

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, **Tuesday** 7.30pm

Wed, Thurs & Friday 9.30am

Saturday 10am

MASS INTENTIONS this week:

Saturday Vigil 6.15pm: Ann Ennis,

Rose (Dodie) Smith

Next Sunday

9am: Brian & Tess Smith

11.30am: Frank Brogan

Annie Jane, Jim & Seamus Kelly

Tues 7.30pm Martin & Molly Doherty

Wed 9.30am Bob & Bridget Browne

Fri 9.30am: Philomena Boylen Steward

7.30pm: Della Kelly

Sat 10am: Mary Lynam & dec family

Mag Connell & deceased family

Next Saturday Vigil

6.15pm: Mary McKiernan,

Frank & Kathleen Hanily

Patsy Mahon & deceased family

Next Sunday

9am: Bridie Mullen

11.30am: Martin Doherty

Michael & Rena Healy, their

son Liam & grandson Michael

BAPTISMS: may be booked by contacting the Parish Office.

Offertory Collections

Sunday 1st January

Athboy €915 Thank

Rathmore €180 You!

Rathcairn €225

RIP

Patrick Gavigan

Beechgrove

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Sunday 8th January 2023

“The whole significance of Jesus’ Baptism, the fact that he bears “all righteousness” first comes to light on the Cross: The Baptism is an acceptance of death for the sins of humanity, and the voice that calls out “This is my beloved Son” over the baptismal waters is an anticipatory reference to the Resurrection. This also explains why, in his own discourses, Jesus uses the word baptism to refer to his own death (cf Mk 10:38; Lk 12:50).

Only from this starting point can we understand Christian Baptism. Jesus’ Baptism anticipated his death on the Cross, and the heavenly voice proclaimed an anticipation of the Resurrection. These anticipations have now become reality. John’s baptism with water has received its full meaning through the Baptism of Jesus’ own life and death.”

excerpt from “Jesus of Nazareth”, Pope Benedict XVI

Prayer for Pope Benedict XVI

O God,

from whom the just receive an unfailing reward,

grant that your servant Benedict, our Pope,

whom you made vicar of Peter and shepherd of your Church,

may rejoice forever in the vision of your glory,

for he was a faithful steward here on earth

of the mysteries of your forgiveness and grace.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Celebrating Baptism in our Parish: during 2022, 50 children were baptised in Athboy parish. We congratulate the families on the newly baptised and thank them for bringing their children to celebrate the sacrament.

If you wish to have a child baptised, please contact the Parish Office.

Bingo in aid of our parish funds Sunday 22nd January at 3pm in Darnley Lodge Hotel.

Dates for your diary in 2023

Ash Wednesday 22nd February

Confirmation 11am Friday 24th February

Easter Sunday 9th April

Cemetery Devotions in Rathmore Sunday 18th June

& Athboy Sunday 25th June

A sincere thanks to everyone who contributed towards flowers in the church for Christmas. Your contribution is much appreciated.

Irish Catholic: available weekly in Athboy Church, €2.50

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.

