

## ATHBOY PARISH

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### MASSES TIMES this week:

**Sunday:** 9am Rathmore

10.15am Rathcairn

11.30am Athboy

**Monday 8am Tuesday 7.30pm**

**Wed, Thursday & Friday 9.30am**

**Saturday: 10am & Vigil 6.15pm**

**CONFESSIONS:** Saturday 5.45pm

### MASS INTENTIONS this week:

**Saturday Vigil 6.15pm:**

Kathleen McDonagh,

Tommy O'Reilly

Angela Harnan

**Sunday morning:**

**10.15am:** Stiopháin Seoige,

& Máire Seoige Cathain

**Tue 7.30pm:** John & Rose Sullivan,

Edward & Mary O'Connor

**Fri 9.30am:** Brendan & Margaret

Farrell

**Sat 10am:** John & Josephine Ryder

Kay Cusack, parents Larry & Anne

and her brother John

**Next Saturday Vigil 6.15pm:**

Lily O'Brien

**Baptisms:** may be booked by

contacting the Parochial House.

**Parish Office** open Thurs & Fri,

9am–1pm & 2–4pm.

**Offertory Collection**

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December

**Athboy €350**

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December

**Athboy €900**

**Rathmore €190** Thank

**Rathcairn €170** You!

**RIP**

**Mona Brogan**

*Higginstown*

**Sr. Carmel Brennan**

*Mercy Convent*

**Margaret Clarke**

*Dysart, Co Westmeath*

**John Clerkin**

*Carlow*

**Úna Curtain**

*Kilkenny*

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2023

The Third Sunday of Advent is known as Gaudete Sunday, the readings and prayers invite us to "Rejoice" because "the Lord is near." This weekend we light the pink candle on the Advent Wreath.



**O Growney NS Carol Service:** Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 1.30pm in Athboy Church, all welcome

**Christmas Bingo and Raffle:** in aid of Athboy Church funds, today 17<sup>th</sup> December at 3pm in the Darnley Hotel.



**St Vincent de Paul Society** say thank you for your generous support last weekend and throughout the year.

**Christmas Triduum of Masses:** will be offered on 26, 27 & 28<sup>th</sup> December, cards are available in the sacristy or from Parochial House.



**Athboy Bridge Club:** welcome new members. Beginners lessons available. Weekly meeting Tuesdays in the Darnley Hotel. Contact Helen 087 8171952

### Christmas Schedule

#### Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> December

10am & Vigil Mass 6.15pm Athboy

#### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Eve

9am Rathmore, 10.15 Rathcairn, 11.30am Athboy

Vigil for Christmas 6pm & 8pm Athboy

#### Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Day

9am Rathmore, 10.15 Rathcairn, 11.30am Athboy

### Confessions for Christmas

Advent Penitential Service after Vigil & 11.30am Mass in Athboy this weekend, **16 & 17<sup>th</sup> December**

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 5-6pm Athboy**

2023 marks the 800th anniversary of Saint Francis of Assisi constructing the first Christmas crèche in a cave in Greccio, Italy. Pope Francis' words that a key message of the Nativity scene is that the mystery of Christmas 'loves to hide within what is infinitely small ... [the Nativity] is like a living Gospel overflowing from the pages of Holy Scripture'.



**Parking in Athboy Church grounds:** is reserved for people who need assistance when walking or who have wheelchair permits. Campervans or commercial vehicles should not park in the grounds of the church at any time.