ATHBOY PARISH

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MASSES TIMES this week:

Sunday: 9am Rathmore 10.15am Rathcairn 11.30am Athboy

Monday 8am **Friday** 9.30am

Saturday: 10am & Vigil 6.15pm Confessions: Saturday 5.45pm MASS INTENTIONS this week: Saturday Vigil 6.15pm:

Ann Ennis Rose 'Dodie' Smith Annie Jane, Jim & Seamus Kelly Pat Gavigan

Sunday

9am: Brian & Teresa Smith11.30am: John Carolan

Next Saturday Vigil 6.15pm:

Martin & Annie Doherty Mary McKiernan

Next Sunday

9am: Bridie Mullen, son Matthew Thomas & Kathleen Ralph Annie & Edward Mullen

11.30am: Pat McGlynn Mona (MM) & Frank Brogan Mag Connell

Baptisms: may be booked by contacting the Paris Office.

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

Offertory Collection

Sunday 31stDecember

Athboy €1,880

Rathmore €155 Thank **Rathcairn** €250 You!

RIP
Peter McMahon &

Phyllis McMahon, neé Fagan Moynalty

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Sunday 7th January 2024

Jesus is anointed with the Holy Spirit and his power. He is proclaimed Messiah. He now goes about doing good, working the signs that make him known as the Servant of God. He is the one who brings good news to the poor and tells of salvation. Through



our Baptism each one of us is ordered to the life of Christ – Priest, Prophet and King and the Father looks on us with favour.

Baptism in our Parish: to arrange a Baptism, contact the Parish Office on Thursday or Friday, 9am-1pm & 2pm-4pm. Ceremonies usually take place once a month or according to demand, with no more than three families at a time. Forty-



nine children were baptised in our parish last year. Pope Francis has said, "While some believe that there is no need to 'baptize a child that does not understand' the meaning of the sacrament, doing so would deny the chance for "Christian virtues to grow within that child and blossom.

Always give this opportunity to all children: to have within themselves the Holy Spirit that will guide them in life."

Confirmation: Bishop Deenihan will administer the sacrament on Thursday 8th February at 3pm in Athboy Church.

Christmas Offerings: thank you for your generous support & thank to all who made their annual contribution.

Irish Catholic: available weekly in Athboy Church, €3

Next Bingo: in aid of parish funds on Sunday 14th January at 3pm.



Pilgrimage to Lourdes: Fr Padraig will lead a small group pilgrimage to Our Lady's Shrine, Lourdes, departing 28th April - 2nd May 2024. Booking and further details 046 9432184.

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.