

## ATHBOY PARISH

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### MASSES TIMES this week:

**Sunday:** 9am Rathmore

10.15am Rathcairn

11.30am Athboy

**Monday: 11am Tuesday: 7.30pm**

**Wed, Thurs & Friday: 9.30am**

**Saturday: 10am Vigil 6.15pm**

**Confessions:** Saturday 5.45pm

### MASS INTENTIONS this week:

**Saturday Vigil 6.15pm:**

Michael & Eileen Brogan

Larry Masterson

Bill & Ellen Priest

Bertie Faulkner

### Sunday

**9am:** Mattie Bennett

**10.15am** Muintir Flood,

MacDonncha & Chulainn

**11.30am:** Marie Byrne & parents

Matthew & Lena

**Next Saturday Vigil 6.15pm:**

Danny Doherty

Mairead & John Tyrrell

### Next Sunday

**9am:** Kathleen Ryan

Tom & Pauline Collins

**10.15am** Nan & Tom Ní Mhatlán

**11.30am:** George Kiernan

Tom, Kathleen & Vincent Sheridan

Vera & Christy Monaghan

**Baptisms:** contact Parish Office

### Offertory Collection

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July

**Athboy** €1,070      Thank

**Rathmore** €210      You!

**Rathcairn** €160

**Patron Day Offerings** may be returned next weekend. Thank you for your support.

RIP

**Matthew Hatcher**

Connecticut, USA

**John Henry**

Jamestown

**Colm Ó Conaire**

Carna

## FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2025

**Cemetery prayers in Rathmore Abbey, Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30pm.**

**Bingo:** in aid of parish funds, today 13<sup>th</sup> July at 3pm in Darnley Lodge Hotel. All welcome!



**National Grandparents Association:** Pilgrimage to Knock on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July, celebrating World day of Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly.

**The Meath Diocesan & Fr. Willie Doyle S.J. Pilgrimages to Knock** on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August will be led by Bishop Tom Deenihan. The Meath Diocesan Choir will attend led by Jim Walsh and Jane Lynch organist.

Would you consider a fulfilling volunteer opportunity?

**SeniorLine**, Ireland's telephone service for older people is recruiting over 55s for a three-day training course in Summerhill. Full details from Anne 087-7450721



### Reflecting on the Good Samaritan with Pope Leo XIV

*"We can imagine that, after staying a long time in Jerusalem, that priest and Levite are in a hurry to return home. It is indeed haste, so present in our lives, that very often prevents us from feeling compassion. Those who think that their own journey must take precedence are not willing to stop for another. But here comes someone who is actually able to stop: he is a Samaritan, hence a person belonging to a despised people. In his case, the text does not specify the direction, but only says that he was travelling. Religiosity does not enter into this. This Samaritan simply stops because he is a man faced with another man in need of help.*

*Compassion is expressed through practical gestures. The Evangelist Luke ponders the actions of the Samaritan, whom we call "good", but in the text he is simply a person: a Samaritan approaches, because if you want to help someone, you cannot think of keeping your distance, you have to get involved, get dirty, perhaps be contaminated; he binds the wounds after cleaning them with oil and wine; he loads him onto his horse, taking on the burden, because one who truly helps if one is willing to feel the weight of the other's pain; he takes him to an inn where he spends money, "two silver coins", more or less two days of work; and he undertakes to return and eventually pay more, because the other is not a package to deliver, but someone to care for.*

*Dear brothers and sisters, when will we too be capable of interrupting our journey and having compassion? When we understand that the wounded man in the street represents each one of us. And then the memory of all the times that Jesus stopped to take care of us will make us more capable of compassion. Let us pray, then, that we can grow in humanity, so that our relationships may be truer and richer in compassion. Let us ask the Heart of Jesus for the grace increasingly to have the same feelings as him."*

