

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 10am,

Tuesday 7.30pm

Thursday & Friday 9.30am

Saturday 10am

MASS INTENTIONS this week:

Saturday Vigil

6.15pm: Pat Gavigan (MM)

Chris Gargan & his parents

Philip & Anne

Sunday

11.30am: Michael Curran

Eileen Thornton

May & Jim Tuite

Frank Garrahy & dec of

Garrahy & Hogan families

Sat 10am: Jim & Kitty Monaghan

Next Saturday Vigil

6.15pm: Oliver Fahey

Kathleen & Brendan McKenna

Bett Tracey

Next Sunday

11.30am: Pat McGlynn, MM

Niall Sheridan

BAPTISMS: may be booked by contacting the Parish Office.

Offertory Collections

Sunday 29th January

Athboy €945 Thank

Rathmore €150 You!

Rathcairn €170

Thank you for your generous
Candlemas Offerings.

RIP

Jim Quirke

Coventry

Fr Michael Sheerin PE

Lobinstown

John Ghee

Longford & London

Eileen McHale

Clare & late of Martinstown

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 5th February 2023

Confirmation: Bishop Tom Deenihan will administer **Confirmation on Friday 24th February at 12 noon** in Athboy Church.



Ceremony of Light: on this Tuesday 7th February at 8pm,



we invite the candidates for Confirmation and their parents to a Ceremony of Light in Athboy Church. This ceremony recalls the day of Baptism when parents received a lighted candle, lit from the Paschal Candle. During the Ceremony of Light, parents pass the candle to their child being confirmed recalling their commitment to hand on faith to their child.

Next Bingo in aid of our parish funds is on Sunday 19th February at 3pm in Darnley Lodge Hotel. Thanks to all who play and support us.



Irish Catholic: available weekly in Athboy Church, €2.50

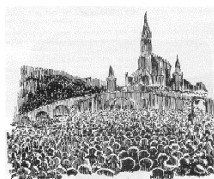
Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes: is celebrated next Saturday, 11th February. On this date in 1858, Our Lady first appeared to the fourteen-year-old Bernadette Soubirous. In all there were eighteen apparitions during which Our Lady told Bernadette to "Pray for sinners" and revealed her own identity by saying "I am the Immaculate Conception." Every year millions of people visit the rock at Massabielle in Lourdes to pray in the place where the Blessed Virgin appeared.



In 1992 Pope John Paul II instituted **World Day of the Sick** to be held in commemoration of Our Lady of Lourdes.

Next Saturday Fr Padraig will celebrate 10am Mass on the altar dedicated to Our Lady of Lourdes.

On 11th February, let us turn our thoughts to the Shrine of Lourdes, a prophetic lesson entrusted to the Church for our modern times. It is not only what functions well or those who are productive that matter. Sick people, in fact, are at the centre of God's people, and the Church advances together with them as a sign of a humanity in which everyone is precious and no one should be discarded or left behind. **Pope Francis**



Pilgrimage to Lourdes: Fr Padraig will lead a parish pilgrimage to Lourdes 22nd – 27th May. If you are interested in travelling, contact Fr Padraig. Booking with Joe Walsh Tours at 01 2410800.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land in 2023: Have you ever considered visiting Bethlehem, the city of Christ's birth, Jerusalem or Galilee? Contact Fr Padraig if you are interested in travelling to the Holy Land in 2023. Booking with Navan Travel 046 9068600.

