

ATHBOY PARISH

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MASS 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: after Vigil &

11.30am Mass next weekend

MASS INTENTIONS this week:

Saturday Vigil 6.15pm:

Sr Carmel Brennan

Christine Wilton

Sunday

9am: Vincent Farrell

10.15: Muintir Flood, MacDonnchadha & Cualain

11.30am: Tommy O'Reilly
Angela Haran

Wed 9.30: Thomas & Bridie Gee,
daughters Patricia & Catherine

Sat 10: Private Intention

Next Saturday Vigil 6.15pm:

Mary Fagan

Elliot Grace

Kathleen McDonagh

Next Sunday

11.30am: John & Josephine Ryder

John & Rose Sullivan

Edward & Mary O'Connor

Baptisms: contact Parish Office.

Parish Office hours: Thursday &

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

Offertory Collection

Sunday 8th December

Athboy €740 Thank

Rathmore €200 You!

Rathcairn €305

RIP

Fr Frank McNamara

St Finian's College & Ratoath

Nicholas Sheridan

Mullagh



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday 15th December 2024

Christmas Bingo & Raffle: in aid of parish funds today, 15th December at 3pm in the Darnley Hotel. Thank you to all who help organise and to all who support our Parish Bingo throughout the year.



O'Growney NS Carol Service: Tuesday 17th December at 1.45pm in Athboy Church



Christmas Triduum of Masses: will be offered on 26, 27 & 28th December. Cards are available in the sacristy after Mass or from the Parochial House.

St Vincent de Paul Society Christmas collection takes place this weekend on 14 & 15th December.

Athboy Church Cleaning: thank you to the people who volunteered last weekend to help us keep our parish Church clean and tidy. This Tuesday, after 7.30pm Mass, all are welcome to help clean and prepare our church for Christmas.



2025 Jubilee Year of Hope: On Christmas Eve at 7.00pm, the Holy Year will begin with the opening of the Holy Door of Saint Peter's Basilica, Rome. To echo the theme of hope, Pope Francis is calling on all Catholics to renew in the hope of Christ, using Saint Paul the Apostle as a guide for this special year.

Advent Prayer by Henri Nouwen

Lord Jesus,

Master of both the light and the darkness,
send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas.

We who have so much to do
seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day.

We who are anxious over many things
look forward to your coming among us.

We who are blessed in so many ways
long for the complete joy of your kingdom.

We whose hearts are heavy
seek the joy of your presence.

We are your people, walking in darkness,
yet seeking the light.

To you we say, "Come Lord Jesus!"



During Advent, the **empty manger** reminds us that the world had long awaited the birth of Christ in Bethlehem 2000 years ago. Today it reminds us that we are waiting for Christ to come again.



CHRISTMAS 2024 MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday 24th December - Christmas Eve

Vigil for Christmas 6pm & 8pm Athboy

Wednesday 25th December - Christmas Day

9am Rathmore, 10.15 Rathcairn, 11.30am Athboy

CONFESSIONS FOR CHRISTMAS

Advent Penitential Service after Vigil & 11.30am Mass
in Athboy next weekend, **21st & 22nd December**