

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:

Dan & Patricia O'Shea

Christopher & Marcella Nugent

Sunday

9am: Kathleen & Hugh Lynagh

11.30am: John Kelly

Tues 7.30pm: Myles & Nora Joyce

Noel & Steve Redmond

Next Saturday Vigil 6.15pm:

William & Bridget Wright,

Patsy Mahon & dec family

Next Sunday

9am: Joe Wallace,

Jerry Reilly

Denis, Elizabeth & Thomas Farnan

10.15am: Dónal Ó'Laoire

11.30am: Michael Sheehan

Jimmy & Jackie Keogh

Baptisms: contact Parish Office

Offertory Collection

Friday 27th February

Confirmation €1,235

Sunday 1st March

Athboy €950 Thank

Rathmore €190 You!

Rathcairn €210

RIP

Ray Keogh

Strokestown, Roscommon

Briege Hughes, née Quigley

Dundalk

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

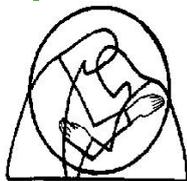
Sunday 8th March 2026



Dear brothers and sisters, Lent is a time in which the Church, guided by a sense of maternal care, invites us to place the mystery of God back in the centre of our lives, in order to find renewal in our faith and keep our hearts from being consumed by the anxieties and distractions of daily life. Every path towards conversion begins by allowing the

word of God to touch our hearts and welcoming it with a docile spirit. There is a relationship between the word, our acceptance of it and the transformation it brings about. For this reason, the Lenten journey is a welcome opportunity to heed the voice of the Lord and renew our commitment to following Christ, accompanying him on the road to Jerusalem, where the mystery of his passion, death and resurrection will be fulfilled. Pope Leo XIV

Sacrament of Reconciliation: we congratulate the girls and



boys in Second Class who have celebrated their First Confession. Fr Padraig is offering the sacrament of Reconciliation after weekday Mass for the pupils in 3rd, 4th & 5th classes during Lent in

Athboy, Rathmore & Rathcairn schools.

Confessions are available every Saturday in Athboy at 5.45pm.

What is Confession? The celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation is an opportunity for us to make a new beginning in our lives of faith. This sacrament brings us the forgiveness of God and his Church as we recognise our need for his mercy and pardon in our lives.

The sacrament of confession, is so called because the "confession of sins to a priest is an essential element of this sacrament". At the same time, the Catechism reminds us that "it is also called the sacrament of forgiveness, since by the priest's sacramental absolution God grants the penitent 'pardon and peace'". It is also called the sacrament of Reconciliation because it reconciles sinners to God and then to each other. Through this Sacrament, we meet Christ in his Church ready and eager to absolve and restore us to new life.

Easter Bingo & Raffle: in aid of Parish funds, Sunday 29th March, at 3pm. All support welcome.



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.

Naming our Pastoral Area: Parishes of Athboy, Ballivor, Clonmellon, Delvin & Kildalkey have formed a new Pastoral Area, we have been asked to suggest a name for our area, your suggestions would be welcome to athboyensis@gmail.com

Parish Cemeteries: thank you to everyone who cares for their family plot in Athboy & Rathmore Cemeteries. Please refrain from dumping withered or unwanted wreaths, flowers or other waste along the cemetery walls. It is unsightly and disrespectful of the burial grounds of loved ones.