

ATHBOY PARISH

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MASS TIMES this week:

Sunday: Vigil 6.15pm Athboy (Sat)

9am Rathmore

10.15am Rathcairn

11.30am Athboy

**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,
Thursday, Friday, Saturday** 10am

MASS INTENTIONS this week:

Christmas Eve Vigil

9pm: Billy & May Bryan

Jim, Lena, Mary & Mona Foy

**Christmas Day – Masses for
Parishioners' intentions**

Mon 10am: Triduum

Tues 10am: Triduum

Wed 10am: Triduum

Thurs 10am Micheál O'Loughlin

Tony & Phyllis O'Connor

Micheal Smith

Fri 10am: Bernard, Margaret

& Mary Monaghan

Sat 10am Bairbre Uí Dhonnchadha

Next Saturday Vigil

6.15pm: Thomas & Eileen Maguire,

Rita O'Dwyer

Next Sunday

9am: Brendan Smith

10.15am: Michael Coffey (MM)

11.30am: John Carolan

BAPTISMS: may be booked by
contacting the Parish Office.

Offertory Collections

Sunday 18th December

Athboy €690

Rathmore €145 Thank

Rathcairn €175 You!

Anne Phillips

Baskinagh

Gerry Foley

Raheny, Dublin

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

Sunday 25th December 2022

WISHING ALL OUR PARISHIONERS EVERY BLESSING AND PEACE AT CHRISTMAS. WELCOME HOME TO ALL WHO HAVE TRAVELLED TO BE WITH THEIR FAMILIES AT THIS SACRED TIME AND WE WELCOME THOSE WHO HAVE COME TO LIVE IN OUR PARISH DURING THE YEAR AND WHO ARE CELEBRATING THEIR FIRST CHRISTMAS WITH US.



THANK YOU TO ALL WHO GIVE OF THEIR TIME TO READ, DISTRIBUTE HOLY COMMUNION, COLLECT, SERVE, SING OR PLAY INSTRUMENTS AT OUR WEEKEND MASSES IN ATHBOY, RATHMORE AND RATHCAIRN. THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ASSIST IN THE SACRISTIES AND WHO DECORATE THE ALTARS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

MAY THE JOY OF CHRIST'S BIRTH FILL OUR HEARTS AND HOMES THIS CHRISTMAS.

Super Christmas Bingo and Raffle: Thank you to all who supported and organised last weekend's Bingo and Raffle in aid of our parish funds.



Christmas Triduum of Masses: will be celebrated on Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday of the coming week.

Christmas Offerings: Christmas is the principal offering day for the support of the priest, thank you for your generous support.

Irish Catholic: available weekly in Athboy Church, €2.50

A thought from Pope Francis for Christmas 2022

"It will be Christmas if, like Joseph, we give space to silence; if, like Mary, we say "here I am" to God; if, like Jesus, we are close to those who are alone; and if, like the shepherds, we come out of our enclosures to stay with Jesus. It will be Christmas if we find light in the poor grotto of Bethlehem.

It will not be Christmas if we seek the dazzling lights of the world, if we fill ourselves up with gifts, lunches and dinners but do not help at least one poor person, who resembles God, because at Christmas God became poor."

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land in 2023: Have you ever considered visiting Bethlehem, the city of Christ's birth? Contact Fr Padraig if you are interested in travelling to the Holy Land in 2023.



A Christmas Prayer

Dear loving Lord,
you didn't come to a perfect world,
You came to a people
full of complexity and confusion.
Your birth itself
surrounded by conflict, doubt and fear.
You came humbly, oh Lord,
born of a virgin,
to a simple family,
to walk a journey of tears and glory.
Now come again, dear Jesus,
Come to my fragile heart,
let my heart be your manger.
Prepare that quiet place
where peace and joy are born again.
O, Lord, let me be humble
Receiving and giving your ever loving mercy.
May my soul sing praises to only You.
For You alone are holy,
You alone are Lord,
The Most High Jesus Christ.
Amen.

