assist and help in any way in our parish throughout the year.

Wishing the Blessings, Peace, Love, Joy and Hope of this Holy Season to all our parishioners. Nollaig Shona agus Athbliain faoi shéan agus faoi mhaise daoibh go léir.

Message of Pope Francis for World Day of Peace, 1 January 2022

Dialogue Between Generations, Education and Work:

Tools for Building Lasting Peace.



Today the *path of peace*, which remains sadly distant from the real lives of many men and women and thus from our human family, which is now entirely interconnected. Despite numerous efforts aimed at constructive dialogue between nations, the deafening noise of war and conflict is intensifying. While diseases of pandemic proportions are spreading, the effects of climate change and environmental degradation are worsening, the tragedy of hunger and thirst is increasing, and an economic model based on individualism rather than on solidary sharing continues to prevail. As in the days of the prophets of old, so in our own day *the cry of the poor and the cry of the earth* constantly make themselves heard, pleading for justice and peace. In every age, peace is both a gift from on high and the fruit of a shared commitment. Indeed, we can speak of an "architecture" of peace, to which different institutions of society contribute, and an "art" of peace that directly involves each one of us. All can work together to build a more peaceful world, starting from the hearts of individuals and relationships in the family, then within society and with the environment, and all the way up to relationships between peoples and nations.