

## 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 **Friday** 9.30am

**Saturday** 10am, **Vigil** 6.15pm

**Confessions:** Saturday 5.45pm

### MASS INTENTIONS this week:

**Saturday Vigil 6.15pm:**

Mary McKiernan  
Tony Farrell  
Rose Dodie Smith

**Sunday**

**9am:** Brian & Teresa Smyth

**11.30am** Vincent Gavigan

**Next Saturday Vigil 6.15pm:**

Oliver Clerkin MM  
Frank Ennis  
Martin & Annie Doherty  
Michael & Rena Healy,  
son Liam, grandson Michael (Mick)

**Next Sunday**

**9am:** Bridie Mullen, son Matthew  
Thomas & Kathleen Ralph  
Annie & Edward Mullen

**11.30am:** Phyllis McGuinness MM

**Baptisms:** contact Parish Office

### Offertory Collection

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January

**Athboy** €980 **Thank**

**Rathmore** €225 **You!**

**Rathcairn** €150

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January

**Athboy** €500

**RIP**

**John Mc Hale**

*formerly Connaught Street*

**Seamus Pentony**

*Grangebellew, Co Louth*

**Stephen Quinn**

*Rathfriland, Co Down*



## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2026

The Christmas season concludes with the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord.

*“Jesus is anointed with the Spirit and his power. He is proclaimed Messiah. He now goes about doing good, working the signs that make him known as the Servant of God. He is the one who brings good news to the poor and tells of salvation. Through our Baptism each one of us is ordered to the life of Christ – Priest, Prophet and King – and the Father looks on us with favour.”* Liturgical calendar



**Baptism in our Parish:** during the past year, 45 baptisms took place in our parish. We pray for the children who were baptised and their families, that they may grow strong in faith, hope and love. Baptism is celebrated every month in our parish, usually on Saturdays at 3pm in Athboy Church, with no more than three families at a time.

If you would like to arrange a Baptism, please contact Susan at the Parish Office.

**Next Bingo:** in aid of Parish funds Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January.

**School enrolment:** Our parish primary schools are taking enrolments for Junior Infants for the Academic School Year 2026/2027 from 5<sup>th</sup> January – 26<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

To enrol between these dates, see the school websites:

**O Growney NS**, Athboy [www.ogrowneyns.ie](http://www.ogrowneyns.ie)

**Rathmore NS**, [www.nsrathmore.ie](http://www.nsrathmore.ie)

**Scoil UíGramhnaigh**, Rathcairn [www.bunscoilrathchairn.ie](http://www.bunscoilrathchairn.ie)

### Important Dates in 2026

Ash Wednesday: 18<sup>th</sup> February

Confirmation: Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February

Easter Sunday: 5<sup>th</sup> April

Holy Communion Athboy Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May

Rathcairn Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May

Pentecost: 24<sup>th</sup> May

Cemetery Devotions: Rathmore Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June

Athboy Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June

O'Growney NS will launch the **Agree to Agree Project** in the school hall from 6:45 pm on Wednesday, 14th January. A guest speaker will upskill attendees on keeping childhood smartphone-free. Local Transition Year pupils will upskill attendees on popular apps being used by children and suggest security settings. If you have a child attending any Athboy Parish school you are welcome to attend.