

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 16th January 2022

ATHBOY PARISH

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MASSES TIMES this week:

Sunday: Vigil 6.15pm Athboy (Sat)
9am Rathmore
10.15am Rathcairn
11.30am Athboy

Monday 8am

No other weekday Masses this week.

MASS INTENTIONS this week:

Vigil 6.15pm: Mary McKiernan,
Seamus & Sheila Castles,
their son Barry & daughter
Teresa O'Reilly,
Michael & Rena Healy,
their son Liam & grandson Mick

Sunday morning:

9am: Bridie Mullen

11.30am: Martin & Annie Doherty,
Mag Connell & dec Connell family,
Bartley Folan

Next Sat 6.15pm:

Next Sunday morning:

9am: Peter & Mary Lynch

11.30am: Teresa Doherty
(died recently in England, funeral in
England 24th Jan)

BAPTISMS: may be booked by
contacting the Parochial House.

Offertory Collection

Sunday 9th January

Athboy €670

Rathmore €160 Thank

Rathcairn €140 You!

RIP

Teresa Doherty,
Barking, Essex &
late of Connaught Street

Ashling Murphy
Blueball, Co Offaly

Joe McEntaggart
Navan

- 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.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: takes place each year between 18 - 25th January.

The 2022 theme is **"We saw His Star in the East."**

The story of the Magi visiting the Holy Family in Bethlehem is one very familiar to us. The Magi have sometimes been seen as a symbol of the world's diversity – different religions and cultures – that comes to pay homage to the Christ-child. The story might therefore represent the unity of all created that God desires. Each year ecumenical partners in a different region are asked to prepare the materials. The Prayer for



Christian Unity in 2022 has been prepared by the churches of the Middle East, the history of which was, and still is, characterised by conflict and strife, tainted with blood and darkened by injustice and oppression. The Christians of the Middle East offer these resources conscious that the world shares many of the travails and much of the difficulties that it experiences, and yearns for a light to lead the way to the Saviour who is the light that overcomes darkness. With roots going back over 100 years, the dedicated octave of prayers has been jointly commissioned and prepared since 1966, after the Second Vatican Council, by the Roman Catholic Church and the WCC.

Penance and Holy Communion for the First Time: for children in the schools of our parish will be celebrated as follows:

Sacrament of Penance

Rathmore: Tuesday 8th March 2pm

Rathcairn: Wednesday 9th March 2pm

Athboy: Wednesday 9th March 7pm

Holy Communion for the first time

Sunday 8th May 9am, Rathmore Church

Sunday 15th May 10.15am, Rathcairn Church

Saturday 14th May 10am, Athboy Church

These dates and arrangements are subject to change if there is any change in public health restrictions.

School Enrolment: the closing date for new enrolments for O'Growney National School, Athboy, Academic Year 2022/23, is Friday 28th January 2022. Pre-enrolment forms available from the school, email: office@ogrowneyns.ie

Pilgrimage to Lourdes: 23-27 May 2022. It is hoped that a small group led by Fr Pdraig will travel to Our Lady's Shrine in Lourdes during May. The package will include direct return flights, airport transfers in Lourdes, 4 nights' accommodation in the Hotel La Solitude on full board basis and the services of the Joe Walsh Lourdes team throughout the pilgrimage. Further details from Fr. Pdraig.

