

21ST - OF APRIL 2024

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER — GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, ATHENRY

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, NEWCASTLE

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MASS TIMES

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION ATHENRY

Saturday April 20th

Vigil Mass at 6.30pm

Paula Flannery (nee Shaughnessy), The Glade

Pat Lardner, Loughrea and late of Cashla

Sunday April 21st

Mass at 11:00am

Moira Clarke (1st Anniversary) & her husband
John Clarke (2nd Anniversary), Athenry & Isle of Man

Saturday April 27th

Vigil Mass at 6.30pm

Julia Quinn, Dublin & Old Church St., (1st Anniversary)

Sunday April 28th

Mass at 11:00am

Con Courtney, Castlelambert, (1st Anniversary)

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NEWCASTLE

Sunday April 21st

Mass at 10:00am

John And Breege McDonagh, Bengarra, their sons Michael
John, Patsy, Martin, Frank and their daughter Mary Lally
and deceased of the McDonagh and Hession families.

Sunday April 28th

Mass at 10:00am

Larry, Mary and Christy Murphy and the deceased of the
Murphy family, Tiaquin.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Betty (Elizabeth) Ryan, Rockmore

Seán Clowry, Dublin (father of Shirley Keogh, Woodvillage)

NEW EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

We are hoping to **recruit new Eucharistic Ministers by the Feast of Corpus Christi for Athenry church.** We will contact those who put their names forward via the parish volunteer forms, but we still need more. A number of 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 three years. **If you would like to consider being a Eucharistic Minister please contact the Parish Office.**

MASS INTENTIONS 22ND — 27TH APRIL

✠ **Norah Killeen**, Castle Ellen & **deceased members of the Killeen & Varley families**

✠ **Jan Folan** (Athenry Boys School)

✠ **Susan Francis (nee Cunniffe)**, Rathgorgan

✠ **Eileen O'Callaghan Creedon, her husband Tadhg Creedon & deceased members of the O'Callaghan, Creedon, Barrett & Moscarelli families**

✠ **Paddy Keane & deceased family members**, Tobberroe

✠ **Tom & Benny Walsh**, Laragh, Attymon and **deceased Walsh family members**

✠ **Paddy Monaghan**, Tiaquin

✠ **John and Ellen Ward, their son in law Patrick Ward and their great grandsons John and Davy Ward**

MUSIC AT 11:00AM MASS

Entrance *Come, ye faithful, raise the strain*

Offertory *Come and let us drink of that new river*

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

Communion *Song of the resurrection (McDonagh)*

Recessional *Regina Caeli (Plain chant)*

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Next weekend is a special and significant one here in our parish. The Sacrament of Confirmation takes place on **Saturday April 27th.** We wish every blessing to those who are preparing for Confirmation and their families. The ceremonies will take place as follows:

12:00pm Newcastle church Newcastle school

2:30pm Athenry church All other schools

Over 130 young people will receive the sacrament from Canon Stephen Farragher, one of the Vicar Generals of the diocese, & unfortunately places are very limited. Seats will be reserved for those receiving Confirmation, their parents & their sponsors, there will be very few seats available after that. Both ceremonies will be relayed through the respective church webcams, which can be accessed through their individual links on the parish website www.athenryparish.ie. Please keep the young people & their families in your prayers during the coming week.

REMINDER RE MASS CARDS (INDIVIDUAL MASS) €10.

Signed Mass Cards: Sympathy (RIP), Mass Bouquets & Get Well Soon Cards are now available in the Parish Office.

BASKET COLLECTION LAST WEEKEND

ATHENRY / NEWCASTLE **€3,580**

THE REGINA COELI

Throughout the year we pray the Angelus, however during the Easter Season we pray the Regina Coeli daily at **12:00pm and 6:00pm.**

The Regina Coeli (Queen of Heaven) in English

V. Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.

R. For He whom you did merit to bear, alleluia.

V. Has risen, as he said, alleluia.

R. Pray for us to God, alleluia.

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

R. For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray.

O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE 2024 WITH FR. BENNY

Fr. Benny will be leading a pilgrimage to **Medjugorje from Knock to Mostar. Dates: Oct 9th — 16th 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 no. for Marian Pilgrimages is 01 8788159.

Please ring Fr. Benny on 087-2387336 for further details

ATHENRY SIMANJIRO PARISH PARTNERSHIP

The **Colm Fitzgerald Memorial Walk** in support of Athenry Simanjiro Tanzania parish partnership takes place on Bank Holiday **Monday May 6th at 11am from Athenry Social Services Centre, New Line** (Opposite Athenry Health Centre). This partnership of 19 years continues to support the faith, health and educational needs of the Maasai people in an arid region of East Africa. Your support helps lighten the burden of these people in need. All are welcome to join us in our family morning out. Light refreshments will be served after the walk.

NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE FOR LIFE

The first *National Pilgrimage for Life*, organised by the Council for Life of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference, will be celebrated on **Saturday 4th May in Knock Shrine with Mass at 3.00pm** in the **Basilica**. Anointing of the Sick will take place during Mass. Main celebrant and homilist will be Archbishop Francis Duffy. We invite you to join us in Knock to celebrate the gift of life and to pray for the protection of all human life.

IRELAND NEEDS FATIMA ROSARY AT OUR LADY'S WELL

A **Rosary Rally** will take place at **Lady's Well on Sat. 11th May at 4:00pm.** This is one of over 560 Public Rosary Rallies nationally for the conversion of Ireland.

UPCOMING FIRST HOLY COMMUNION DATES

Athenry Church Saturday 4th May 12:30pm Lisheenkyle N.S.

Newcastle Church Saturday 4th May 2:30pm Newcastle N.S.

Athenry Church Saturday 18th May 12:30pm Boys N.S.
2:30pm Scoil Chroí Naofa N.S.

Athenry Church Saturday 19th May 12:30pm Carnaun N.S. & Coldwood N.S.
2:30pm Gaelscoil Riada N.S.

ARCHBISHOP LETTER TO PRIESTS

OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF TUAM 17th April 2024

As you may be aware, last week, upon the retirement of Bishop John Fleming, Pope Francis appointed me as Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Killala. Firstly, I thank the members of our Diocesan Pastoral Council, our Council of Priests and those who are familiar with various aspects of diocesan work, for their participation in the consultations carried out by the Apostolic Nuncio as the future configuration of dioceses in this province was being considered. During the consultation process it became clear to me that our dioceses have more in common than we might have realised. What really shone through for me was the understanding that the proposed union between Tuam and Killala would allow each diocese to be enriched by the heritage and culture and the variety of practices brought by the other.

I am excited about the opportunities that this process presents, and I look forward to working with both Tuam and Killala in preparing our dioceses for formal union by the Holy See in the not-too-distant future. This is an opportunity for us to look to the future with great hope and to enthusiastically follow the synodal pathway as promoted by Pope Francis. Please pray that the Holy Spirit will guide our steps. Yours sincerely, **+ Francis Duffy, Apostolic Administrator of Killala, Archbishop of Tuam.**

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE

Tuam Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock on Sunday 5th May. We strongly encourage as many people as possible to attend the Diocesan Pilgrimage. A bus will leave the Arch Car Park at 10.30am sharp. Contact **Assumpta Mob. 087 2706061** or **Vincent Mob. 087 2939367.**

ARCHDIOCESE YOUTH EVANGELIZATION SEMINAR.

Calling all teachers, priests, youth ministers, parents, religious, young people, and all interested parties! On **10th May 2024** an important **Seminar** will take place in **Knock Shrine** and we want to hear from you. The evening will begin with input from guest speakers **Gerard Hanley (Alpha Ireland), and Charlene Morgan and Luca McQuillan (Revive Scotland).** This will be followed by an opportunity for facilitated group discussions, **"conversations in the Spirit"**, and an opportunity for **Q&A.** Tea/coffee/Refreshments on arrival from 7:30pm St John's Centre. Conference begins at 8pm Sharp. **Register for free to 0871323296** or markquinn@tuamparish.com.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

We actively and strongly invite and encourage anyone for whom priesthood is on their mind to explore their vocation more fully. This can be done by contacting one of the local priests of the Diocesan Director of Vocations, Fr. Francis Mitchell in Archbishops House at 093 24166 or emailing admin@tuamarchdiocese.org. You may also like to check out the national vocations website www.vocations.ie.

THE YOUTH 2000 CONNAUGHT RETREAT

The Youth 2000 Connaught retreat will take place in Calasactius College, Oranmore, on the weekend of May 10th to 12th, consisting of workshops, talks, testimonies, music, prayer and time to relax & meet with others. Come along for the weekend or pop in & say hello! Donation only, 16-35yrs. To book a place or for more information, visit www.youth2000.ie or email connaught@youth2000.ie.