

## 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:

Saturday 5.45pm

### MASS INTENTIONS this week:

**Saturday Vigil 6.15pm:**

John Kelly

Christopher & Marcella Nugent

**Sunday**

**10.15am** Donal Ó'Laoire

**Tue 7.30:** Jay & Bridie Keogh

Deceased of the Halton family

**Wed 9.30** Myles & Nora Joyce

Noel & Steve Redmond

**Fri 9.30:** William & Mary O'Reilly

& dec family members

**Next Saturday Vigil 6.15pm:**

Eilish Cassidy

Catherine & Christopher Ennis

Brigid, William & Richard Wright

Patsy Mahon & dec family

**Next Sunday**

**9am:** Joe Wallace

Denis, Elizabeth & Thomas Farnan

Gerry Reilly

**11.30am** Michael Sheehan

Jimmy & Jackie Keogh

Tom Buckley

**Baptisms:** contact Parish Office.

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

### Offertory Collection

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

**Athboy** €1,000 Thank

**Rathmore** €175 You!

**Rathcairn** €405

RIP

**Martin Doherty**

*Rathmore*

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2025

**Lent:** For Christians, Lent is the time of preparation for Easter and it commemorates Jesus' forty days of fasting in the desert before He began His public ministry. During Lent – through prayer, sacrifice and charity – we are called to renew our Christian life in preparation for Easter:

**Prayer:** The Stations of the Cross, a devotional commemoration of Christ's carrying the Cross and of His execution, are often observed. As well as giving something up it is becoming more common to take something up as well and this may include taking time to volunteer or spending more time in prayer. Many people try to attend a weekday Mass or spend time adoring the Blessed Sacrament.

**Sacrifice:** Sacrifice (penance) is an essential part of the lives of all Christ's faithful. It arises from the Lord's call to conversion and repentance. Christians undertake penance: in memory of the Passion and death of Jesus; as a sharing in Christ's suffering; as an expression of inner conversion; as a form of reparation for sin.

**Charity:** Traditionally during Lent many of the faithful commit to fasting or giving up certain types of luxuries as a form of penitence, the money saved from this can be donated to charity, for example, contributing to the Trócaire box.

*Irish Bishops' Conference*

**Trócaire Boxes:** available in the churches, please take one home. *This year, Trócaire's Lenten campaign focuses on Guatemala, a country which is one of the least responsible for causing the climate crisis, yet is bearing the brunt of the consequences. We tell this story through, Ilma, Julio and their family. Find out more at [trocaire.org](http://trocaire.org)*

**First Penance:** this week the children in 2<sup>nd</sup> class in our parish schools will celebrate the Sacrament of Penance for the first time.

**Rathmore NS** on Tuesday at 2pm in Rathmore Church

**Scoil Ui Gramhnaigh** on Wednesday at 2pm in Rathcairn

**O'Growney NS** on Wednesday at 7pm in Athboy Church

**Bingo:** in aid of parish funds on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 3pm in St James' Hall.

**Eucharistic Adoration:** additional adorers are needed on Fridays in Athboy for the hours between 11am – 2pm. Adoration, Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy, each Wednesday in Lent in Rath Chairn Church, 7.30pm - 8.00pm.

**Anois Anois**, community annual magazine, is now available for purchase at Smyth's Newsagents and Birds Centra Athboy. Price €5. Enquires to [athboyanois@gmail.com](mailto:athboyanois@gmail.com)

**Athboy St. Patrick's Day Parade** Committee are delighted to share our 2025 theme: The Four Seasons! Cast your nomination for

Athboy Community Person of the year by Friday, March 14th. Nomination boxes are located in the Darnley Lodge, Athboy Credit Union, Birds Centra and Athboy Community Convent Centre.

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