

ATHBOY PARISH

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MASSES TIMES this week:

Sunday: 9am Rathmore

10.15am Rathcairn

11.30am Athboy

Monday 8am Tuesday 7pm

Wednesday & Thursday 9.30am

Friday (Holyday) 10am & 7.30pm

Saturday: 10am & Vigil 6.15pm

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 5.45pm

MASS INTENTIONS this week:

Sunday morning:

10.15am: Seamus & Delia Ní Griofa

11.30am: Jimmy & Maureen Magee

Patrick, Margaret & Kevin McGuinness

Christy & Mary McCann

Kathleen Oakes

Sat 10am: Maureen Doherty & dec
of Feeney family

Next Saturday Vigil 6.15pm:

John Bailey,

Mary Fagan, Christine Wilton

Lily & Eugene Sheridan

Baby Colm MacNamara,

his uncle Paul Leahy & his

grandparents Florence & Tony Leahy

Next Sunday morning:

9am: Nancy Garry

Tom Farrell

10.15am: Muintir MacDonnchadha,

Floods & Cualain

11.30am: Tommy Mullen MM

Denis McCann

Baptisms: may be booked by
contacting the Parochial House.

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

Offertory Collection

Sunday 26th November

Athboy €795

Rathmore €120 Thank

Rathcairn €335 You!

RIP

Teresa Smyth, née Madden

Dooradoyle, Limerick

Sarah Howell, née Lodge

Somerset, England

Kathleen Wallace,

Newtown, Girley

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday 3rd December 2023

Advent begins this weekend. We bless the Advent Wreath and begin our countdown to celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ. Three purple and one pink candle mark the Sundays in the coming weeks as we recall Christ's first coming and prepare for His Second Coming at the end of time. The colour purple features during Advent, telling us that as well as looking forward with joyful hope, we must also recognise our sinfulness, repent and seek forgiveness from God and so be ready to meet the Lord.



Feast of the Immaculate Conception: Friday 8th December

We celebrate Mary, who from the first instant of her existence in the womb of her mother Anne, was "by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God, and in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, Saviour of the human race, preserved free from all stain of original sin."

Holy Day of Obligation Mass on Friday, 10am & 7.30pm

St Vincent de Paul Society Church Gate Collection takes place next weekend 9/10th December at all Masses. The society appreciates your generous support.

Super Christmas Bingo and Raffle: in aid of Athboy Church funds, on 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.



This year the card features the Crib in Athboy Church and a photo (taken on our pilgrimage in August) of the Star which marks the place of Christ's birth in Bethlehem.

Tax Reclaim Forms: thank you to everyone who has returned their form. If you receive a form and are eligible, we would be grateful if you could sign and return it to the Parochial House. Please note, there is no cost involved.

The Parish Pastoral Assembly: "members should be: Baptised, practicing the Catholic faith, in full communion with the Church, a regular attender of Mass in the parish, at least 16 years of age, support the parish through giving of time, energy and finances, understand that they will be working as part of a team." Thank you to Margaret, Ken, Ita, Neasa, Bridget, John, Mairead & Tina who have accepted the invitation to form an assembly in our parish.

Athboy ICA will meet in St James' Hall, The Kitchen, Monday 4th December at 8pm.

Athboy Twinning Association annual Christmas craft fair takes place on Tuesday evening 5th December in the Darnley Lodge Hotel from 7pm - 9pm. Free entry. Lots of local crafts.

Athboy St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee will host a community variety show on Sunday, December 10th in St. James' Hall. Doors will open at 2.30pm with showtime at 3pm. **Santa arrives in the Darnley Lodge Hotel** today 3rd December at 1:30 till 4:30pm.

