

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: John Leavy

Patricia & Dan O'Shea

Marietta McMahon

Sunday

9am: Kathleen & Hugh Lynagh

10.15am: Nora, Máirtín & clann

Uí Chofaigh, agus Nora & Dick

11.30am: Special Intention

Danny McGovern (died in London)

Peter & Paul Smithwick

Thu 9.30am: Lissy

Fri 9.30am: Katherina

Myles & Nora Joyce

Steve & Noel Redmond

Sat 10am: Bill Brady

Next Saturday Vigil

6.15pm: George Burke

9am: Denis, Thomas & Elizabeth Farnan

11.30am: Tom Buckley

Jay & Bridie Keogh

Bridget, William & Richard Wright

BAPTISMS: may be booked by contacting the Parish Office.

Offertory Collections

Sunday 26th February

Athboy €820

Rathmore €230 Thank

Rathcairn €190 You!

Thank you for your most generous response to the collection for Turkey – Syria earthquake aid €6,800.

RIP

Sr Noeleen Reilly

Late of St Bridget's Place
& Tullamore

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Sunday 5th March 2023

Lent is a time of repentance, fasting and preparation for the coming of Easter.

The official colour for Lent is purple. Usually, churches that celebrate Lent choose the deepest, darkest shade of purple for this special season. Purple is the colour of repentance for sins and also symbolises the state of our souls outside the light of Christ.



Adoration of the Eucharist: every Friday after 9.30am Mass. During Lent, new adorers are welcome to support additional hours in the afternoon, a sign-in book is available at the back of Athboy church.

Novena to St Joseph: begins next Saturday 11th March. This year St Joseph's feast will be celebrated on Monday 20th March.

Celebrating Penance for the First Time: during this week the children in Athboy, Rathcairn & Rathmore schools will celebrate First Penance.

Wednesday 1.30pm in Rathcairn Church

Wednesday 7pm in Athboy Church

Thursday 2pm in Rathmore Church



Next Bingo in aid of our parish funds, today at 3pm in Darnley Lodge Hotel.

Irish Catholic: available weekly in Athboy Church, €2.50

Pilgrimage to Lourdes: Fr Padraig will lead a parish pilgrimage to Lourdes, 22 – 27th May. Fare includes five nights accommodation and full board at Hotel Solitude and direct flights to Lourdes. If you are interested in travelling, contact Fr Padraig. Booking with Joe Walsh Tours at 01 2410800.



We congratulate Bishop Michael Smith who celebrates the 60th Anniversary of his priestly Ordination on Thursday next, 9th March.

A native of Oldcastle, Bishop Michael Smith was born in 1940. Following education at St Finian's College, Mullingar and the Pontifical Irish College, Rome, he was ordained a priest on 9th March 1963 and ordained auxiliary Bishop of Meath in 1984. Bishop Smith retired in 2018.

We give thanks for his prayerful witness, his unwavering fidelity and service to the Church. May God continue to bless him with good health, a peaceful heart, and a cheerful spirit.

Vocations Notice: *in the Gospel today, we see Jesus shine with the radiant light of God. Peter, James and John see this light and are filled with it. The Lord's radiance still shines out and asks those He calls, to give His light to others. We see lights from the great light of Christ in the witness of many priests. At Masses, Baptisms, Confessions, Marriages. In hospitals, schools, care homes, among the young and those in need, the light of Jesus is brought to His people by those who answer His call. The Priesthood is a reflection of the light of Jesus Christ.*

Vocations Holy Hour, Curraha Church, Friday 24th March
7pm–8pm. All welcome.

Vocations Director : Fr Tony Gonoude 044 9373923