

ATHBOY PARISH

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MASS TIMES this week:

Sunday: 9am Rathmore
10.15am Rathcairn
11.30am Athboy

Monday 8am

Tuesday & Wednesday 7.30pm

Thursday & Friday 9.30am

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

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 5.45pm

MASS INTENTIONS this week:

Saturday Vigil 6.15pm:

John Bailey,
Mary Fagan,
Christine Wilton
Lily & Eugene Sheridan

Sunday morning:

9am: Nancy Garry
Tom Farrell

10.15am: Muintir MacDonnchadha,
Floods & Cualain

11.30am: Tommy Mullen MM
Denis McCann

Thurs 9.30am: Michael McGovern

Sat 10am: Maureen & Dan Prendergast

Next Saturday Vigil 6.15pm:

Kathleen McDonagh,
Tommy O'Reilly

Next Sunday morning:

10.15am: Stiofháin Seoige,
& Máire Seoige Cathain

Baptisms: may be booked by
contacting the Parochial House.

Parish Office open Thurs & Fri,
9am-1pm & 2-4pm.

Offertory Collection

Sunday 3rd December

Athboy €890

Rathmore €145 Thank

Rathcairn €290 You!

RIP

Lillie Ennis,

Beechlawn Drumcondra

Baby Christopher Pio McDonagh

Butterfield Grove

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday 10th December 2023

St Vincent de Paul Society Church Gate Collection takes place this weekend. The society appreciates your generous support.

Christmas Bingo and Raffle: in aid of Athboy Church funds, next Sunday 17th December at 3pm in the Darnley Hotel.



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

Parish Safeguarding Audit: during the week the parish submitted its annual Safeguarding Audit to our Diocesan Safeguarding Officer, thank you to our safeguarding volunteers Paul, Gerry Raphaele, Kitty, Gillian, Rosena, Catriona.

Athboy St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee host a variety show today, December 10th in St. James' Hall. Doors open at 2.30pm.

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

"We have now begun our Advent journey, a time of patient waiting and joyful hope. As we look forward to the celebration of Christmas 2023, we pray to the Lord for an end to wars across the globe and for justice and peace to reign in our uncertain world. We remember most of all the innocent, as they suffer most in terms of death, injury, hunger and displacement. The coming of Christ brought light into a darkened world, 'a light that darkness could not overpower' – and we earnestly pray for light at this time.



In Ireland, this time of year also brings great difficulty to many in terms of surviving and staying warm. We urge those who can, to respond generously to the Christmas appeals of Trócaire, the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, and charities that bring hope to the lives of those families bearing the brunt of the cost of living and energy crises. Through the coming days of Advent may our hearts be open to the grace and power of the Lord and filled with joy when we celebrate His birth." Irish Bishops Conference

Christmas Schedule

Saturday 23rd December

10am & Vigil Mass 6.15pm Athboy

Sunday 24th December - Christmas Eve

9am Rathmore, 10.15 Rathcairn, 11.30am Athboy

Vigil for Christmas 6pm & 8pm Athboy

Monday 25th December - Christmas Day

9am Rathmore, 10.15 Rathcairn, 11.30am Athboy

Confessions for Christmas

Advent Penitential Service after Vigil & 11.30am Mass in Athboy next weekend, **16 & 17th December**

Saturday 23rd December 5-6pm Athboy