

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Sunday 23rd March 2025

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:

Micheál Corrigan

Brendan & Kathleen McKenna
& dec family

William & Patricia Murtagh

Sunday

11.30am Con Kelly

Wed 9.30: Sheila & Mary Conroy
Margaret Dunne

Thu 9.30: Joseph Thomas

Next Saturday Vigil 6.15pm:

Anne Kelly

Niall Carberry

Next Sunday

9am: Martin Doherty MM

11.30am Henry Kelly

Jerry Renehan

Deceased of O'Donnell family

Baptisms: contact Parish Office.

Parish Office hours: Thursday
& Friday 9am-1pm & 2-4pm.

Offertory Collection

Sunday 16th March

Athboy €1,285 Thank

Rathmore €230 You!

Rathcairn €180

Monday 17th March

Athboy €520

Rathmore €240

Rathcairn €240

RIP

Margaret Brady
Connaught Street

Confessions and Lent: During Lent, we are invited to repent of our sins and to seek the forgiveness of God. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is an opportunity for us to make a new beginning in our lives of faith and prepares us to renew our Baptismal Promises at Easter. This sacrament brings the forgiveness of God as we recognise our need for his mercy and pardon in our lives.



Confession, as the Catechism of the Catholic Church notes, is so called because the "confession of sins to a priest is an essential element of this sacrament". The Catechism tells us that "it is also called the sacrament of forgiveness, since by the priest's sacramental absolution, God grants us 'pardon and peace'".

It is also called the sacrament of Reconciliation because it reconciles sinners to God and then to each other.

To prepare for Confession we need to spend some moments looking at our lives and asking for the grace of God to see ourselves as we are.

Sin is wilfully rejecting good and choosing evil." When we recognise that we have offended God, who is all deserving of our love, we sense the need to make things right. Like the prodigal son in the Gospel, we long to know again the loving forgiveness of God who patiently waits for each of us. Jesus himself has established this sure and certain way for us to access God's mercy and to know that our sins are forgiven. You have the option to go to confession anonymously, that is, behind a screen or face to face, if you so desire.



Confessions are available in Athboy Church every Saturday at 5.45pm.

To prepare for Easter, our Penitential Service will take place after Vigil & 11.30am Masses on 5 & 6th April.

Bingo: in aid of parish funds today, 23rd March at 3pm in St James' Hall.

Eucharistic Adoration: adorers are needed on Fridays in Athboy for the hours between 11am – 2pm.

Adoration, Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy, each Wednesday in Lent in Rathcairn Church, 7.30 - 8.00pm.

Parish Cemeteries: are sacred ground, the burial places of our loved ones. Please do not dump withered flowers, old wreaths or other rubbish in the corners of our cemeteries.

Stations of the Cross: During Lent we are invited to contemplate the Stations of the Cross. Accompany Jesus on his journey to Calvary, focusing on how he suffered for love of us and his interactions with those he met on the way and how he transformed their lives through love.

