

3RD OF MARCH 2024

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, ATHENRY

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, NEWCASTLE

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MASS TIMES

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION ATHENRY

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)

Saturday March 9th

Vigil Mass at 6.30pm
Sr. Gabriel Freeney (Nano),
Presentation Convent, Galway and Derrydonnell
(1st Anniversary) and
Mick Cusack, Essex (Month's Mind)

Sunday March 10th

Mass at 11:00am
Charles Curran Kelly, Prospect & Kensington, London
(1st Anniversary)

**CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
NEWCASTLE**

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

Saturday March 9th

Mass at 12:00pm
Mary Murphy (Month's Mind)

Sunday March 10th

Mass at 10:00am
Pa & Peggy Ryan and their son Jarlath, Bengarra

RECENTLY DECEASED

Bobby Gardiner, Clarke St.

Esther Flanagan, Crossmolina, sister of Helen Nugent Moyveela

Fr. John Corbett, Dundalk, Dublin and ex Athenry

Fr. Tom O'Connor, Malaysia, Dublin & ex Kiltullagh

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MASS INTENTIONS

4TH MARCH — 9TH MARCH

- † **Martin Connell**, Lisheenkyle
- † **Bridie & Mikie Kindregan & son Michael John**, Cahertubber & **deceased** of the **Kindregan & Shaughnessy families**
- † **Moira Coen & deceased** of the **O'Carroll family**
- † **Michael Quinn**, Old Church St. and the **deceased** of the **Quinn family**
- † **Tom Madden**, Cussane
- † **Joseph (Joe) O'Driscoll**, Esker & Cork (1st Anniversary)
- † **Nancy & Dick Corson**, Moanbaun
- † **Kathleen Ryan**, Cross St.
- † **Sadie & Paddy Glynn**, Carrarea, Ballyglunin
- † **Michael, Christina, Michael Jr. & Patsy Keane**, Rathmorrissey & **deceased** of the **Larkin, Fahey & McDonagh families**

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 — THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Entrance: God of mercy and compassion

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

Sanctus / Agnus: Mass XVII

Communion Antiphon: The sparrow has found herself a home

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.**

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION
(ATHENRY & NEWCASTLE)**

SATURDAY / SUNDAY **€3,605**

LENT and Letting Go



**Let go of bitterness
Embrace forgiveness**



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



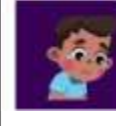
**Let go of anger & hate
Embrace charity.**



**Let go of pride.
Embrace humility**



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



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



LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

A reminder that Lenten Bible Study on St. Mark's Gospel, by Fr. Benny, continues during Lent in the Pastoral Centre. It continues **Monday 4th, 11th & 18th March at 8pm.**



STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT

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



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.

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.

TUAM DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGES

- (1) **DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA — FINAL CALL**
Pilgrimage Dates: **9th May 2024. 7 nights ex Dublin** with spiritual director. (ref: Tuam).
 - (2) **DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO MALTA 2024**
'In the Footsteps of St Paul' Pilgrimage to Malta; Pilgrimage Dates: **26th June 2024. 7 nights ex Dublin** with spiritual director.
 - (3) **DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES.**
Pilgrimage Dates: **30th August — 5th September 2024,** 6 nights ex Ireland-West Airport, Knock. Led by Archbishop Francis Duffy.
- For all three pilgrimages:** Contact 01 2410800.
Quote: Tuam Diocesan Pilgrimage.
Pilgrimages Director: John B. McLoughlin.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The monthly meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council took place last Tuesday night. The Pastoral Council's term is 2023 — 2027, and the focus of the Council remains honouring the listening nights (which took place in October) over those four years. The Council is operating under three headings.

- Supporting those who are attending church.
- Outreach and welcome to the wider community.
- Meeting people where they are at.

To this end the meeting focussed on three projects:

The establishment of a Parish Hospitality Group — this group would initially focus on providing a 'cuppa' for those attending daily Mass, this would initially be one day per week on a trial basis. We are also planning a Parish Mission in the winter. We also hope to run the ALPHA programme of evangelisation in the Parish beginning in September 2025, while this may seem a long way away, there is a fair amount of work and planning to go into this, and it is felt that this is the most realistic time frame.

PARISH HOSPITALITY GROUP

We are currently establishing a Parish Hospitality Group who will provide welcome to those who attend the 10:00am Mass on Fridays. This will take place in the Parish Pastoral Centre. If you are interested in this group please contact **Mary (087) 2496449.** We will also be in contact with those indicated on the Parish Volunteer Forms that they would like to be involved in this ministry. The success of this project will also depend on those who attend the 10:00am Mass popping in. It is hoped that it will provide a forum for friendship and community.

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 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.

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!

GAELSCOIL CEILIÚRADH LÁ FHÉILE PÁDRAIG

Ceiliúradh Lá Fhéile Pádraig — **St. Patrick's Day Fair**
In aid of Gaelscoil Riada. All welcome!

At: Halla an Phobail, Baile Átha an Rí. **Community Hall, Athenry. Time: 12.00pm - 3.30pm.**
Stalls, Face Painting, Cake Sale, Tae agus Caifé (Tea and Coffee). Loads of raffle prizes to be won!