1ST DECEMBER 2024 **FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, ATHENRY **CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, NEWCASTLE**

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✠ MASS TIMES ✠

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION ATHENRY

Saturday November 30th Vigil Mass at 6.30pm
Mickey Gill, Dillons Cross, Ballydavid,
(1st Anniversary)

Sunday December 1st Mass at 11:00am
Mary O'Sullivan, Caheroyan Drive,
(Month's Mind)

Saturday December 7th Vigil Mass at 6.30pm
John Francis (Seán) Rooney, Blain
(1st Anniversary)

Sunday December 8th Mass at 11:00am
John Connaughton, Castle Ellen,
(1st Anniversary)

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION NEWCASTLE

Sunday December 1st Mass at 10:00am
Morgan Morris, Tysaxon

Saturday December 7th Mass at 3.00pm
Paddy Gannon, Mountgarett & College Road,
(Month's Mind)

Sunday December 8th Mass at 10:00am
Dermot & Mai Gill, Knockbrack

BASKET COLLECTION LAST WEEKEND 23RD & 24TH NOV.
ATHENRY / NEWCASTLE
€3,325

FIRST FRIDAY CALLS ON 6TH DECEMBER
Both Fr. Charlie and Fr. Benny will do
their First Friday Calls on Friday 6th December.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick For the month of December takes place on **Saturday December 14th after 10:00am Mass**. Please note that those anointed at the Mission are asked to wait until January to be anointed again.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH CHOIR, ATHENRY

The choir is now welcoming new members to rehearsals on Tuesdays, from 7:30 — 9:00pm, **for Sunday Mass at 11:00am**. This is a unison and 4-part harmony choir with a varied repertoire. The ability to read music is not a requirement. So, if you feel you can sing, you are most welcome to join. The choir is also available for funerals. For any other information please contact the parish office: 091 844076 or email info@athenryparish.ie.

MASS INTENTIONS:

MONDAY 2ND — SATURDAY 7TH DECEMBER

- ✠ Martin & Bridget Coen, Cahertymore
- ✠ Deceased of the Rabbitte family, Carnaun
- ✠ Thomas & Mary Dunleavy & their daughter Bridget (Babs) Dunleavy, Ballygurrane
- ✠ Sarah Connell, Lisheenkyle
- ✠ Thomas & Nora Gill, Mountain North & deceased members of the Gill family
- ✠ Tommy O'Brien, Mountain North
- ✠ Seán Casey & the deceased of the Ryan & Casey families
- ✠ Siobhán & Bryan Duffy, Monkstown
- ✠ Paddy Farrell, Rockmore
- ✠ William Doherty, Caheroyan Drive
- ✠ Sr. Pius Canavan, Clonmel & late of Corofin, Co. Galway
- ✠ John & Mary Cannon & Peadar Harte Ballyboggan
- ✠ Maura Farragher Collins, Raheen
- ✠ Tommy Holian, Menlough
- ✠ Frank Kilkelly, Ballydavid & Drumcondra
- ✠ Olivia Mongan, Caheroyan
- ✠ The Coppinger family, Kilbeg, Monivea
- ✠ Ellen & Peter Glynn, Cuddoo & deceased members of the Glynn & Keogh families
- ✠ Maura & Mattie O'Donnell, Tourkeel & deceased members of the family
- ✠ Tommie O'Shea, Cahertubber & deceased of the O'Shea & Coyne families
- ✠ Margaret & Thomas Lyons Ard Aoibhinn & Tiaquin and their daughters Marguerite, Maudie & Geraldine
- ✠ Mary Finnerty, Clarke Street

♫ ♫ NEWCASTLE HYMNS ♫ ♫

1 **O come, O come, Immanuel,**
and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

Refrain:
Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.

2 O come, O Wisdom from on high,
who ordered all things mightily;
to us the path of knowledge show
and teach us in its ways to go. Refrain

READINGS: 7TH & 8TH DEC. (Second Sunday of Advent)

1st READ: Bar. 5:1-9. PSALM: 125.
2nd READ: PHIL. 1:3-6, 8-11. GOSPEL: Lk. 3:1-6.

NOTICE FROM ATHENRY ST. VINCENT DE PAUL (SVP)

The **SVP Annual Church Gate Collection** will take place on the 7th & 8th of December, at Athenry & Newcastle Masses. This is our primary source of funding for the year so we would really appreciate your support. It will go to good use in the Athenry/ Newcastle community. You can contribute as follows:

Method 1: Contribute to the church gate collection at Masses on the 7th & 8th Dec in Athenry or Newcastle. **Method 2:** Lodge a contribution to Athenry SVP's account in AIB Athenry: Account Number 11722064. Sort Code 93-70-10. **Method 3:** Transfer your contribution electronically through BIC/IBAN: IBAN: IE79AIBK93701011722064 BIC: AIBKIE2D.

For lodgements and transfers, please include **ONLY your NAME & EIRCODE** in the transaction. (Please do not type your address or other words like Donations, Christmas Collection, VDP etc. as there is a character limitation on the Bank Statement &your name could be missing. Hence we won't be able to issue a receipt. **CHY:** If you wish to contribute €250 or over, and would like to participate in the CHY3 scheme, please be sure and provide us with your Name & Eircode as instructed above. We will forward the necessary documentation.

Many thanks from the Athenry SVP for your continued support.

MUSIC IN THE LITURGY DURING ADVENT

Since Advent has a penitential character (the Gloria is not said, the priest wears violet vestments, the altar is not decorated with flowers), the Church asks that the music should reflect this character. You might notice that the organ is not played during Advent, unless necessary to support singing. The exception to this is the third Sunday of Advent ("Gaudete Sunday"), which has a more joyful tone, and the organ may be played. During the Sundays of Advent the choir sings a traditional antiphon in honour of Our Lady at the end of Mass, Alma Redemptoris Mater. The translation is as follows:

Kind mother of the Redeemer, who remains the open gate of heaven and the star of the sea: help your falling people who want to rise. You who bore your holy Parent, while nature marvelled: a Virgin before and after, receiving that 'Ave' from Gabriel's mouth, have mercy on us sinners.

♫ ♫ HYMNS AT 11:00AM MASS ♫ ♫

Entrance *Dear maker of the starry skies*
Offertory *Behold a Virgin bearing Him*
Sanctus / Agnus Dei *Mass XVII*
Communion *Of the Father's heart begotten*
Recessional *Alma Redemptoris Mater*

1. Dear Maker of the starry skies,
Light of believers evermore,
Jesu, Redeemer of mankind,
Be near us who Thine aid implore.
2. When man was sunk in sin and death,
Lost in the depth of Satan's snare,
Love brought Thee down to cure our ills
By taking of those ills a share.
3. Thou, for the sake of guilty men,
Permitted Thy pure blood to flow,
Didst issue from Thy Virgin shrine
And to the Cross a Victim go.
4. Great Judge of all! In that last day,
When friends shall fail and foes combine,
Be present then with us, we pray,
To guard us with Thy arm divine.

Alma Redemptoris Mater, quae pervia caeli porta manes,
Et stella maris, succurre cadenti surgere qui curat populo:
Tu quae genuisti, natura mirante, tuum sanctum Genitorem.
Virgo prius ac posterius, Gabrielis ab ore
Sumens illud Ave, peccatorum miserere.

PARISH MISSION — MÍLE BUÍOCHAS!!

A very sincere thanks to all who made the Parish Mission such a success and blessing for our Parish. To all our parish staff and volunteers, we are deeply grateful for all the ways in which you prepared and carried out the Mission, whether it was in the liturgical preparations and music or indeed in the hospitality. We are deeply grateful to the Franciscans Friars of the Renewal for being among us and bringing Christ's healing to us. It was a great way to finish the Church's year. God bless you all.

ADVENT IS HERE — CHRISTMAS IS COMING

Many of us are putting up our Christmas decorations these days, and certainly in the next week.. Whether you have already put up your decorations or are putting them up, we strongly encourage including a Christmas crib in homes. The crib is at the heart of Christmas, and this weekend we have made prayer cards available which we invite you to take home with you, keeping Christ and the Holy Family at the heart of Christmas. Pope St. John Paul II began the tradition of Bambinelli Sunday which takes place on the Third Sunday of Advent. On Bambinelli Sunday families are invited to bring their figure of the Baby Jesus to the church to be blessed. This will take place at Masses on the weekend of December 15th this year at all Masses.

ADVENT SCRIPTURE COURSE WITH FR. BENNY
(in Athenry Pastoral Centre)

Would you like to know a little more about the Scriptures that are read at Mass? For the coming year, the Gospels will be taken from St. Luke's account. For the **Monday nights of Advent: December 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd**, Fr. Benny will present a short introductory course on this Gospel. This will take place in the **Pastoral Centre Athenry from 8:00pm — 9:30pm each Monday evening**. All are welcome, and no previous knowledge is required. Please bring along your copy of the bible, and if you do not have your own copy, one will be provided on the night. This course will be of special interest to readers and those who have been on pilgrimage to the Holy Land, and those who want to know more about Lectio Divina.

♫ ♫ UNION OF VOICES 2024 ♫ ♫
CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Athenry Music School is thrilled to present it's annual Union of Voices, Community Carols for Christmas. This will be held at 3:00 pm on Sunday 8th December in Athenry Church. All are welcome to this free celebration of our wonderful community.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy (during Sun. 11:00am Mass) continues for Junior and Senior Infants and 1st Class children. To volunteer, contact Deirdre (0870984379) or the parish office 091 844076 or email info@athenryparish.ie.

LISHEENKYLE NATIONAL SCHOOL ENROLMENTS

Lisheenkyle National School is now accepting enrolments for September 2025. 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.

NEWCASTLE FORÓIGE

Newcastle Foróige starting date changed to **Friday 3rd January 2025, at 8:00pm** in Newcastle Community Centre. All 1st, 2nd & 3rd year students are welcome. If you have any questions, please contact Mairead on 087 2181638.

SOILSE DISCO

The next Soilse Disco takes place
FRIDAY, 6TH DECEMBER from 8:00 — 10:00PM,
in the Pastoral Centre. Everyone welcome.