

## ATHBOY PARISH

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

**MASSSES TIMES this week:**

**Sunday:** 9am Rathmore

10.15am Rathcairn

11.30am Athboy

**Monday: 8am 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:**

Ollie Cummins

John & Mary Doherty

Maureen, Johnny & John Leavy

**Sunday**

**9am:** James & Attracta Moore

**10.15am:** Colm, Jimmy & Kathleen Baille

**11.30am:** Christy O'Neill

**Tue 7.30pm:** Michael, Elizabeth & Kathy Brogan

**Next Saturday Vigil 6.15pm:**

Paul O'Connor

**Next Sunday**

**9am:** Tommy Murphy MM

**10.15am:** Seamus Ó'Méalóid

**11.30am:** Josephine Ryder

Ann Sheridan

Patrick & Bridget Maguire,  
daughter Maisie

John & Connie Kelleghan

**Baptisms:** contact Parish Office

**Offertory Collection**

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August

**Athboy €1,745 Thank You!**

Next Sunday is an Offering  
Sunday, thank you for your  
support.

RIP

**Pat Devine**

Pluckstown

**Brendan Mahon**

Athlone

**Michael O'Sullivan**

Castletownbere

## TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Preparation for the celebration of the sacraments of Penance, Holy Communion and Confirmation with children in our parish schools begins this week, parents are invited to attend as follows:

Meeting for parents of children receiving **Holy Communion, 8pm Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September** in Athboy Church.

Meeting for parents of children for **Confirmation on 8pm, Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September**, Athboy Church.

**"St James' Church, Athboy, A History Worth Recording"**

Bernard Walsh's book outlining the history of our church and the faith story of Athboy is on sale after Masses this weekend and will be available from Athboy Post Office and Bird's Centra. All proceeds from the book go to Parish Funds. Cost €15. We congratulate Bernard on his beautiful publication.



**Season of Creation 2025:** This year's theme "Peace with Creation" inspired by Isaiah 32.

*Throughout history, many human activities have contributed to the destruction of Creation. Yet today, more than ever, some human activities take the form of a war against Creation. Some hold greater responsibility for this crisis—elite consumption, exploitative business models, and economic theories prioritizing profit over sustainability. Pollution, health crises, deforestation, and mining in conflict zones worsen the situation.*

### Celebrating 180 Years of St James' Church

Thank you to everyone who was part of our 180<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration during the week.

To all who attended our liturgies, picnic, tree planting and concert, to the clubs, voluntary groups and all who participated in making these days memorable and celebratory. Thank you to all who prepared the church grounds for our parish picnic, to Gillian and the volunteers who served refreshments, to all who donated food, to the three choirs for the sacred music, Readers and Minsters of Holy Communion, Stewards & Collectors, Mass Servers, Mary in the Sacristy, Carmel Rice for the beautiful floral arrangements, musicians from Comhaltas Tlachta for the music during our picnic, members of the Parish Finance Committee and Parish Pastoral Assembly and to Susan our Parish Secretary.

Thank you to the Trustees of the Fair Green for facilitating the planting of the oak tree, Athboy Tidy Towns and to Trim Silver Band for the wonderful music.

Thank you to the Concert Organising Committee and to the sponsors of the event. Míle Buíochas to everyone!

**Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes:** on Tuesday, Bishop Deenihan will lead the annual diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes. The pilgrimage is a source of grace and encouragement for our diocese, and it gathers together many groups who make up the life of our Church.