

25TH AUGUST 2024

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, ATHENRY

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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✠ MASS TIMES ✠

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION ATHENRY

Saturday August 24th

Vigil Mass at 6.30pm

Sunday August 25th

Mass at 11:00am

Saturday August 31st

Vigil Mass at 6.30pm

Sunday September 1st

Mass at 11:00am

Margaret Connolly, (1st Anniversary), Ard Aoibhinn

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION NEWCASTLE

Sunday August 25th

Mass at 10:00am

Mattie & Nonie Byrne, Cuddoo &

deceased of the Byrne & Gilligan families

Sunday September 1st

Mass at 10:00am

Malachy Ruane, Cuddoo

✠ RECENTLY DECEASED ✠

Mary Small, Mountain North,
Margaret Murphy, Ballygurrane

Paddy Joe McGuire, Cloonfad, Ballyhaunis
father of Geraldine Melly, Currantarmuid

Nora Ward, An Cheathrú Bhán

Christy Caulfield, Prospect

BASKET COLLECTION ATHENRY / NEWCASTLE

LAST WEEKEND €3,300 15TH AUGUST €955

READINGS: 31ST AUG & 1ST SEPT (22nd Sun. Ord. Time)

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8.

Psalm: 4:2-5, R/ v 1

2nd Reading: James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27

Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

THANK YOU RE LADY'S WELL & CEMETERY MASSES

We would like to thank all involved in the Lady's Well & Cemetery Masses last week. It was great to see such great attendance at all Masses. Thanks to the Lady's Well & Cemetery Committees & volunteers for all they do. It is greatly appreciated. In particular we wish to thank Gerry Ryan, Athenry New Cemetery Committee & wish him well in his retirement. It is hoped to establish a new committee in the coming weeks. The collection amounted to €3,691.21 at the New Cemetery Mass. This collection is the main source of income for the cemetery upkeep & maintenance. If you wish to donate to Athenry New Cemetery Fund. Details:

Account No. 8301 in Athenry Credit Union or electronically via: BIC: ATRUIE21. IBAN: IE19ATRU99110010108218.

✠ MASS INTENTIONS MON 26TH — 31ST AUGUST ✠

✠ John & Mary Grealish, Lisheenkyle

✠ John Kennedy, Rockfield

✠ Michael & Annie O'Shea & deceased of the family, Cahertubber

✠ Peig Costello nee Bane, Gort na Rí

✠ Sonny Barrett and Bridie Forde

✠ Michael & Anne Long, Cussane & their daughter Mary

Daveron & their daughter-in-law Nonie Long

✠ Michael & Christina Connolly, Caheroyan & their son Peter &

their daughter Irene Thompson

✠ Margaret Reidy, Tobberoe

✠ John, Teresa & Marguerite McDonagh & deceased of the

McDonagh family, Coshla

✠ Arlene Leal, Cavite, Philippines

✠ John & Elizabeth Coffey, Old Church St., & their daughter

Patricia O'Reilly, Dublin

✠ Margaret & Joe Maloney, & their son Martin, Old Church St

✠ Anne Moran, Salthill

✠ Margaret Roache, Roscommon & Boston

ENTRANCE HYMN: ST. PATRICK'S BRESTPLATE

Christ be near at either hand, / Christ behind, before me stand,
Christ with me where e'er I go, / Christ around, above, below.
Christ be in my heart and mind, / Christ within my soul enshrined,
Christ control my wayward heart; / Christ abide and ne'er depart
Christ my life and only way, / Christ my lantern night and day,
Christ be my unchanging friend, / Guide and shepherd to the end.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY RESUMES 1ST SEPTEMBER

We look forward to seeing children entering Junior / Senior
Infants & 1st Class when we return on September 1st (& weekly
during Sun 11:00am Mass). As always thank you to our
volunteers for their time & dedication. If you wish to volunteer,
contact Deirdre on 087 098 4379 or contact the parish office.

CHY 3 TAX CONTRIBUTION SCHEME REMINDER

This enables the parish to claim back tax you have already paid
on your contribution to Revenue, at no expense to yourself, but
would be of considerable help to the Parish. It is an important
source of revenue for us. We will send CHY3 forms to
parishioners who contributed over €250, in 2023. If you receive
one please return it by leaving it in the church basket at Mass or
post it to Athenry Parish Office.

ATHENRY CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Athenry Christmas Lights Annual Car Boot Sale Collection is
looking for resaleable items. Please drop them off at Joyce's
filling Station, The Arch, Athenry, any Wednesday between
7:00pm and 8:00pm. They are also looking for volunteers to
put up the Christmas Lights. Contact Aoife: 0863431538.

ST. MARY'S GAA U11 FESTIVAL OF HURLING

St. Mary's GAA Athenry will be hosting the U11 Festival of
Hurling at Carnaun Club grounds on the 31st of August from
10am - 3pm. Clubs from all over the country have been invited
to take part. Please come along to experience some great
hurling skills and games. It will be a great day out for all.

JUBILEE 2025 — PILGRIMS OF HOPE

2025 is the Holy Year of the Pilgrims of Hope. Please note details
of the Tuam Diocesan Italian Shrines Pilgrimage 2025 on the
poster below. Also please take the time to read Pope Francis'
letter below, re the New Evangelisation for the Jubilee 2025.

2025 Jubilee Year—Holy Year

Tuam Diocesan Italian

Shrines Pilgrimage

27th June - 3rd July. (6 nights).

- Direct return flights from Dublin to Rome
- €1199 per person (sharing).
- 20kg bags included
- All transfers & tours by private coach
- 3 nights Hotel in Rome – B&B
- 3 nights Hotel in Assisi – Half Board
- Full religious programme led by Spiritual Director
- Fully guided with tours and visits as per itinerary
- Optional: travel insurance
- Single supplement €300
- limited availability
- Contact 012410800

Early Booking Advisable
to avail of rate quoted



FROM THE LETTER OF POPE FRANCIS TO MGR RINO FISISCHELLA,
PRESIDENT, PONTIFICAL COUNCIL FOR THE PROMOTION OF THE NEW
EVANGELISATION FOR THE JUBILEE 2025.

The Jubilee has always been an event of great spiritual, ecclesial, and
social significance in the life of the Church. Ever since 1300, when
Boniface VIII instituted the first Holy Year - initially celebrated every
hundred years, then, following its biblical precedent, every fifty years,
and finally every twenty-five years - God's holy and faithful people
has experienced this celebration as a special gift of grace,
characterised by the forgiveness of sins and in particular by the
indulgence, which is a full expression of the mercy of God. The
faithful, frequently at the conclusion of a lengthy pilgrimage, draw
from the spiritual treasury of the Church by passing through the Holy
Door and venerating the relics of the Apostles Peter and Paul
preserved in Roman basilicas. Down the centuries, millions upon
millions of pilgrims have journeyed to these sacred places, bearing
living witness to the faith professed in every age.

The Great Jubilee of the year 2000 ushered the Church into the third
millennium of her history. Saint John Paul II had long awaited and
greatly looked forward to that event, in the hope that all Christians,
putting behind their historical divisions, could celebrate together the
two thousandth anniversary of the birth of Jesus Christ, the Saviour
of humanity. Now, as the first twenty-five years of the new century
draw to a close, we are called to enter into a season of preparation
that can enable the Christian people to experience the Holy Year in all
its pastoral richness. A significant step on this journey was already
taken with the celebration of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy,
which allowed us to appreciate anew all the power & tenderness of
the Father's merciful love, in order to become, in our turn, its
witnesses.

In recent years, not a single country has been unaffected by the
sudden outbreak of an epidemic that made us experience first-hand
not only the tragedy of dying alone, but also the uncertainty &

fleetingness of existence, & in doing so, has changed our very way
of life.

Together with all our brothers & sisters, we Christians endured
those hardships & limitations. Our churches remained closed, as
did our schools, factories, offices, shops, & venues for recreation.
All of us saw certain freedoms curtailed, while the pandemic
generated feelings not only of grief, but also, at times, of doubt,
fear & disorientation. The scientific community quickly developed
an initial remedy that is permitting us to resume our daily lives.

We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us, & help
everyone to gain new strength & certainty by looking to the
future with an open spirit, a trusting heart & far-sighted vision.
The forthcoming Jubilee can contribute greatly to restoring a
climate of hope & trust as a prelude to the renewal & rebirth that
we so urgently desire; that is why I have chosen as the motto of
the Jubilee, *Pilgrims of Hope*. This will indeed be the case if we
are capable of recovering a sense of universal fraternity & refuse to
turn a blind eye to the tragedy of rampant poverty that prevents
millions of men, women, young people & children from living in a
manner worthy of our human dignity. Here I think in particular of
the many refugees forced to abandon their native lands. May the
voices of the poor be heard throughout this time of preparation
for the Jubilee, which is meant to restore access to the fruits of the
earth to everyone. As the Bible teaches, 'The sabbath of the land
shall provide food for you, for yourself & for your male & female
slaves & for your hired servant & the sojourner who lives with
you; for your cattle also, & for the beasts that are in your land, all
its yield shall be for food' (Lev 25:6-7).

The spiritual dimension of the Jubilee, which calls for conversion,
should also embrace these fundamental aspects of our life in
society as part of a coherent whole. In the realization that all of us
are pilgrims on this earth, which the Lord has charged us to till &
keep (cf. Gen 2:15), may we never fail, in the course of our
sojourn, to contemplate the beauty of creation & care for our
common home. It is my hope that the coming Jubilee Year will be
celebrated & experienced with this intention too. Growing
numbers of men & women, including many young people &
children, have come to realise that care for creation is an essential
expression of our faith in God & our obedience to his will.

Prayer as the royal road to holiness, which enables us to be
contemplative even in the midst of activity. In a word, may it be
an intense year of prayer in which hearts are opened to receive
the outpouring of God's grace & to make the 'Our Father,' the
prayer Jesus taught us, the life programme of each of his disciples.
I ask the Blessed Virgin Mary to accompany the Church on the
journey of preparation for the grace-filled event of the Jubilee, &
to you & your co-workers with gratitude, I cordially send my
Blessing.

The Jubilee Logo

The logo shows four stylised figures, representing all of
humanity, coming from the four corners of the earth. They
embrace each other to indicate the solidarity & fraternity which
should unite all peoples. The figure at the front is holding onto
the cross. It is not only the sign of the faith which this lead figure
embraces, but also of hope, which can never be abandoned,
because we are always in need of hope, especially in our
moments of greatest need. There are the rough waves under the
figures, symbolising the fact that life's pilgrimage does not always
go smoothly in calm waters. Often the circumstances of daily life
& events in the wider world require a greater call to hope. That's
why we should pay special attention to the lower part of the cross
which has been elongated & turned into the shape of an anchor
which is let down into the waves. The anchor is well known as a
symbol of hope. In maritime jargon the 'anchor of hope' refers to
the reserve anchor used by vessels involved in emergency
manoeuvres to stabilise the ship during storms. It is worth noting
that the image illustrates the pilgrim's journey not as an
individual undertaking, but rather as something communal,
marked by an increasing dynamism leading one ever closer to the
cross. The cross in the logo is by no means static, but it is also
dynamic. It bends down towards humanity, not leaving human
beings alone, but stretching out to them to offer the certainty of
its presence & the security of hope. At the bottom of the logo is
the motto of the 2025 Jubilee Year: Peregrinantes in Spem
(Pilgrims in hope), represented in green letters.