

ATHBOY PARISH

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MASSES TIMES this week:

Sunday: 9am Rathmore

10.15am Rathcairn

11.30am Athboy

Monday 8am Tuesday 7.30pm

Wednesday 9.30am

Saturday: 10am Vigil 6.15pm

Confessions: Saturday 5.45pm



MASS INTENTIONS this week:

Saturday Vigil 6.15pm:

Martin Smith MM

Larry Masterson

Patrick & Kathleen Corrigan

& deceased family

Sunday

9am: Mattie Bennett

10.15am: Tom & Nan O'Mhaolán

11.30am: Rose Hamilton MM

Vera Monaghan

Next Saturday Vigil 6.15pm:

John Halton MM

Danny Doherty

Kathleen Ryan

John & Mairead Tyrell

Next Sunday

9am: Tom & Pauline Collins, family

10.15am: Máirtín MacDonnchadha

11.30am: Tom, Kathleen &

Vincent Sheridan

Vera & Christy Monaghan

Baptisms: contact Parish Office.

Parish Office hours: Thursday

& Friday 9am-1pm & 2-4pm.

Offertory Collection

Sunday 7th July

Athboy €940 Thank

Rathmore €200 You!

Rathcairn €210

**Patron Day Offerings may
be returned next weekend**

RIP

Ronald Prince

Leixlip

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 14th July 2024

Parish Pastoral Assembly Survey: Thank you to everyone who has returned their survey! The PPA would love to hear from you and copies are available in the churches and it can be downloaded from the parish website (athboyparish.ie) Please complete your response no later than next weekend.

Bingo in aid of parish funds, next Sunday
21st July, 3pm in the Darnley Lodge Hotel.



Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock: Sunday 11th August 2024. The Pilgrimage will be led by Bishop Tom Deenihan and will also be accompanied by the Meath Diocesan Choir.

Cemetery Devotions in Rathmore Abbey on Saturday 10th August, feast of St Lawrence, at 7.30pm. All welcome.

Adoration of the Eucharist: every Friday in Athboy Church, after 9.30am Mass. New adorers always welcome.

Irish Catholic: is available for sale at the back of Athboy Church, €3 a copy. Sales of the paper have reduced in recent months, so it may not be possible to continue to supply it if it becomes unviable.

Seeking, Serving and Sharing Christ in a Synodal Church: The Priory Institute two week on-line Summer School is reflective, informative and interactive and will run from 19th August. Find out more and register prioryinstitute.com

Next year, **2025** has been declared a **Jubilee Year**, a time of conversion for pilgrims of hope with emphasis on the mercy of God and forgiveness of sins. Jubilee Years occur every 25 years since the 1400s.

The Jubilee Logo shows four stylized figures, representing all of humanity, coming from the four corners of the earth. They embrace each other to indicate the solidarity and fraternity which should unite all peoples. The figure at the front is holding onto the cross.

It is not only the sign of the faith which this lead figure embraces, but also of hope, which can never be abandoned, because we are always in need of hope, especially in our moments of greatest need. There are the rough waves under the figures, symbolising the fact that life's pilgrimage does not always go smoothly in calm waters. Often the circumstances of daily life and events in the wider world require a greater call to hope. That's why we should pay special attention to the lower part of the cross which has been elongated and turned into the shape of an anchor which is let down into the waves. The anchor is well known as a symbol of hope. In maritime jargon the 'anchor of hope' refers to the reserve anchor used by vessels involved in emergency manoeuvres to stabilise the ship during storms. It is worth noting that the image illustrates the pilgrim's journey not as an individual undertaking, but rather as something communal, marked by an increasing dynamism leading one ever closer to the cross. The cross in the logo is by no means static, but it is also dynamic. It bends down towards humanity, not leaving human beings alone, but stretching out to them to offer the certainty of its presence and the security of hope. At the bottom of the logo is the motto of the 2025 Jubilee Year: Pilgrims in hope, represented in green letters.

