

ATHBOY PARISH

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MASS TIMES this week:

Sunday: 9am Rathmore

10.15am Rathcairn

11.30am Athboy

Monday, Wednesday,

Thursday & Friday 9.30am

Saturday 10am **Vigil** 6.15pm

Confessions: Saturday 5.45pm

MASS INTENTIONS this week:

Saturday Vigil 6.15pm:

John Bailey

Mona & Frank Brogan

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

Sunday

9am: Paddy Connell MM

Nancy Garry

Tom Farrell

11.30am: Dolores O'Shea

Patrick, Margaret &

Kevin McGuinness

Mon 9.30: Private intention

Sat 10: Dan & Maureen Prendergast

Maureen Doherty & dec Feeney family

Next Saturday Vigil 6.15pm:

Sr Carmel Brennan

Christine Wilton

Next Sunday

9am: Vincent Farrell

10.15: Muintir Flood, MacDonnchadha
& Cualáin

11.30am: Tommy O'Reilly

Baptisms: contact Parish Office.

Parish Office hours: Thursday &

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

Offertory Collection

Sunday 1st December

Athboy €870 Thank

Rathmore €240 You!

Rathcairn €215

RIP

Nicola Dowling

Connaught St & Navan

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday 8th December 2024

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary: is celebrated on Monday 9th December (not a holy day of obligation this year). *We celebrate Mary who, from the first instant of her existence in the womb of her mother Anne, was "by a singular grace and privilege of Almighty God, preserved free from original sin."* Mass on Monday at 9.30am

Christmas Bingo & Raffle: in aid of parish funds next Sunday 15th December at 3pm in the Darnley Hotel. Thank you for your support.



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.

St Vincent de Paul Society Christmas collection will take place next weekend on 14 & 15th December.

Christmas Adoration Celebration: Thursday 12 December 7 -9pm, Ráth Chairn Church. All welcome!

Athboy Church Cleaning: if you would like to volunteer to help us keep our parish Church clean and tidy, please sign up on the list at the back of the church. On Tuesday 17th after 7.30pm Mass, volunteers will be welcome to help prepare our church for Christmas

2025 Jubilee Year of Hope: On Christmas Eve at 7.00pm, the Holy Year will begin with the opening of the Holy Door of Saint Peter's Basilica, Rome. To echo the theme of hope, Pope Francis is calling on all Catholics to renew in the hope of Christ, using Saint Paul the Apostle as a guide for this special year.

Last May, Pope Francis announced that the theme for the Jubilee 2025 as *'Pilgrims of Hope.'* This theme of hope encourages each of us to be messengers of hope in our very troubled world. Everyone is invited to participate in this special year of faith.

The Jubilee has its origins in an ancient biblical tradition (*Leviticus*). Every 50th year was celebrated as a time for setting slaves free, for forgiving debts, and for allowing the land to rest. In our Christian tradition the Jubilee has a strong focus on reconciliation and renewal, including reaching out to people on the margins. It is normally celebrated every 25 years, so that more people can celebrate it at least once in a lifetime.

Thursday 12th December, Feast of St Finian, patron of our diocese. St Finian is known as "teacher of the Irish saints" whose school was located in Clonard, Co Westmeath. He studied in Idrone (Co Carlow) and in Wales before returning to Ireland and settling at Clonard around the year 520. Among his pupils were Saints Enda, Canice, Colmcille and Brendan.

