

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 8th February 2026

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:

John McHale MM

Eileen Thornton

Oliver Fahy

Pat & Ann Ennis

Bett Tracey

Chris Gargan & parents Philip & Ann

Sunday

11.30am: Michael Curran

Tue 7.30: Mai & Jim Tuite

Next Saturday Vigil 6.15pm:

Daniel O'Sullivan

Next Sunday

11.30am: Sheila O'Reilly

Private Intention

Baptisms: contact Parish Office

Offertory Collection

Sunday 1st February

Athboy €855 Thank

Rathmore €170 You!

Rathcairn €175

Candlemas Offerings

thank you for your generous
support last weekend.



Day for Religious in Diocese: today, the Religious of the Diocese will gather with the Bishop for a Celebration of Sung Vespers at 4pm in the Cathedral. This is a way of acknowledging the contribution of Religious to our Diocese. All parishioners are welcome to this celebration.

Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes: Wednesday 11th February

On 11th February 1858, Our Lady appeared to a young girl named Bernadette Soubirous in the town of Lourdes in southern France.

Accompanied by her sister and a friend, Bernadette had gone to the cave of Massabielle on the banks of the river Gave looking for firewood. As she removed her socks to cross the stream, she heard a gust of wind in the stillness, she looked up towards a niche in the cave: "I saw a lady dressed in white, she wore a white dress, an equally white veil, a blue belt and a yellow rose on each foot."

Bernadette made the Sign of the Cross with the lady and they prayed the Rosary together in silence. When the

prayer ended, the lady suddenly vanished.

Eighteen apparitions took place between 11th February - 16th July in 1858, the lady revealed her name to Bernadette on 25th March, "I am the Immaculate Conception."

The feast of our Lady of Lourdes was instituted as **World Day of the Sick** by Pope John Paul II. Pope Leo has written:

"Let us raise our prayers to the Blessed Virgin Mary, Health of the Sick, asking her to assist all who suffer and are in need of compassion, consolation and a listening ear. Let us seek her intercession with this ancient prayer, that has been invoked in families for those living with illness and pain:

Sweet Mother, do not part from me.

Turn not your eyes away from me.

Walk with me at every moment and never leave me alone.

You who always protect me as a true Mother,

obtain for me the blessing of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit."

Pope Leo XIV



9.30am Mass on Wednesday will be celebrated at the altar dedicated to Our Lady of Lourdes in Athboy Church.

Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: led by Bishop

Deenihan, departs on 8th September. Pilgrims have the option of selecting a 4 or 5-night stay. All participants will be accommodated in hotels.

Booking forms available from Joe Walsh Tours at 01-2410800.



Bingo: in aid of Parish funds, next Sunday 15th February at 3pm in the Darnley Lodge Hotel.



Athboy Active Retirement Club meet in St James's Hall at 2pm alternative Wednesdays. New members welcome.