

ATHBOY PARISH

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MASSES TIMES this week:

Sunday: 9am Rathmore

10.15am Rathcairn

11.30am Athboy

Monday: 8am

Friday: 9.30am

Saturday: 10am **Vigil** 6.15pm

Confessions: Saturday 5.45pm

MASS INTENTIONS this week:

Saturday Vigil 6.15pm:

Ronan Carolan MM

Pauline O'Sullivan & great granddaughter

Maisie O'Sullivan Kehoe

Ronnie & Joe Heeney

Sunday

9am: Eamon Smith & little Anne

11.30am: Yvonne Ennis MM

Benny & Julia McDonald

Fri 9.30am: List of the Dead

Next Saturday Vigil 6.15pm:

Michael Quinn

William & Ann Farrell

Tom Corrigan & Julia Garry

Next Sunday

9am: Betty McGovern

11.30am: Finian Englishby MM

Jim Gilsenan

Peggy Mitchell, dec family

Baptisms: contact Parish Office

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

Offertory Collection

Sunday 20th July

Athboy €1,175 Thank

Rathmore €200 You!

Rathcairn €265

Thank you for your generous
Patron Day Offerings last
weekend.

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 27th July 2025 - World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly

Celebrating the 180th Anniversary of St James Church:

Sunday 31st August – Friday 5th September.

Bernard Walsh has written "*St James' Church Athboy, A History Worth Recording*" which also outlines the faith story of Athboy before the construction of our present-day church. Bernard's book will be launched during our celebrations on Sunday 31st August.



Athboy St Vincent de Paul Society: Summer collection at all Masses this weekend.



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

Athboy ICA will be celebrating its **65th birthday** on 8th November. Would past members who are interested in joining us in the anniversary celebrations please contact: 086 8814047 or 087 2962320 as soon as possible for further info.

Cemetery Prayers, Rathmore Abbey: Saturday 9th Aug 7.30pm.

Next Bingo: in aid of parish funds, Sunday 17th August at 3pm in Darnley Lodge Hotel. All welcome!

Pope Leo has chosen the theme of the **Fifth World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly;**

"Blessed are those who have not lost hope" (cf. *Sir* 14:2)

"The life of the Church and the world can only be understood in light of the passage of generations. Embracing the elderly helps us to understand that life is more than just the present moment, and should not be wasted in superficial encounters and fleeting relationships. Instead, life is constantly pointing us toward the future. In the book of Genesis, we find the moving episode of the blessing given by the aged Jacob to his grandchildren, the sons of Joseph; his words are an appeal to look to the future with hope, as the time when God's promises will be fulfilled (cf. Gen 48:8-20). If it is true that the weakness of the elderly needs the strength of the young, it is equally true that the inexperience of the young needs the witness of the elderly in order to build the future with wisdom. How often our grandparents have been for us examples of faith and devotion, civic virtue and social commitment, memory and perseverance amid trials! The precious legacy that they have handed down to us with hope and love will always be a source of gratitude and a summons to perseverance." **Pope Leo XIV**



Athboy Convent Community Centre summer social dancing sessions continue on Monday 28th July at 8.30pm in the CCC... Dancing with Eddie Quinn & Ray Murtagh. Admission €10. Light refreshments on the night. All welcome.

