

19TH - OF MAY 2024

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, ATHENRY

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, NEWCASTLE

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MASS TIMES

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION ATHENRY

Saturday May 18th

Vigil Mass at 6.30pm

Sunday May 19th

Mass at 11:00am

Bernard Gibbons, Newford, (1st Anniversary)

Saturday May 25th

Vigil Mass at 6.30pm

Sunday May 26th

Mass at 11:00am

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CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

NEWCASTLE

Sunday May 19th

Mass at 10:00am

Kathleen & Jimmy Gannon, Ballyboggan & the deceased of the Gannon & Mannion families

Sunday May 26th

Mass at 10:00am

Sinead Morris, Joey Geary, and the deceased of the Morris and Fahy families.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Seán Mitchell, London & Attymon, brother of Paddy Mitchell, Ballydavid & Anne Farrell, Rockmore.

BASKET COLLECTION LAST WEEKEND

ATHENRY / NEWCASTLE €3,265

BASKET COLLECTORS REQUIRED FOR WEEKEND MASSES. To VOLUNTEER PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE.

PRESENTATION GRADUATION MASS

The Presentation Graduation Mass takes place on Thursday next 24th May at 7:00pm in Athenry church.

NEW EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

We hope to recruit new Eucharistic Ministers by the Feast of Corpus Christi for Athenry church. We have contacted those who volunteered via parish volunteer forms, but we still need more. A few years ago there were 37 Eucharistic Ministers in Athenry church alone, now there are 9. Many people are reticent to sign up as it may become an indefinite commitment, so we would be grateful for a commitment of 3 years. If you would like to consider being a Eucharistic Minister please contact the Parish Office.

PENTECOST SUNDAY

CORPUS CHRISTI — PROCESSION

Just to keep in mind that the Corpus Christi procession will take place after 11:00am Mass on June 2nd.

MUSIC AT 11:00AM MASS

* Before Mass Veni Creator Spiritus

** Entrance The Spirit of the Lord (McDonagh)

** Sequence Veni Sancte Spiritus

Offertory Hymn to the Holy Spirit (O'Keefe)

Sanctus / Agnus Dei Missa Salve Regina (C. Rossini)

Communion Come Down, O Love Divine

Recessional Regina Caeli (Plainchant / McDonagh)

* A plenary indulgence is granted to the faithful who are present at a public recitation of Veni Creator Spiritus on the feast of Pentecost. The usual conditions of sacramental confession, Holy Communion and prayer for the Holy Father apply.

** The Spirit of the Lord fills the universe; Creation shouts for joy in the love of God

*** The Sequence:

Holy Spirit, Lord of light, from the clear celestial height, thy pure beaming radiance give. / Come, thou Father of the poor, come with treasures which endure, come thou light of all that live!

Thou, of all consolers best, thou, the soul's delightful guest, dost refreshing peace bestow; / Thou in toil art comfort sweet; pleasant coolness in the heat; solace in the midst of woe.

Light immortal, light divine, visit thou these hearts of thine, and our inmost being fill: / If thou take thy grace away, nothing pure in us will stay: all our good is turned to ill.

Heal our wounds, our strength renew; on our dryness pour thy dew; wash the stains of guilt away; / Bend the stubborn heart and will; melt the frozen, warm the chill; guide the steps that go astray.

Thou on us, who evermore thee confess and thee adore, with thy sevenfold gifts descend: / Give us comfort when we die; give us life with thee on high; grant us joys that never end. / Amen. Alleluia!

IF INTERESTED IN JOINING THE CHOIR PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE.

QUEEN OF THE MAY

BRING FLOW'RS OF THE RAREST, BRING BLOSSOMS THE FAIREST, FROM GARDEN AND WOODLAND AND HILLSIDE AND DALE;

OUR FULL HEARTS ARE SWELLING, OUR GLAD VOICES TELLING

THE PRAISE OF THE LOVELIEST FLOW'R OF THE VALE.

O MARY, WE CROWN THEE WITH BLOSSOMS TODAY,

QUEEN OF THE ANGELS AND QUEEN OF THE MAY.

THEIR LADY THEY NAME THEE, THEIR MISTRESS PROCLAIM THEE.

O GRANT THAT THY CHILDREN ON EARTH BE AS TRUE,

AS LONG AS THE BOWERS ARE RADIANT WITH FLOWERS,

AS LONG AS THE AZURE SHALL KEEP ITS BRIGHT HUE.

O MARY, WE CROWN THEE...

REMINDER: PARISH OFFICE HOURS. TEL: (091) 844076

Office hours: Tues. - Thurs. 10:30am - 1:00pm & Fri.10:30am - 4:30pm. Mass bookings can only be made by contacting the office during these hours. Outside office hours calls are diverted to Fr. Charlie/Fr. Benny (but they won't have access to the Mass booking diary).

HAVE YOU A RELIGIOUS STORY TO SHARE

Have you ever had your prayers answered or witnessed / experienced a miraculous event? Would you be willing to share your story anonymously to help inspire others to return to and/or deepen their faith? A local researcher is looking for participants, to understand how people perceive and experience the presence of God in their day to day lives. If interested, please contact Siobhán on 0851969141.

COLM FITZGERALD MEMORIAL WALK

The Athenry Simanjoro Tanzania parish partnership wish to thank everyone for their very generous support.

EXAM PRAYER SERVICE

Exam Prayer Service takes place on Tuesday June 4th at 9:00pm in Athenry church. We ask you to spread the word to young people sitting state examinations on the following day. The reason we have the prayer service so late the evening before is to allow time for study, but also to afford students a calm and relaxing atmosphere to relax and pray, but also to meet each other for a short time. It's an opportunity to get away from books and screens and connect with friends and classmates, hopefully allowing a deeper sense of calm and an atmosphere of support.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY ON SUNDAYS DURING 11AM MASS

Children's liturgy is every Sunday during 11:00am Mass in the Pastoral Centre. All children in Jr. Infants to 1st class are welcome; just join the volunteers at the front of church when the celebrant calls them up at the start of Mass (no need to pre-register). There is colouring for younger children at the back of the church during this Mass.

ALL IRELAND ROSARY RALLY - KNOCK - SAT. JUNE 1ST

Join thousands of people from around Ireland and beyond for the All Ireland Rosary Rally on June 1st. The day begins at 9.30am with a Conference in St. John's Centre. Speakers include Fr Brendan Kilcoyne, Fr Joseph Mary Deane CFR, and Sr Ana Margarita Lanzas SCTJM. Then there is a chance to meet over 20 apostolates from around Ireland in St John Centre from 1130am. The keynote speaker, Mother Adela Galindo, is coming from Miami, Florida, and she will speak in the Basilica at 1pm. The Stations of the Cross will be outside from 2pm, followed by the Rosary procession. Mass will commence at 3pm in the Basilica and will include the anointing of the sick. Bishop Phonsie Cullinan will be the Main Celebrant. Dana will join the choir to sing. There will also be rosary and scapular making workshops in the marquee. Over 50 buses are going from around Ireland. See www.allirelandrosaryrally.com for more details.

PRAY FOR LIFE NOVENA

The Pray for Life Novena is an invitation to join thousands of people across Ireland to pray for the protection of human life, from Thursday 23rd May to the Feast of the Visitation on Friday 31st May. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life in Ireland. Visit www.prayforlife.ie for the daily novena prayers and to sign up for daily reminders. The prayers will also be posted on facebook.com/PrayforLifeNovena @PrayforLife_ie on X and @prayforlifenovena on Instagram. Let us know if you are praying the novena together as a parish, family or other group via www.prayforlife.ie/#home-events. This is an initiative of the Council for Life of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference. This Pray for Life Novena will also take place in Athenry church on those dates.

CANA TALKS - A Roadmap to Happiness FRI. 31ST MAY, 8PM.

T.F. Royal Theatre, Castlebar. Presenters: Gerry Glennon (Midwest) & Angelina Nugent (Former Midwest). Speakers: EWTN's Fr. Robert Spitzer (video link), Br. Richard Hendrick, Stephen Giblin, Fr. Shane Sullivan, Tara Niekamp, Niall McDonagh. Tickets: €23 + booking fee @ T.F. Box Office 094 9023111, www.ticketmaster.ie, or @ door.

NEWCASTLE N.S. - JOB VACANCY - SCHOOL SECRETARY

St. Oliver Plunkett N.S (Newcastle N.S.) Athenry are accepting applications for a Secretary (27.75 hours per week). CV and letter of Application to be sent to principal@stoliverplunkettns.com by 29th May 2024. See Educationposts.ie for full advertisement or contact Claire O' Connor, 091-849178 or principal@stoliverplunkettns.com.

MASS INTENTIONS 20TH MAY — 25TH MAY

- † Shane Farragher, Raheen
† Eamon, Myra & Chris Whelan, Ballygurrane.
† The Commins family, Ballygurrane.
† Joy & Mattie McNamara, Barrack Street & deceased members of the McGuinness & McNamara families.
† John Joe & Margaret Donohue, Abbey & deceased members of the Donohue & Briscoe families.
† Millie Brown, Bridge Street.
† Willie Caulfield, Gloves West.
† Kathleen Kenny, Woodford.
† Tom, Frances & baby Margaret Fahy, Caheroyan Ave.
† Gilbert Ruane & John Ruane, Clorane & deceased members of the Ruane & Healy families.
† Riona Finn, Ballydavid & her daughters Tara & Alice Finn & deceased of the Finn & Naughton families.
† Phil & Jimmy Dempsey, Currantarmuid & deceased members of the Furey & Dempsey families.
† Des Rohan, Derrough, Tiaquin.
† Archie & Alice Coyle, Monaghan.
† Thomas & Mary Holland & deceased members of the Holland family, St. Clerans & Roo, Craughwell.
† Catherine & Christy Meehan & deceased members of the Meehan & Slavin families, Donegal.
† Bina Rabbitte, Castle Ellen.

SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Heartiest congratulations to the children from The Boys N.S, Scoil Chroí Naofa, Carnaun, Coldwood & Gaelscoil Riada National Schools receiving the Sacrament of First Holy Communion this weekend. Every blessing on them and their families. Thanks to all involved in their preparation.

First Holy Communion

Sunday 19th May in Athenry church:

12:30pm Carnaun N.S. & Coldwood N.S.
2:30pm Gaelscoil Riada N.S.

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE 2024 WITH FR. BENNY

Fr. Benny will be leading a pilgrimage to Medjugorje from Knock to Mostar.

Dates: 9th — 16th October 2024. Price €855:

- ◆ Transport from Mostar Airport to Medjugorje,
◆ 7 nights accommodation,
◆ Breakfast and Dinner each day, plus
◆ Full religious programme by Marian Pilgrimages.

Booking number for Marian Pilgrimages is 01 8788159. Please ring Fr. Benny on 087-2387336 for further details.