

## ATHBOY PARISH

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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**

**Thursday & Friday 9.30am**

**Saturday 10am, Vigil 6.15pm**

**Confessions:** Saturday 5.45pm

### MASS INTENTIONS this week:

**Saturday Vigil 6.15pm:**

Tom Mooney, Brigid & Tom Conlon  
Martin Smith  
Mary & Tom Mullen,  
dec of Mullen & Reilly families

### Sunday

**9am** for all buried in Rathmore

**10.15** Sean, Mary, Pateen MacCraith

**11.30am:** Michael & Ellen Loughman  
Joseph & Isabella McLoughlin  
Miriam Dowse, Olive Rice Cole,  
Michael & Dick Rice

**Thu 9.30:** John Ryder

**Sat 10am:** Jim Holland

Peter & Maryann Walsh, dec family

**Next Saturday Vigil 6.15pm:**

Yvonne Ennis  
Ronan Carolan  
Kevin & Blathnaid Carroll  
Harry & Mai Newman

### Next Sunday

**10.15** Gertrude Curran & Nan Keelan

**11.30am:** Michael & Anna  
McGovern, son John, dec family  
All buried in parish cemeteries

**Baptisms:** contact Parish Office

### Offertory Collection

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June

**Athboy €765** Thank

**Rathmore €150** You!

**Rathcairn €150**

## TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2026

**Cemetery Devotions:** this weekend we begin our annual prayers in the cemeteries of our parish.

9am Mass in Rathmore on Sunday will be offered for all interred in Rathmore and cemetery prayers at 3pm.

Next Saturday (27<sup>th</sup>), prayers in the Hill of Ward Cemetery at 7.30pm.

Next Sunday (28<sup>th</sup>) prayers in the cemetery adjoining St James' Church of Ireland at 2pm; we will gather in the Main Cemetery at 3pm.

Renewed thank you to families who take care of their family plot throughout the year. Please remove withered flowers, shrubs etc and dispose of these at home and do not dump cemetery waste along the walls or on adjoining property.

Today is **Day for Life**. "*The humanity of the unborn child*" Every year our Day for Life falls on Father's Day and we wish our fathers a blessed day. Today we remember with gratitude the loving care and direction our parents gave to us, whether they are still with us or have gone to the Lord. Parenthood is a vocation of joys and hopes, of griefs and anxieties. On this year's Day for Life, we would like to acknowledge the particular grief of mothers and fathers who have lost a child before birth or in infancy. Mother's Day and Father's Day can be especially difficult for parents who experience the loss of an infant. Such loss often takes its bodily toll upon the mother, and it can leave fathers feeling helpless and unsure of how to support their family, or of how to express their own grief. The Church wants to be especially close to parents who have suffered the loss of an infant.

Many parents find consolation in their faith and its assurance that God has created, willed and deeply loves from all eternity every child, including those who lose their life before they are born or soon after. We have the LORD's promise from the Scriptures that: "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born, I consecrated you" (Jer 1:5).

*To read the full bishops' message visit [www.councilforlife.ie](http://www.councilforlife.ie)*

**Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes:** led by Bishop Deenihan will depart on 8<sup>th</sup> September. For booking call Joe Walsh Tours 01 241 0800 or email: [info@joewalstours.ie](mailto:info@joewalstours.ie)

**St Oliver Plunkett Annual Mass:** Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June in Loughcrew Gardens at 3pm.

Happy Fathers' Day to all the Dads in our parish family!

