

31ST OF MARCH 2024
CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, ATHENRY

EASTER SUNDAY—THE RESURECTION OF THE LORD
CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, NEWCASTLE

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MASS TIMES

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION ATHENRY

Holy Saturday March 30th

Easter Vigil at 9:00pm

Easter Sunday March 31st

Mass at 11:00am Easter Sunday

Saturday April 6th

Vigil Mass at 6.30pm

Ben Ryan, Knockbrack,

(1st Anniversary)

Sunday April 7th

Mass at 11:00am

Bobby Gardiner, Clarke Street.

(Month's Mind)

Sr. Leo Hackett, Presentation Convent.

(1st Anniversary)

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

NEWCASTLE

Sunday March 31st

Mass at 10:00am

Agnes Keady, Ballyboggan. (23rd Anniversary)

Sunday April 7th

Mass at 10:00am

Johnny Brett.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Bernadette Nolan, Cloonlyon, Ballygar,
mother of Sinéad Gilhooley, Belville.

Maureen King, Corrafaireen, Ballyglunin,
sister of Mattie Feeney & Paddy Feeney Knockbrack.

EASTER COLLECTION FOR THE PRIESTS

The **Easter Collection for the Priests of the Parish** will be taken up at **all Masses this weekend** (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.

MASS INTENTIONS 1ST — 6TH APRIL

- † Joe Varley, Castle Ellen & deceased of the Varley & Killeen families
- † Tom Costello & deceased of the family, Kilbannon
- † Mary Kindregan, Mountpelier & deceased members of the Duffy family
- † Mary Davoren nee Long, Headford and formerly of Cossane
- † Joey Geary & Seán Geary, Bengarra & Kerry
- † Fred & Ellen White, Barrack Street
- † Mattie & Joy McNamara & deceased members of the McNamara & McGuinness families
- † Tony Sice, Boyhill & Milltown
- † Ena & Eddie King, Boyhill
- † Mary Keane, Ard Aoibhinn
- † Tess & Eddie Brady, Church St. & deceased members of the Brady & Coffey families
- † Liam Heffernan, Mountain West
- † Birdie Greaney, Dublin Rd.
- † Pat Costelloe, Castle Ellen & deceased members of the Costelloe family

MUSIC AT 11:00AM MASS — EASTER SUNDAY

Entrance: Jesus Christ is risen today
Sequence: Victimae paschali laudes
* Offertory: Regina Caeli (C. Gounod)
Sanctus / Agnus Dei: Missa Salve Regina (C. Rossini)
** Communion: Surrexit Christus Dominus (Poston / O'Keefe)
* Recessional: Regina Caeli (plainchant)
* Queen of heaven, rejoice, Alleluia!
For He, Whom you were worthy to bear, Alleluia,
Has risen as He said, Alleluia.
Pray for us to God, Alleluia!
** Christ is risen today, for the comfort of all people.
He endured death yesterday, He suffered instead of man.
Christ the Lord is risen, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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. This year's focus is on Malawi.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION (ATHENRY & NEWCASTLE)

SATURDAY / SUNDAY €3,425

EASTER BLESSINGS & GRATITUDE

A very sincere word of thanks to all who participated in the Holy Week ceremonies and to all who planned them, to the choirs and to all our parish staff and volunteers, a very sincere word of thanks. May God bless you all.

As we have now journeyed through Lent and Holy Week, arriving at this great Easter day, we pray every blessing on you all during this season of hope and new life. May it be a time of growth and renewal when you experience the risen Christ walking with you. Happy Easter and thanks for all your support to the parish throughout the past year. It is appreciated more than you will ever know!!

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.

V. Regina caeli, laetare, alleluia.
R. Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia.
V. Resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia.
R. Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.
V. Gaude et laetare, Virgo Maria, alleluia.
R. Quia surrexit Dominus vere, alleluia.

Oremus.

Deus, qui per resurrectionem Filii tui, Domini nostri Iesu Christi, mundum laetificare dignatus es: praesta, quaesumus; ut per eius Genetricem Virginem Mariam, perpetuae capiamus gaudia vitae. Per eundem Christum Dominum nostrum.

Amen.

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.

TUAM ARCHDIOCESE EASTER HIKE

Tuam Diocesan Young Adult Ministry will host an Easter Hike next Friday April 5th. Mass in St. Mary's church Westport at 10:00am followed by bus to Croagh Patrick. Booking is essential for this trip. Please contact Mark at 087 1323296 or Eimear at 087 7588247. While it seems like a long way away it will be very worth while and an opportunity to connect in with young adults from all over the diocese in a faith context. Again if you are planning on going please make sure you book in advance and as early as possible so as to aid in the organisation.

TUAM DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

Sunday, May 5th 2024.

Sacrament of the Sick at 2.30pm. Mass at 3:00pm.

Led by Archbishop Francis Duffy.

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!!

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. Mass will take place at 3:00pm on Divine Mercy Sunday which is on 7th April this year. 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.

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE 2024 WITH FR. BENNY

Fr. Benny will be leading a pilgrimage to Medjugorje from Knock to Mostar. October 9th — 16th 2024.

Price is €855. Price includes:

- ◆ Transport from Mostar Airport to Medjugorje,
 - ◆ 7 nights accommodation, Breakfast & Dinner each day,
 - ◆ Full religious programme by Marian Pilgrimages.
- Booking no. for Marian Pilgrimages is 01 8788159.

Ring Fr. Benny on 087-2387336 for further details.

SOILSE DISCO FRIDAY 5TH APRIL 8:00PM — 10:00PM

The Soilse Disco takes place Friday, 5th April from 8:00—10:00PM in the Parish Pastoral Centre. Everyone welcome!

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 inside the main entrance of Athenry church for those interested.