

10TH OF MARCH 2024

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, ATHENRY

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, NEWCASTLE

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



A MOTHERS DAY PRAYER

Gracious God,  
We thank you for adopting us into your family through the miracle of your grace, and for calling us to be brothers and sisters to each other.

Today, loving God, we pray for our mothers:  
who cared for us when we were helpless  
who comforted us when we were hurt  
whose love and care we often took for granted.

Today we pray for:  
those who are grieving the loss of their mother, and mother's  
grieving the loss of a child  
those who never knew their biological mother, and now yearn  
for her  
those who have experienced the wonder of an adopted  
mother's love  
the families separated by war or conflict.  
Lord, give them special blessings.  
Keep us united with you and with each other, so that we can be  
and become all that we are meant to be.  
Amen

LENLEN BIBLE STUDY

A reminder that Lenten Bible Study on  
St. Mark's Gospel, by Fr. Benny,  
continues during Lent in the Pastoral  
Centre. It continues **Monday 11th,  
and 18th at 8pm.**



STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT

Stations of the Cross takes place  
**every Friday night  
during Lent at 7:00pm**



TRÓCAIRE LENTEN CAMPAIGN

Each year the people of the parish have given generously to  
Trócaire who are deeply grateful for this. This years Lenten  
campaign has begun. Trócaire boxes are now available in the  
church and we encourage every family to take one home. This  
year's focus is on Malawi.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP CONTINUES

The Bible Study Group has resumed in the Pastoral Centre on  
**Tuesdays at 7:30pm.** While we especially encourage young  
people from 18 - 35 to attend, it is fully open to all.

TUAM DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGES

**(1) DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA - FINAL CALL**

Pilgrimage Dates: **9th May 2024. 7 nights ex Dublin**  
with spiritual director. (ref: Tuam).

**(2) DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO MALTA 2024 - FINAL CALL**

'In the Footsteps of St Paul' Pilgrimage to Malta; Pilgrimage  
Dates: **26th June 2024. 7 nights ex Dublin**  
with spiritual director.

**(3) DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES.**

Pilgrimage Dates: **30th August — 5th September 2024,**  
6 nights ex Ireland-West Airport, Knock.  
Led by Archbishop Francis Duffy.

**For all three pilgrimages:** Contact 01 2410800.

**Quote:** Tuam Diocesan Pilgrimage.

**Pilgrimages Director:** John B. McLoughlin.

PARISH HOSPITALITY GROUP

Join us for a cuppa and a chat on Friday mornings after the  
10:00am Mass in Athenry.

ATHENRY CHURCH CAR PARK

The Parish is currently in the process of renewing the car  
park lease with Galway County Council. Please note that in  
order to facilitate attendance at liturgies in the church, the  
car park will not be ticketed at the following times:

- Weekdays from 9:30am—11:00am.
- For 2 hours from the start of a Funeral Mass.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

This year the Tuam Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock takes  
place on Sunday, May 5th with the Sacrament of the Sick at  
2.30pm. Mass will commence at 3:00pm, led by  
Archbishop Duffy. Knock is very close to us, and we go  
when we can, because of this we often don't bother with  
the Diocesan Pilgrimage, but this is a very important day  
for our diocese and we ask you to consider it.

ATHENRY SIMANJIRO PARTNERSHIP

We are delighted to support Trócaire as a Parish annually  
and we enthusiastically continue to do so, but we also  
encourage you to consider supporting Athenry—Simanjiro  
Partnership as part of your Lenten commitment.  
Information and donation box is available to the right of  
the main entrance of Athenry church if anyone would like  
to consider this as an alternative.

ATHENRY PARISH CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The Athenry Parish Children's Choir takes place every  
Tuesday from 3:15 - 4:15pm in Athenry Pastoral Centre.  
Open to children between the ages of 7 - 13. Any  
questions, please email [musicgracekelly@gmail.com](mailto:musicgracekelly@gmail.com).  
Thank you!

GAELSCOIL CEILIÚRADH LÁ FHÉILE PÁDRAIG

Ceiliúradh Lá Fhéile Pádraig — **St. Patrick's Day Fair**  
**In aid of Gaelscoil Riada.** All welcome!

**At:** Halla an Phobail, Baile Átha an Rí. **Community Hall,  
Athenry. Time: 12.00pm - 3.30pm.**

Stalls, Face Painting, Cake Sale, Tae agus Caifé (Tea and  
Coffee). Loads of raffle prizes to be won!

GARBALLY NATIONAL SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

Garbally National School in Menlough will hold a Monster  
Auction & Raffle in Screene's on Friday March 22nd to  
raise funds for the school. Please support.

SCOIL CHROÍ NAOFA & ATHENRY BOYS SCHOOL

Scoil Chroí Naofa & Athenry Boys School are amalgamating  
for the new school year. They are currently working on  
some ideas for a **new name for the newly amalgamated  
school** and also what the **new school crest** might look  
like. Both schools would like to invite parents, past pupils,  
staff, Board of Management members, anyone in the  
community who might be interested, to **submit any  
suggestions & designs** they may have to **either school  
office by Friday March 15th.** The Amalgamation Steering  
committee will review all the suggestions / designs. It may  
emerge that the final design comes from a blend of a few  
ideas!

MASS TIMES

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION ATHENRY

**Saturday March 9th**

Vigil Mass at 6.30pm

Sr. Gabriel Freeney (Nano),

Presentation Convent, Galway and Derrydonnell  
(1st Anniversary) and  
Mick Cusack, Essex  
(Month's Mind)

**Sunday March 10th**

Mass at 11:00am

Charles Curran Kelly, Prospect & Kensington, London  
(1st Anniversary)

**Saturday March 16th**

Vigil Mass at 6.30pm

Michael McDonnell

**Sunday March 17th**

Mass at 11:00am

St. Patrick's Day

MASS INTENTIONS

11TH MARCH — 16TH MARCH

† Michael & Anne Moran, New Line

† Richard Higgins, Castlelambert

† Martin, Mary & Gerry Kilkelly and deceased of the  
Kilkelly & Hegarty families

† Geraldine Hegarty & the deceased of the Hegarty &  
McCarthy families

† Michelle, Miko & Tommy Morrissey, Deerpark

† Paddy & Bridgie Delaney, Park & deceased of the  
Hession & Delaney families

† Catherine Forde, Moanbaun

† Bridie Forde, Galway, (formerly Ballyhaunis)

† Dr. Martin & Mrs Anne Walsh, London & Oranmore

† Sally Finn & deceased of the Finn family Moorpark

† Nuala & Richard Conway, Tuam

† Patrick, Annie & Teresa Kenny, Caheroyan Road

† Mary Tully, Barrack Street

† Kathleen Brennan, North Gate Street

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE 2024 WITH FR. BENNY

Fr. Benny will be leading a pilgrimage to Medjugorje from  
Knock to Mostar. Dates: **October 9th — 16th 2024.**

Price is €855. Price includes:

- ♦ Transport from Mostar Airport to Medjugorje,
  - ♦ 7 nights accommodation,
  - ♦ Breakfast and Dinner each day, plus
  - ♦ Full religious programme by Marian Pilgrimages.
- Booking no. for Marian Pilgrimages is 01 8788159.  
Please ring Fr. Benny on 087-2387336 for further details.

MUSIC AT 11:00AM MASS — THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Entrance: Jerusalem, Rejoice (O'Keefe)

Offertory: O Sanctissima

Sanctus / Agnus Dei: Mass XVII

Communion: By the Rivers of Babylon (McDonagh)

Recessional: Ave Regina Caelorum

Organ Postlude: Mattheus-Final (Bach / Widor)

\*On the fourth Sunday of Lent ("Laetare" or "Rejoice"), the liturgy  
is tinged with joy, a reminder half-way through Lent that Easter is  
the goal of our Lenten observances. Among other things, the  
Church permits the organ to be played in the liturgy today, having  
been silent since the beginning of Lent.

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**Saturday March 9th**

Mass at 12:00pm

Mary Murphy (Month's Mind)

**Sunday March 10th**

Mass at 10:00am

Pa & Peggy Ryan and their son Jarlath, Bengarra

**Sunday March 17th**

Mass at 10:00am

Jimmy Fahy, Tysaxon

RECENTLY DECEASED

**Evelyn Collins,** Salthill,

sister of Angela Crimmins, Raheen

**Mary B Daveron nee Long,**

Headford and formerly of Cossan,

sister of Thomas and Peter Long, Cossan

**Thomas Higgins,** Lisheenkyle

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION (ATHENRY & NEWCASTLE)

SATURDAY / SUNDAY **€3505.00**