

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

Epiphany: Tues 10am & 7.30pm

Wednesday & Friday 9.30am

Saturday 10am, **Vigil** 6.15pm

MASS INTENTIONS this week:

Saturday Vigil 6.15pm:

Frank & Kathleen Hanly

Sunday

9am: Brendan Smith

11.30am: John Carolan

Pat McGlynn,

Deceased Houston & Lynch families

Tue 7.30: Della Kelly

Sat 10: Mary Lynam, dec family

Next Saturday Vigil 6.15pm:

Mary McKiernan

Tony Farrell

Rose Dodie Smith

Next Sunday

9am: Brian & Teresa Smyth

Baptisms: contact Parish Office

Offertory Collection

Sunday 28th December

Athboy €1,430

Thank

Rathmore €125

You!

Rathcairn €140

RIP

Martin Higgins

Allenstown

Teddy Woods

Navan

Sheila Doran

Fordstown

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

Sunday 4th January 2026

Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord: Tuesday 6th January is a Holyday of obligation.

Jesus is revealed as Messiah of Israel, Son of God and Saviour of the world. The wise men followed the star to Bethlehem, they adored Jesus bringing their gifts of gold for the King, frankincense for God, and myrrh the oil used to anoint the dead. Masses on Tuesday at 10am and 7.30pm



Christmas Offerings: sincere thanks for your generous offerings and contributions to collections during the Christmas season. Thank you to all who donated online and to parishioners who paid annual offerings to the parish fund. Your kindness and support are appreciated.

We pray for God's blessing in the New Year.



Remember us, O God; from age to age be our comforter. You have given us the wonder of time, blessings in days and nights, seasons and years. Bless us at the turning of the year and fill the months ahead with the bright hope that is ours in the coming of Christ. You are our God, living and reigning, forever and ever. Amen.

“Dear brothers and sisters, whether we have the gift of faith or feel we lack it, let us open ourselves to peace! Let us welcome it and recognize it, rather than believing it to be impossible and beyond our reach. Peace is more than just a goal; it is a presence and a journey. Even when it is endangered within us and around us, like a small flame threatened by a storm, we must protect it, never forgetting the names and stories of those who have borne witness to it. Peace is a principle that guides and defines our choices. Even in places where only rubble remains, and despair seems inevitable, we still find people who have not forgotten peace. Just as on the evening of Easter Jesus entered the place where his disciples were gathered in fear and discouragement, so too the peace of the risen Christ continues to pass through doors and barriers in the voices and faces of his witnesses. This gift enables us to remember goodness, to recognize it as victorious, to choose it again, and to do so together.” **Pope Leo XIV, 1 January 2026**

O'Growney National School, Athboy will be taking enrolments for Junior Infants for the Academic School Year 2026/2027 from 5th January – 26th January 2026. See the school website www.ogrowneyns.ie to enrol between these dates.