

4TH OF FEBRUARY 2024  
CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, ATHENRY

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, NEWCASTLE

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### MASS TIMES

#### CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION ATHENRY

##### Saturday February 3rd

Vigil Mass at 6.30pm  
Seán Rooney, Blain, (Month's Mind)

##### Sunday February 4th

Mass at 11:00am  
Private Intention

##### Saturday February 10th

Vigil Mass at 6.30pm  
Noreen Kelly, Cloran, (Month's Mind)

##### Sunday February 11th

Mass at 11:00am  
John Finn, Moorpark, (Month's Mind)

#### CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION NEWCASTLE

##### Sunday February 4th

Mass at 10:00am  
Martin & Maureen O'Donnell  
and deceased of the O'Donnell family, Tourkeel  
and the deceased of the Glynn family, Cuddoo

##### Saturday February 10th

Mass at 12:00pm  
Maureen Monaghan,  
Tysaxon, (Month's Mind)

##### Sunday January 11th

Mass at 10:00am  
Mickey Burke, (2nd Anniversary),  
Noreen Madden (1st Anniversary),  
Robbie Burke (6th Anniversary)  
and their parents Sadie & Joe Burke, Ballyboggan

### RECENTLY DECEASED

Seán Delaney, Park

Mary Hackett, Kilkenny and Headford  
sister of the late Sr. Leo Hackett,  
Presentation Convent Athenry

### MASS CARDS

MASS CARDS ARE NOW AVAILABLE IN THE PARISH OFFICE

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### FEBRUARY 5TH — 10TH

- † Peter & Josephine Burke, Lecarrow
- † Michael, Séan & Maura O'Malley & the deceased of the O'Malley & Kenny families
- † Patrick McNamara & deceased of the McNamara family, Old Church St.,
- † Pdraic & Kathleen & Thomas Francis, Tuam
- † James Killeen & deceased members of the Killeen family, Carnaun
- † Thomas & Bridget Curry & the deceased of the Kelly families Moorpark & Newford
- † Elizabeth & Michael Kelly, Clorane
- † Edward Kelly, Galway & Chicago
- † Michael Kelly, Galway & Melbourne
- † Michael Healy, Old Church St., & deceased of the Healy & Farragher families
- † William Donnellan & deceased of the Donnellan family & Katie Melia
- † John Eagle, Cloran & deceased of the Eagle & Tully families
- † The Broderick family, Moorpark
- † Josephine Kelly, England
- † Patrick, Margaret, Jimmy, Paddy & Maureen Fahy, Tysaxon
- † Edward & Margaret McDonagh & the deceased members of the McDonagh family, Coshla
- † Thomas & Julia Hardiman & deceased members of the families, Attymon
- † Masie & Joseph Corbett & deceased members of the families, Newcastle
- † Paddy, Carmel, Maura & Shane Farragher, Raheen
- † John & Maureen Healy (2nd Anniversary), St. Martin's Clorane & deceased of the Rooney & Healy families

### FR. CHARLIE FIRST FRIDAY CALLS RESCHEDULED

Fr. Charlie had to reschedule his First Friday Calls to **Tuesday 6th February**. Apologies for any inconvenience.

### LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

ATHENRY & NEWCASTLE  
SATURDAY / SUNDAY €3,600

### 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 (early booking discount of €50 off when paid before the 2nd of February). 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.

### LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

A reminder that the Lenten Bible study by Fr. Benny will resume on the Monday Nights of Lent in the Pastoral Centre. It begins **Monday February 19th** and continues each Monday on **26th February** and **4th, 11th** and **18th March** at 8pm.

### 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.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2024

The Grow in Love First Holy Communion Masses will be taking place in Athenry Church on the following Saturdays at 6:30pm  
Mass: **February 17th, March 23rd** and **April 20th**.

### ATHENRY PARISH CHILDREN'S CHOIR

For any current members interested in continuing, or new children (3rd - 6th class) who want to join the choir. If there is enough interest the choir will continue on a day/time to be decided. Please email: [musicgracekelly@gmail.com](mailto:musicgracekelly@gmail.com).

### MUSIC AT 11 A.M. MASS

Entrance: All People that on Earth do Dwell  
Offertory: Come Adore this Wondrous Presence (McDonagh)  
Sanctus / Agnus Dei: Mass XV ("Dominus Deus")  
Communion: Ave Verum Corpus (Perosi)  
Recessional: Hymn to St Brigid  
1. Far above, enthroned in glory, Sweetest saint of Erin's Isle,  
See thy children kneel before thee; Turn on us a mother's smile.  
Sancta Mater, hear our pleading, Faith and hope and holy love,  
Sweet Saint Brigid, Spouse of Jesus, Send to us from heav'n above.  
2. Sweet St Brigid, Erin's children Far and near, o'er land and sea,  
'Mid the world and in the cloister, Fondly turn with love to thee.  
Sancta Mater, soothe the mourner, Shield the weary tempted soul,  
Sweet St Brigid, guide thy children, To that bright & happy home.

### ATHENRY RC PARISH STATISTICS 2023

Baptisms:	81
Marriages:	4
Deaths:	51
First Communions:	136
Confirmations:	133

### GALWAY NOVENA

The 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help takes place from **Monday 5th — Tuesday 13th February 2024** in Galway Cathedral. The theme is "But above all, do not lose hope." (Pope Francis). Session times are **Monday — Saturday: 11:00am, 1:10pm, 7:30pm** and **Sunday: 10:30am, 12:30pm, 3:00pm, 6:00pm**. For further details visit [www.galwaycathedral.ie/news/solemn-novena-2024](http://www.galwaycathedral.ie/news/solemn-novena-2024).

### PASTORAL COUNCIL

The Parish Pastoral Council met last Tuesday night. The main item on the agenda was to prioritise issues raised at the Listening Nights in October and work on them. It is accepted that many important issues were raised on those nights and they will be examined as part of an overall plan over the next four years. The following is what has been identified to begin working on in the coming months:

- Utilise all volunteers who have come forward from the process as roles emerge. Keep close contact with them and inform them what is happening.
- Enhance communication between the Parish and Parishioners through the newsletter, parish website and social media. It has been the plan over the last number of months, and was strongly agreed that the parish website be updated as a matter of priority and social media platforms be promoted. There is currently a parish Facebook page.
- Develop facilities for those currently attending church as well as encouraging others in, one such way would be the provision of hospitality after Mass. The possibility of neighbourhood Masses and faith events was also raised.

There was a strong emphasis at the meeting that the Parish reach out to people where they are at in life, to reach out to them in their needs and circumstances, whatever their age or place on life's journey.

The outcome of the Listening Nights is being published on the parish website in order to keep our focus and remind parishioners of what went on.

The next meeting of the Pastoral Council takes place on February 27th.

### REMINDER RE BANK HOLIDAY 5TH FEBRUARY

Monday 5th February is a Bank Holiday  
in honour of **St. Brigid**.

### CARNAUN NATIONAL SCHOOL ENROLMENT

Carnaun National School is now accepting enrolments for September 2024. If you would like your child to attend Carnaun National School please contact 091 844668 / email [admin@carnaunns.ie](mailto:admin@carnaunns.ie).

### LISHEENKYLE NATIONAL SCHOOL ENROLMENT

Lisheenkyle National School is now accepting enrolments for September 2024. All details and enrolment forms are available on [www.lisheenkylens.ie](http://www.lisheenkylens.ie) or by contacting the school office at 091 844901 or [admin@lisheenkylens.ie](mailto:admin@lisheenkylens.ie).

### FIRST RESPONDER TRAINING COURSE

Interested in learning a lifesaving skill for 2024? Athenry Community First Responder group have a training course coming up at the end of February. If you are interested please contact the group on Facebook, via email [athenrycfr@gmail.com](mailto:athenrycfr@gmail.com) or by call or text on 0871717783.

### ATHENRY AGRICULTURAL SHOW AGM

Athenry Agricultural Show AGM will take place on Tuesday 13th February at 8pm in the Raheen Woods Hotel. New members are very welcome [www.athenryagrishow.com](http://www.athenryagrishow.com).