

## 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:**

Noreen Frawley

Anne Brady & dec family

Phylis, Larry & Martin Geraghty

**Sunday 9am:** Philomena Carolan

**11.30am:** Rosaleen Cullen MM

Dolores O'Shea MM

Christy & Mary Gill, son Pat &  
daughter Maisie Reilly

**Fri 9.30:** List of the Dead

**Sat 10:** Mary Lynam & dec family

**Next Saturday Vigil 6.15pm:**

Eileen Thornton

Chris Gargan, his parents

Philip & Annie

**Next Sunday**

**11.30am:** Michael Curran

Sarah Howell, Lodge MM

**Baptisms:** may be booked by  
contacting the Parish Office.

**Parish Office hours:** Thursday  
& Friday 9am-1pm & 2-4pm.

### Offertory Collection

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January

Athboy €980

Rathmore €145 Thank

Rathcairn €225 You!

**Today is Candlemas Offering Day,  
thank you for your support.**

**RIP**

**Nora Gilroy**

*Park View*

**Patricia Davis**

*Highfield*

**Owen Murtagh**

*Jamestown, Rathmore*

## FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2024

**Feast of St Brigid, Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February:** renowned for her hospitality, almsgiving and care of the sick, Brigid was born in 454. Despite her father's wishes for her to marry, Brigid insisted on devoting her life to God. She is believed to have been taught by St Mel and she received the veil and spiritual direction from him in Ardagh. Other women followed her example and she founded her monastery in Kildare, her native county. The St Brigid's Cross in legend used by Brigid to explain the Christian faith, remains a sign of God's protection.

*A Naomh Bríd a Mhuire nan Gael, scar orainn do bhrat,  
A Naomh Bríd a chroí na féile, stiúir sinn ar an mbóthar ceart,  
A Naomh Bríd gheanúil ghrástúil, ar ár namhaid cosain sinn,  
A Naomh Bríd a bhean rialta álainn, ar uair ár mbáis glaoigh orainn.*

**Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February:**

*Forty days after the birth of Jesus, we recall the day when Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the Temple. With candles in their hands, the people go out to meet the Lord and to acclaim him like Simeon, who recognised Christ as "a light to reveal God to the nations."*

Candles to be used in the Church will be blessed at Mass on Friday morning. If you wish to have candles blessed for use at home, please bring them to Mass.

**Feast of St Blaise, Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February:** since the eighth century, St Blaise has been venerated as patron of those who suffer from disease of the throat.

Blessing of throats after 10am Mass on Saturday.

**Confirmation:** Bishop Deenihan will administer the sacrament on Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> February at 3pm in Athboy.

**Ceremony of Light** for the Confirmation candidates and their parents on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January at 7.30pm.

**Irish Catholic:** available weekly in Athboy Church, €3

**Next Bingo:** in aid of parish funds Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February at 3pm in the Darnley Hotel.



SANTUAIRES NOTRE-DAME DE  
LOURDES

**Pilgrimage to Lourdes:** Fr Pdraig will

lead a small group pilgrimage to Our Lady's Shrine, Lourdes, departing 28<sup>th</sup> April - 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2024.

Booking and further details 046 9432184.

**Fortieth Anniversary:** This year marks the fortieth anniversary of Bishop Michael Smith's Ordination as Bishop of Meath. He was ordained Bishop in Mullingar Cathedral on 29<sup>th</sup> January 1984. We wish Bishop Michael many more years of health and happiness.

**Pioneer Total Abstinence Assoc:** meeting in the Darnley Hotel at 3pm on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February. 2024 marks the centenary of the founding of the Pioneer Association, all Pioneers are welcome.

**Athboy St Patrick's Day Parade Committee Table Quiz, Floods bar** on Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> February at 9pm, book your table by emailing Bernard at [bjobyne@hotmail.com](mailto:bjobyne@hotmail.com) All support appreciated.

**O'Growney National School, Athboy:** enrolment for Junior Infants for the Academic Year 2024/2025, 8<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> January 2024. Visit the school website [www.ogrowneyns.ie](http://www.ogrowneyns.ie) to enrol.

