

## ATHBOY PARISH

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### MASSES TIMES this week:

**Sunday:** 9am Rathmore

10.15am Rathcairn

11.30am Athboy

**Monday 8am Tuesday 7.30pm**

**Ash Wednesday 9.30am & 7.30pm**

**Thursday & Friday 9.30am**

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

**Confessions:** Saturday 5.45pm

### MASS INTENTIONS this week:

**Saturday Vigil 6.15pm:**

Tony Farrell MM

Michael O'Connor

Bett Tracey

Oliver Fahy

May & Jim Tuite

### Next Sunday

**10.15am:** Teresa & Frank Farrell

**11.30am:** Niall Sheridan

**Tue 7.30:** Dr Derek Waldron-Lynch

**Wed 7.30:** Sean Byrne

### Next Saturday Vigil 6.15pm:

Frank Ennis MM

Ellen McCole MM

Eimear Gilroy

Larry Murtagh

### Next Sunday

**11.30am:** Sarsfield Donohue

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

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

### Offertory Collection

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February

**Athboy** €1045

**Rathmore** €150 Thank

**Rathcairn** €190 You!

**Confirmation** €1,020

RIP

**Declan Doyle**

*Kingsbury, London & Rathcairn*

**John O'Donnell**

*Kilmallock*

## SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2024

**L**ent: begins on Ash Wednesday this week. The goal of Lent is the worthy celebration of the paschal mystery, the suffering death and resurrection of Jesus.

The ashes we place on our forehead are a biblical sign of penance and of our intention to repent of sin. These ashes come from the burning of palm branches used on Passion Sunday the previous year, they are blessed after the Gospel at Mass on Ash Wednesday.

Lent is not an end in itself; it is directed toward the joyful celebration of Easter.

The themes of Lent, namely penance, baptism and the passion of Christ, all serve to remind us of central mystery of our faith. As a season of penance, Lent offers us the three disciplines of prayer, fasting and helping the poor. We are obliged as Catholics to fast on two days of the year, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

**Mass on Ash Wednesday at 9.30am & 7.30pm**

**Trócaire Boxes** are available in the churches this weekend. Please take one home and use it during Lent to support people in the developing world.

**11<sup>th</sup> February, feast of Our Lady of Lourdes - World Day of Prayer for the Sick:** in Athboy Church, a side altar & the

stained glass window above it, depict the eighteen apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary to St. Bernadette Soubirous. These happened in 1858 in Lourdes in southern France and since then Lourdes has been a world centre of pilgrimage with special appeal to the sick. 70 cases of unexplained cures have been recognised as miraculous by the church since the apparitions of Our Lady.

**Pilgrimage to Lourdes:** Fr Padraig will lead a 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.

**Confirmation:** Thank you to everyone who helped make

Thursday's celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation, so memorable and prayerful. Particular thanks to the parishioners who helped clean and prepare the church on Tuesday evening. Thank you to the choir and all who assisted with the liturgy. Our prayerful

best wishes to the seventy-three girls and boys who received the sacrament.

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

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

