

## ATHBOY PARISH

Pastoral Area includes  
Ballivor, Clonmellon, Delvin &  
Kildalkey

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

### MASS TIMES this week:

**Sunday:** 9am Rathmore  
10.15am Rathcairn  
11.30am Athboy

**Monday** 8am **Tuesday** 7.30pm  
**Wed, Thursday & Friday** 9.30am  
**Saturday** 10am, **Vigil** 6.15pm

**Confessions:** Saturday 5.45pm

### MASS INTENTIONS this week:

**Saturday Vigil 6.15pm:**  
Patrick Smyth

#### Sunday

**9am:** Martin Doherty  
**11.30am:** Sr Noleen Reilly  
Mary & Christopher McCann

**Fri 9.30am** List of the Dead

**Sat 10am** Michael Walsh,  
Frank Howard, Lisa O'Keffe,  
Imelda Keogh

#### Next Saturday Vigil 6.15pm:

Dan & Patricia O'Shea  
Christopher & Marcella Nugent

#### Next Sunday

**9am:** Kathleen & Hugh Lynagh  
**11.30am:** John Kelly

**Baptisms:** contact Parish Office

### Offertory Collection

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February

**Athboy** €1,150 Thank

**Rathmore** €165 You!

**Rathcairn** €190

RIP

**Josie Caffrey, née Connell**  
Church View

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

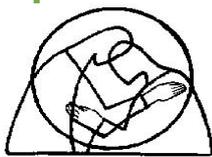
Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2026

**Sacrament of Penance:** the girls and boys in Second Class  
will celebrate their First Confession on

Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2pm Rathcairn Church

Wed 4<sup>th</sup> March, 7pm Athboy Church

Parents and family members are welcome to the  
ceremonies.



**Bingo:** in aid of Parish funds, today,  
1<sup>st</sup> March, at 3pm. All support welcome.



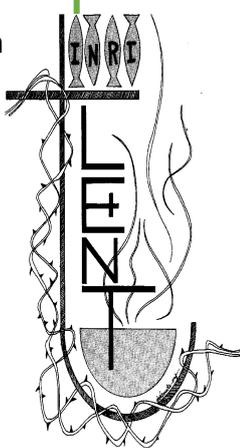
**Thank you:** to everyone who helped clean Athboy  
Church last week in preparation for Confirmation.

**Confirmation:** Prayerful best wishes to the 85  
girls and boys who were confirmed on Friday; we  
thank their parents and families who have  
supported them in faith and their teachers who  
have worked with them in school.



**Lent:** is a time of prayer, repentance, fasting  
and preparation for Easter. We are encouraged  
to pray, fast and share with the poor.

**Pray:** personal prayer is not complete unless our  
prayers are joined with the community of faith, the  
living Body of Christ. The Sunday liturgy is the  
greatest form of prayer because together we  
receive the gift of the Holy Eucharist, the Real  
Presence of the Risen Christ. Mass is an essential  
part of a prayer life. Why not try to attend  
weekday Mass this Lent?



**Fast:** Fasting helps us focus on God and unites us with our  
Lord Jesus who fasted in the desert for 40 days. This is a good  
time to think about what is ruling your life. Where is your  
attention drawn? What is occupying your time and thoughts?  
Give that thing up. When Lent is over, consider where your  
focus went when you no longer had that thing.

**Share with the poor:** Through almsgiving we share God's  
love with others and we recognize that the gifts we have are  
not really our own. If the thing you are fasting from leaves a  
little extra money in your pocket, then give that money to a  
worthy charity which helps the poor. Acts of service can also  
be considered almsgiving, especially if you do them with the  
intention of sharing your gifts. You might encounter Jesus in  
the faces of those you are serving.

**Vocations Notice:** Holy Hour for Vocations to the  
Priesthood in St Colmcille's Church, Kells, on Friday 6th  
March 7pm-8pm. If you feel called to be a Priest of Jesus  
Christ, please come along to this special event. We will reflect  
on Christ as Son, Servant and Priest.

**Vocations Director:** Fr Tony Gonoude, 044 9373923. Further info: [www.meathvocations.com](http://www.meathvocations.com)

**O'Growney Players'** production of "*The Kings of the Kilburn High Road*" by Jimmy Murphy takes to the  
stage of St James' Hall from 12th - 14th March. Tickets €15, in Smyths', Amber Boutique & Tracey's Gifts.