

25TH OF FEBRUARY 2024 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
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MASS TIMES

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION ATHENRY

Saturday February 24th

Vigil Mass at 6.30pm
Tony Burke, Castlambert, (Month's Mind)

Sunday February 25th

Mass at 11:00am
Lily O'Beirne, Swangate, (Month's Mind)

Saturday March 2nd

Vigil Mass at 6.30pm
Michael Quinn, Old Church St., (1st Anniversary)

Sunday March 3rd

Mass at 11:00am
Seán Delaney, Park, (Month's Mind)

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION NEWCASTLE

Sunday January 25th

Delia, Thomas & Michael Glynn, Bengarra

Saturday March 2nd

Mass at 12:00pm
Helena Cox (Month's Mind)

Sunday March 3rd

Mass at 10:00am
Sarah & Martin Molloy
Pat & Nora Forde

RECENTLY DECEASED

Fr. Paul Madden, late of Ballydavid and Peru
Margaret Coyle, Salthill
Mother of Declan Coyle, Kelly's Pharmacy
Kathleen Finnegan, Cortoon and London
sister of Teresa Hann, Shudane)
Manda Băiescu (Stefan)

ANOINTING OF THE SICK — 2nd MARCH

On Saturday 2nd March, (the first Saturday)
Anointing of the Sick will take place **after 10:00am Mass.**

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT

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

MASS INTENTIONS

26TH FEBRUARY — 2ND MARCH

- † Emma Naughton, Derrydonnell
- † Noel Flannery, Caheroyan (20th Anniversary)
- † Annie Madden, Caheroyan Road
- † Paddy & Kathleen Kilkelly, Ballydavid
- † Jacinta Kelly, Caherbriskaun,
- † John Joe & Tess White, Old Church Street
- † Peter Seery, Ballygurrane
- † Ann Barnett & Dana Bridie Whelan, Northgate Street
- † John & Kathleen Donohue, Northgate Street & Caheroyan Park
- † James & Mary Bane & Maureen Hughes, Cartymore
- † Greg Browne Sheeaun Park
- † Eddie Bane, Sheeaun Park
- † John Willie & Julia Cloonan and deceased of the family
- † Patsy Kilkenny and the Fahy family, Caheroyan Avenue
- † Fr. Paul Gallagher, Glenties

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 — SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Entrance: *Lord Jesus, think on me*

*Offertory: *O bone Jesu* (Palestrina / Ingegneri)

Sanctus / Agnus Dei: *Mass XVII*

Communion: *God of mercy and compassion*

Recessional: *Ave Regina Caelorum*

* *O good Jesus, have mercy on us, for you have created us; You have redeemed us through your most precious blood.*

FR. CHARLIE FIRST FRIDAY CALLS RESCHEDULED
Fr. Charlie has to **reschedule** his First Friday Calls to **Monday 4th March.** Apologies for any inconvenience.

LENT and Letting Go



**Let go of bitterness
Embrace forgiveness**



**Let go of jealousy.
Embrace gratitude.**



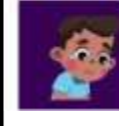
**Let go of anger & hate
Embrace charity.**



**Let go of pride.
Embrace humility**



**Let go of lust.
Embrace purity.**



**Let go of sins.
Embrace GOD.**



THE SYNODAL PATHWAY Towards October 2024

In the coming months we will hear more about the Irish Synodal Pathway as we go towards October 2024. This will be happening at both a diocesan and national level. The process began in 2021 at an international level and concludes this year. The Irish Church is also working on it's own synodal plan.

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.

TUAM DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGES

(1) DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA — FINAL CALL

Final call on this Pilgrimage. Anyone wishing to travel should book immediately. Pilgrimage Dates: **9th — 16th May 2024.** 7 nights ex Dublin with spiritual director.

(2) DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO MALTA 2024

'In the Footsteps of St Paul' Pilgrimage to Malta; from Tuam Archdiocese; **26th June — 3rd July**; ex Dublin.

(3) DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES.

Tuam Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes led by Archbishop Francis Duffy; **30th August — 5th September 2024**, 6 nights ex Ireland-West Airport, Knock.

For all three pilgrimages: Contact 01 2410800.

Quote: Tuam Diocesan Pilgrimage.

Pilgrimage Director: John B. McLoughlin.

FORMS OF FRIDAY PENANCE

The following are suggested as ways of fulfilling Friday penance:

- † Abstaining from meat or some other food
- † Abstaining from alcoholic drink or smoking
- † Making a special effort at involvement in family prayer
- † Making a special effort to participate in Mass on Fridays
- † Visiting the Blessed Sacrament
- † Making the Stations of the Cross
- † Fasting from all food for a longer period than usual and perhaps giving what is saved to the needy
- † Helping the poor, sick, old or lonely

From the statement of the Friday Penance issued by the Bishops' Conference 2011.

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.

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.

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; **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!

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT MEETINGS

Life after a bereavement can feel very lonely. Trained facilitators conduct a weekly **Bereavement Support Meeting** at the Family Centre, Knock Shrine, each Wednesday at 11am. There is also a special meeting for bereaved partners / spouses on the **First Thursday** of each month at 11am. No appointments needed. Further information from Monica Morley on 094-9375320.

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.

SOILSE DISCO

The Soilse Disco is on in the Parish Resource Centre.
Friday, 1st March 8:00pm — 10:00pm
Everyone welcome.