

ATHBOY PARISH

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MASSES 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:

Sarah Howell, nee Lodge

Bartley & Maureen Folan

Dec members of Parade Committee

Sunday

9am: Kathleen Wallace

10.15: Michael Coffey

11.30am: Denis McCann

Jimmy & Maureen Magee

Tue 2pm: Baby Christy Pio McDonagh

7.30pm Hugh & Dora Gibney

Thu 9.30: Peter & Margaret Smyth,

dec Foley family

Fri 9.30: List of the Dead

Next Saturday Vigil 6.15pm:

John Bailey

Mona & Frank Brogan

Florence & Tony Leahy, son Paul &
grandson Baby Colm MacNamara

Next Sunday

9am: Paddy Connell MM

Nancy Garry

Tom Farrell

11.30am: Dolores O'Shea

Patrick, Margaret &

Kevin McGuinness

Baptisms: contact Parish Office.

Parish Office hours: Thursday &

Friday 9am-1pm & 2-4pm.

Offertory Collection

Sunday 24th November

Athboy €1,100 Thank

Rathmore €120 You!

Rathcairn €175

RIP

Ellen Murphy

Wardstown

Kenny Buckley

Marino, Dublin

Thomas John Maliakal

India

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday 1st December 2024

STAND UP AND
RAISE YOUR HEADS...
SALVATION IS NEAR



Advent is the period of time before Christmas during which Christians wait for the birth of Jesus. The word "advent" comes from a Latin word which means "coming" or "come into," as Jesus came into the world for us.

The circle of the **Advent Wreath**, which has no beginning or end, symbolises the eternity of God, the immortality of the soul, and the everlasting life we find in Jesus Christ. The four candles represent the four weeks of Advent, and one candle is lit each Sunday.

The First candle represents **HOPE**—because the prophets foretold the birth of Jesus and the people wait in anticipation of the coming Messiah.

The Second candle represents **PEACE**—Jesus's coming brings an end to all division and destruction, bringing peace on earth.

The Third candle (pink) represents **JOY**—as we get closer to the birth of Jesus, our joyful anticipation increases.

The Fourth candle represents **LOVE**—the love of God for us that he would send His only Son into the world.



Christmas Bingo & Raffle: in aid of parish funds on Sunday 15th December at 3pm in the Darnley Hotel.

Raffle Tickets cost €5 and will be available after Masses this weekend in Athboy Church.



Christmas Triduum of Masses: will be offered on 26, 27 & 28th December. Cards are available in the sacristy after Mass or from the Parochial House.

Christmas with CREDO: a festive concert of Song & Prose, on Friday 6th December at 7.30pm in St James' Church, Athboy. Tickets €15, available at the door.



Santa will arrive in the Darnley hotel on today 1st December at 1 - 4:30pm. Lots of fun & entertainment. Presents €10.

St Vincent de Paul Society Christmas collection on 14 & 15th December.

Vocations Notice: Advent asks us to prepare for the Infant Christ. Are you thinking of following the Son of Mary as His priest? Come to Mass in St Mary's Church, Drogheda this Sunday 1st December at 7pm.

Advent Retreat for Young Adults (18-40 yrs) Dalgan Park, Navan, 13-15 December. Theme: *'I have come that you may have life, and have it to the full'* A prayerful preparation for Christmas.

Cost: €160 (full board). Students: a Donation

Contact: Sr Una 090 648166 or Michael 086 2453123

or email: youthretreats@gmail.com

Athboy Development Forum are holding their AGM on Tuesday 3rd December at 8pm in St. James' Hall Pavillion. The group runs St. James' Hall and the Convent Community Centre. The AGM is open to all Clubs, Community and Voluntary groups in the area and the board wants to extend a warm welcome to all to attend.

Athboy Twinning Association: Christmas Craft fair on Wednesday 4th December at 7pm in the Darnley Lodge Hotel. The fair is celebrating its 20th anniversary. Entry is free. Lots of local crafts and gifts.... all welcome!