

24TH OF MARCH 2024
CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, ATHENRY

HOLY WEEK — PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION
CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, NEWCASTLE

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MASS TIMES

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION ATHENRY

Saturday March 23rd

Vigil Mass at 6.30pm
Fr. Paul Madden, Ballydavid & Peru

Sunday March 24th

Mass at 11:00am Palm Sunday

Holy Saturday March 30th

Easter Vigil at 9:00pm

Easter Sunday March 31st

Mass at 11:00am Easter Sunday

**CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
NEWCASTLE**

Sunday March 24th

Mass at 10:00am
Maureen & Kevin Heavey
and deceased of the Heavey & Burke families

Sunday March 31st

Mass at 10:00am
Agnes Keady, Ballyboggan

RECENTLY DECEASED

Patricia Dooley, The Glade
Samantha House, Caislean Oir
John McGahy, Drogheda
brother-in-law of Christy, Tim and Mary Caulfield Athenry

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

(ATHENRY & NEWCASTLE)
SATURDAY / SUNDAY €3,930

EASTER COLLECTION FOR THE PRIESTS

The Easter Collection for the Priests of the Parish will be take up at all Masses at Easter (Saturday & Sunday). This is one of the four collections in the year that goes towards the salaries of the priests. You can also transfer your contribution electronically through:

IBAN: IE33 AIBK 9370 1000 1550 60. BIC: (AIBKIE2D).

We are deeply grateful for the way you so generously support us throughout the year. God bless you all.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED ON GOOD FRIDAY

The Parish Office will be closed on Good Friday.

MASS INTENTIONS 25TH - 27TH MARCH (No 10:00AM MASS ON HOLY THURSDAY, GOOD FRIDAY OR HOLY SATURDAY).

- ✠ Joe Varley, Castle Ellen & deceased of the Varley & Killeen families
- ✠ John Ward, Ballygurrane
- ✠ Martin Shaughnessy, Cahertubber
- ✠ Fred & Josephine Caulfield, Prospect
- ✠ J.J. Duane & deceased of the Melia family
- ✠ Michael Sheehan, Moanbaun
- ✠ Ellen & Brendan Hession, Mirah, Turloughmore
- ✠ Nan & Frank Hardiman
- ✠ Joseph & Nora Rohan
- ✠ Renee & Michael Jones & their daughter Gwen
- ✠ Olive Creaven
- ✠ Paddy & Tessie Rooney, Rahard
- ✠ Maisie & Thomas Burke, Ballydavid & deceased of the Burke & Coffey families
- ✠ Martin & Catherine Cannon, Tom Cannon
- ✠ Sr. Fintan Cannon & Sr. Madeline Cannon
- ✠ Anne & John McNamara
- ✠ Kathleen & John Dore
- ✠ John Joyce
- ✠ Margaret & Mike Reilly

HOLY LAND COLLECTION

A reminder that the special collection for the Holy Land will be taken up at all the ceremonies next Friday. You are asked to support all our suffering brothers and sisters in the Lord's homeland as they are going through a very difficult time at the moment.

THE PASSION OF THE CHRIST FILM

A special showing of Mel Gibson's epic film 'the Passion of the Christ' will be held in the Pastoral Centre on Monday night next March 25th at 8:00pm. A short discussion will take place afterwards. All are welcome.

TRÓCAIRE LENTEN CAMPAIGN

Each year the people of the parish have given generously to Trócaire who are deeply grateful for this. Trócaire boxes can now be returned during Holy Week, but especially on Holy Thursday. This year's focus is on Malawi.

MARY'S MEALS IRELAND

Mary's Meals Ireland would like to acknowledge the contribution of €414 from the sale of St. Brigid's Crosses.

ST. MARY'S PARISH — HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Week is the most sacred week in the life of the Church, beginning with Palm or Passion Sunday which commemorates the Lord's triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Holy Thursday commemorates the First Mass and the institution of the priesthood. On God Friday we remember the passion and death of Jesus — his sacrifice for us. On Holy Saturday night we celebrate the high point of our faith — the Resurrection of Jesus — where He has gone, we hope to follow. Please join us, and encourage others to join us during Holy Week.

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION ATHENRY

PALM SUNDAY		
Saturday March 23rd	Mass	6:30pm
Sunday March 24th	Mass	11:00am

MONDAY MARCH 25TH		
Penance Service		7:00pm

TUESDAY MARCH 26TH		
Penance Service		7:00pm

HOLY THURSDAY		
Commemoration of the Last Supper		8:00pm.
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GOOD FRIDAY		
Stations of the Cross		3:00pm
Commemoration of the Passion		8:00pm

HOLY SATURDAY		
Easter Blessing of Food		10:30am
Confessions	11:00am.—11:45am	
Easter Vigil		9:00pm

EASTER SUNDAY		
Mass		11:00am

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HOLY WEEK CALLS FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND
Fr. Charlie will do his Holy Week Calls on Tuesday (March 26th) and Fr. Benny will do his Holy Week Calls on Good Friday (March 29th).

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

How to pray the stations:

There are three sections to praying each station:
1. Beginning at the first station, we genuflect or bow and say:
V/. We adore thee O Christ and we praise thee.
R/. Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.
2. Then using scripture or reading material, meditate on the particular station. Alternatively you may simply gaze and reflect on the particular station itself using the picture and title of each station.

CONSIDER CONFESSIONS FOR EASTER

Maybe it's been a while – maybe it's been too long – perhaps the last time was a bad experience – perhaps it's something you feel to be unnecessary in your life, or you simply want to 'cut out the middle man', yet the Sacrament of Reconciliation is one of the greatest gifts and graces the Church has to offer. It's not that we're bad, it's that we're LOVED, but perhaps something bad has happened or we've done something that has affected our relationship with ourselves, with others or with God.. We are coming to experience the love, mercy and forgiveness of God so that we can begin again. Examine whether the Sacrament of reconciliation is like that in your life. You are not coming to be judged but to be healed, before Christ in the person of another broken individual who too knows the love, mercy and forgiveness of God in their own lives. Perhaps you might give close consideration to Easter Confessions. You will be most welcome!!

MUSIC AT 11:00AM MASS — PALM SUNDAY

* Entrance: *Lauda Jerusalem Dominum*
Offertory: *When I behold the wondrous cross*
Sanctus / Agnus Dei: *Mass XVII*
** Communion: *Crux fidelis*
Recessional: *O Sacred Head*

* *Jerusalem, praise the Lord; Sion, praise your God!*
Hosanna to the Son of David!
** *Faithful cross, above all other, one and only noble tree: None in foliage, none in blossom, none in fruit thy peer may be. Sweet the wood, sweet the nails, sweet the burden that they bear!*

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

The annual novena of Divine Mercy begins on Good Friday and concludes on the 1st Sunday of Easter / Divine Mercy Sunday. The novena leaflets are available in the churches. We strongly encourage the Divine Mercy devotion, however, at the same time we remind you that Easter is the most important week of the Church's year and while entering into this devotion we should never lose sight of Holy Week and Easter.

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.