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MASS TIMES

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION ATHENRY

Saturday February 10th

Vigil Mass at 6.30pm

Noreen Kelly, Clorane, (Month's Mind)

Sunday February 11th

Mass at 11:00am

John Finn, Moorpark, (Month's Mind)

Saturday February 17th

Vigil Mass at 6.30pm

Noreen Farrell nee Kelly, late of Castlelambert & Hacketstown Carlow, (First Anniversary)

Sunday February 18th

Mass at 11:00am

Helen Loughnane, Caheroyan Rd. (First Anniversary) & also her husband Tom Loughanane,

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

NEWCASTLE

Saturday February 10th

Mass at 12:00pm

Maureen Monaghan, Tysaxon, (Month's Mind)

Sunday January 11th

Mass at 10:00am

Mickey Burke, (2nd Anniversary), Noreen Madden (1st Anniversary), Robbie Burke (6th Anniversary) and their parents Sadie & Joe Burke, Ballyboggan

Sunday February 18th

Mass at 11:00am

Rita, Jimmy & Paddy Molloy, Shudane

RECENTLY DECEASED

Mary Murphy, Tiaquin

Helena Cox, Newcastle

Mick Cusack, Essex, England

(son-in-law of Jackie & Eileen Freaney, Derrydonnell)

ATHENRY RC PARISH STATISTICS 2023

Baptisms:	81
Marriages:	4
Deaths:	51
First Communions:	136
Confirmations:	133

MASS INTENTIONS

FEBRUARY 12TH - 13TH & 15TH - 17TH

No Masses for deceased, except funerals on Ash Wednesday

- † **Maura & Tom Keane**, Old Church St.
- † **Willie & Mollie Burke**
- † **Nora & Jimmy Burke**, Binn
- † **Joe & Breda Burke**, Binn
- † **Evelyn Connell**, Lisheenkyle
- † **Martin Ward**, Ballygurrane
- † **Bridie Mulroe**, Ard Aoibhinn
- † **Pauline Dunphy**, (21st Anniv) & her husband **Patrick Dunphy**, Dublin
- † **Michael & Nigel McGhee**, Cullairbaun
- † **Mary & Arthur McGhee**, Loughrea
- † **Phil & Michael Mooney**, Woodville
- † **Thomas & Bridget Cheevers & Dr. Seán Cheevers**, Caheroyan Park
- † **Michael & Monica Steede & their son Tom, & deceased family members**
- † **Michael Coffey**, Ballybacka & Renmore
- † **Christina & Michael Fleming**
- † **Tom & Margaret Gleeson**, Kiltulla

MUSIC AT 11 A.M. MASS

Entrance: O God Beyond all Praising
 *Offertory: O Mysterium Ineffabile (Lallouette)
 Sanctus / Agnus Dei: Mass XV ("Dominus Deus")
 Communion: Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring (J.S. Bach)
 Recessional: O Mary of Graces
 *O unspeakable mystery! O wonderful sacrament of charity!
 O marvel of goodness! O miracle of holiness!
 O love! O holiness! O joy of feasts!
 O happiness of fellowship!

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.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SICK

'Healing the sick by healing relationships'

This is the theme chosen by Pope Francis for the 32nd World Day of Prayer for the Sick which takes place every year on **February 11th, Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes**. While we keep those who are ill, their families and caregivers in our prayers throughout the year, we think of them in a special way on this day which was initiated by Pope St. John Paul II. We reflect in a special way on the call of Pope Francis for healing in our relationships with ourselves, with others and with God.

† **ASH WEDNESDAY 14TH FEBRUARY**

'For dust you are and unto dust you shall return.'

Next Wednesday 14th February marks the beginning of Lent. Distribution of Ashes:

- 8:30am—8:50am Ashes distributed in Athenry church
- 10:00am Mass in Athenry church
- 7:00pm Mass in Newcastle church
- 7:30pm Mass in Athenry church

In the readings at Mass there is a great consciousness of our sinfulness as we pray "Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned". There is also a sense that the time to repent and turn back is now. The Gospel tells us how to approach that renewal of our lives. It puts before us the remedy in prayer, fasting and almsgiving. These three strands of Lenten observance are as ancient as Christianity itself. There is no substitute for them. "Fasting is the soul of prayer, mercy is the lifeblood of fasting. If we have not all three together, we have nothing" says St Peter Chrysologus. No Masses for the dead, except funeral Masses, are permitted today.

We encourage regular attendance at Mass, Adoration, Rosary and the various talks put on by the Parish during Lent.

† **STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT**

Takes place every Friday night during Lent at 7:00pm.

† **LENTEN BIBLE STUDY**

A reminder that Lenten Bible Study by Fr. Benny, on St. Mark's Gospel, resumes at 8pm on Monday nights during Lent in the Pastoral Centre. It begins **Monday February 19th** & continuing **Mondays 26th Feb & 4th, 11th & 18th March**.

TRÓCAIRE LENTEN CAMPAIGN

Each year the people of the parish have given generously to Trócaire who are deeply grateful for this. This year's 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.

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—Simanjoro Partnership as part of your Lenten commitment. Information and donation box is available in Athenry church if anyone would like to consider this as an alternative.

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.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION (ATHENRY & NEWCASTLE)

SATURDAY / SUNDAY **€3,400**

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR SURVIVORS & VICTIMS

This year's Worldwide Day of Prayer for Survivors and Victims of Sexual Abuse will take place on 16th February, the first Friday of Lent. The Day of Prayer is an initiative of Pope Francis and was first marked in Irish dioceses in 2017. Towards Peace is an independent organisation that provides a spiritual support and professional service for survivors of physical, emotional, sexual and spiritual abuse who suffered in an institutional, clerical or religious setting in Ireland. Funded by the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference and the Association of Missionary and Religious in Ireland, the vision of Towards Peace is to provide a safe supportive space for people and their families, whose spiritual life has been damaged by abuse. Through spiritual accompaniment with a qualified spiritual director, Towards Peace endeavours to accompany people as they seek their own experience of spiritual peace, one step at a time. Towards Peace is also a response to the continually growing understanding of the spiritual impact of the trauma of abuse and seeks to raise awareness about this within the Church. The Towards Peace Spiritual Support Service is free of charge and for more please see <https://towardspeace.ie/>.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2024

The *Grow in Love Programme* contains activities designed to help a child to learn about God. The *Grow in Love* First Holy Communion Masses take place at 6:30pm Mass, Athenry Church on the following Saturdays: **February 17th, March 23rd and April 20th**.

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. Thank you!

GALWAY NOVENA

The 40th Annual Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help continues: **Sat. 10th - Tues. 13th February** in Galway Cathedral. Session times: **Mon. - Sat.: 11:00am, 1:10pm, 7:30pm** and **Sun.: 10:30am, 12:30pm, 3:00pm, 6:00pm**. For further details visit www.galwaycathedral.ie.

PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Fatima **May 9th. 7 nights, ex Dublin** (CityLink from Castlebar). Airline seeking confirmation. **Book in February 012410800**.

LISHEENKYLE NATIONAL SCHOOL

Lisheenkyle National School is now accepting enrolments for September 2024. All details and enrolment forms are available on the website www.lisheenkylens.ie or alternatively by contacting the school office at 091 844901 or by emailing admin@lisheenkylens.ie.

OÍCHE OSCAILTE GAELSCOIL RIADA

Gaelscoil Raida are having an open night on February Tuesday the 13th at 6pm in the school. All are welcome! Bigí linn. Enrolment applications can also be made on our website www.gaelscoilriada.com

ATHENRY AGRICULTURAL SHOW AGM

AGM will take place on Tuesday 13th February at 8pm in the Raheen Woods Hotel. New members are very welcome www.athenryagrishow.com.