

## ATHBOY PARISH

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

**MASSES TIMES this week:**

**Sunday:** 9am Rathmore

10.15am Rathcairn

11.30am Athboy

**Monday** 8am **Tues** 7.30pm

**Wednesday – Christmas Eve**

9.30am, **Vigil** 6pm & 8pm

**Thursday- Christmas Day**

9am Rathmore, 10.15am Rathcairn

11.30am Athboy

**Friday** 11am

**Saturday** 11am, **Vigil** 6.15pm

**MASS INTENTIONS this week:**

**Saturday Vigil 6.15pm:**

Elliot Grace

Ailish Houston

Kathleen McDonagh

**Sunday**

**9am:** Joseph & Mary Murtagh

**11.30am** Michael & Mag Connell

Patrick & Mary Ann Dillon

Angela Haran

**Tue 7.30:** Ollie & Phyllis Bird

John & Josephine Ryder

**Wed 8:** Billy & May Bryan, Jim,

Lena, Mona & Mary Foy

**Next Saturday Vigil 6.15pm:**

Tommy & Eileen Maguire,

Rita O'Dwyer & Naoise McManus

**Next Sunday**

**10.15am:** Owen Ó Máirtín

**11.30am** Tony & Phyllis O'Connor

Rosaleen & Andrew Cullen, dec family

**Baptisms:** contact Parish Office

**Offertory Collection**

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December

**Athboy** €1,000      Thank

**Rathmore** €175      You!

**Rathcairn** €255

**Christmas Offerings;** Christmas is the principal Offering Day for the support of the priest.

**RIP**

**Marie Heavey, née Griffin**

*Rathcormack, Kildalkey*

**Oliver Clerkin**

*Tierworker*

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2025

**Confessions for Christmas:** Advent Penitential Service after Vigil Mass this Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> & after 11.30am Mass Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December, in Athboy Church.

### Christmas Mass Schedule

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December – **Christmas Eve**

**Vigil for Christmas 6pm & 8pm Athboy**

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December – **Christmas Day**

**9am Rathmore, 10.15am Rathcairn**

**& 11.30am Athboy**



**Thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas Bingo & Raffle** in aid of parish funds and to everyone who helped clean Athboy Church on Tuesday evening.

**Christmas Triduum of Masses:** will be offered on 25, 26 & 27<sup>th</sup> December.

**Athboy Church, a History Worth Recording:** available from the sacristy, Smyth's Post Office & Bird's Centra.

**St Vincent de Paul:** thank you for your support last weekend.



*"The Nativity scene is an important sign: it reminds us that we are part of a wondrous adventure of Salvation in which we are never alone but, as Saint Augustine said, "God became man, so that man might become God ... so that the human inhabitants of earth might become inhabitants of heaven." Spread this message and keep this tradition alive. They are a gift of light for our world, which so badly needs to be able to continue to hope. I warmly bless you and your families. Merry Christmas!" Pope Leo*

*As we welcome Christ our Saviour to the manger and to our hearts and homes at Christmas, we give thanks to God our Father for sending His Son. Christmas reminds us of the love, mercy and compassion of God, whose concern for us is most evident in the baby born in the straw of the Bethlehem manger. Christmas is a time to say thanks; to the people who contribute to our happiness and who make where we live, a better place. Our parish marked the 180<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St James' Church in 2025, thank you to everyone who helped celebrate this important milestone. As we look to the future, work is ongoing on the provision of our new Parish Office & Pastoral Centre in Athboy. Thank you to everyone whose financial support will help complete the work in 2026. Welcome home to those who have returned to spend Christmas in Athboy with family and friends, may the birth Jesus bring us peace and blessings during this holy season. Happy Christmas, Fr Padraig.*