

24TH NOVEMBER 2024
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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 and your name could be missing. Hence we won't be able to issue a receipt.
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 St. Vincent de Paul for your continued support.

PARISH MISSION 2024
Our Parish Mission begins this week. It will be conducted by the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal on these dates: 25th to the 28th November. We encourage as many people to come along for some or all of the Mission and to encourage others to do so. The Friars will be here the previous weekends at Masses and the Mission takes place each evening from Monday to Thursday beginning at 7pm. Most nights it will go on past 10:00pm so people may choose to come for part rather than all of the sessions. Each evening will begin with Mass & then as follows :
Monday — Prayer Ministry
Tuesday — Penance Service and Confessions
Wednesday — Eucharistic Healing
Thursday — Concluding Session.

✠ MASS TIMES ✠
CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION ATHENRY
Saturday November 23rd Vigil Mass at 6.30pm
Hughie Nolan, Currantarmid, (1st Anniversary)
Sunday November 24th Mass at 11:00am
Sr. Martina Morris, Presentation Sisters Athenry (1st Anniversary)
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)
CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION NEWCASTLE
Sunday November 24th Mass at 10:00am
Tommy Maloney, Shudane
Sunday December 1st Mass at 10:00am
Morgan Morris, Tysaxon

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✠ Morgan Morris, Tysaxon
✠ Eoin Hosty, Renmore
✠ Maurice, Paddy & Dolly Walsh, Graigabbey
✠ Margaret Kennedy, Caheroyan Drive
✠ Edward Tierney, Caheroyan Road
✠ Joe & Nora O'Connor, Kiltulla, their son Tom & granddaughter Majella
✠ Mary Langan, Craughwell
✠ Jimmy & Phil Dempsey, Currantarmid & the deceased of the Dempsey & Furey families
✠ Monica & Michael Steede, their son, Tom, grandson Michael & all deceased members of the family
✠ Christy & Mary Kennedy, Caherfinsker & all deceased members of the family
✠ William Bane, his mother Teresa (Doreen), his father John & his brother Tommie, Newford
✠ Owen & Mary Ellen Quirke, Castlelambert & deceased of the Quirke & Gormley families
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VERY LOW GLUTEN HOSTS
Available from main celebrant in Athenry church. In Newcastle church, if required, please mention it to the priest or sacristan.
READINGS: 30TH Nov. & 1ST DEC. (First Sunday of Advent)
1st READ: Jer. 33:14-16. **PSALM:** 24:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14.
2nd READ: THESS. 3:12-42. **GOSPEL:** Lk. 21:25-28, 34-36.

✠ HYMNS AT 11:00AM MASS ✠
Entrance Hail, Redeemer, King Divine
Offertory *Jesu, Rex Admirabilis* (Palestrina)
Sanctus / Agnus Dei *Mass XVI*
Communion *Christus Vincit, Christus Regnat, Christus Imperat*
("Christ conquers, Christ reigns, Christ commands")
Recessional To Jesus Christ, our sovereign King
1. Hail! Redeemer, King divine,
Priest and lamb, the throne is Thine,
King whose reign shall never cease,
Prince of everlasting peace.
Angels, saints and nations sing:
Praised be Jesus Christ, our King:
Lord of life, earth, sky and sea,
King of love on Calvary.
2. Eucharistic King, what love
Draws Thee daily from above,
Clad in signs of bread and wine,
Feed us, lead us, keep us Thine.
Angels, saints...&c.
1. To Jesus Christ, our sov'reign King,
Who is the world's salvation,
All praise and homage do we bring
And thanks and adoration.
Christ Jesus, Victor! Christ Jesus, Ruler!
Christ Jesus, Lord and Redeemer!
2. Thy reign extend, O King benign,
To ev'ry land and nation,
For in thy kingdom, Lord divine,
Alone we find salvation.
Christ Jesus, Victor...&c.
3. To thee and to thy Church, great King,
We pledge our hearts' oblation,
Until before thy throne we sing
In endless jubilation.
Christ Jesus, Victor...&c.
ADVENT SCRIPTURE COURSE WITH FR. BENNY (in Athenry)
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 **Parish 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.
BASKET COLLECTION LAST WEEKEND 16TH & 17TH NOV.
ATHENRY / NEWCASTLE **€4,215**

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NOVEMBER MEETING
The November meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council took place this week. It is now a year since the start of the council's four year term. The November meeting took the form of a review of the past year and was an opportunity of some in-service for the council members which was facilitated by the Diocesan Pastoral Resource Person, Niamh Morris. Niamh journeyed with us to help us focus more deeply on the role of the Pastoral Council in the pastoral leadership and formation of the parish, advising the parish priest. There was a review of the proposals from the listening nights and it was good to see that while there is a lot yet to be done, significant progress has been made in the past year. Please continue to keep the work of the Pastoral Council in your prayers. The next meeting takes place in January.

THE SCRIPTURES, WITH FR. BENNY, AT KNOCK SHRINE
Would you like to better understand the scriptures when read at Mass? To help people get a better grasp of how they might speak to us in our daily lives, Holy Land expert Fr. Benny McHale is providing a four-night introduction to St. Luke's Gospel (Church's Gospel for 2025). The event is free. Remaining dates: **26th Nov., 3rd & 10th Dec. in St. John's Welcome Centre from 8pm - 10pm.** No previous knowledge needed. Bring a Bible (if you don't, one will be provided).

CHRIST THE KING NOVENA
in Honour of Jesus as True King November 17th - 25th
O Lord our God, You alone are the Most Holy King and Ruler of all nations. We pray to You, Lord, in the great expectation of receiving from You, O Divine King, mercy, peace, justice and all good things. Protect, O Lord our King, our families and the land of our birth. Guard us we pray Most Faithful One! Protect us from our enemies and from Your Just Judgment. Forgive us, O Sovereign King, our sins against you. Jesus, You are a King of Mercy. We have deserved Your Just Judgment. Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us. We trust in Your Great Mercy. O most awe-inspiring King, we bow before You and pray; May Your Reign, Your Kingdom, be recognised on earth. Amen.
Say the above **Novena Prayer**, followed by one **Our Father**, one **Hail Mary** and one **Glory Be** each day for the **9 days**.
Jesus said "I promise that every time you say these novena prayers I will convert ten sinners, bring ten souls into the one true faith, release ten souls from purgatory many of whom are the souls of priests and be less severe in My judgement of your nation."

ATHENRY ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR 2024
The annual Christmas Lights Craft Fair takes place on Saturday 30th November from 10am to 4pm in Athenry Community Hall. All welcome.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY
Children's Liturgy (during Sun. 11am Mass) continues for Junior and Senior Infants and 1st Class children. To volunteer, contact Deirdre (0870984379) or the parish office.

YOUNG CHILDREN AT WEEKEND MASSES IN ATHENRY
Children who are too young for the children's liturgy can avail of colours and religious colouring sheets at the back of the church beside the adoration chapel.

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 on Friday 13th December 2024 at 8:00pm in Newcastle Community Centre. All 1st, 2nd and 3rd year students are welcome. If you have any questions, please contact Mairead on 087 2181638.

DEBUT PLAY BY PARISHIONER DAVID JOYCE, COLDWOOD
A Personal Prism by David Joyce, Coldwood, will be staged in The Black Box Theatre Galway, 26th and 27th November, Portumna Town Hall, 28th November and St Jarlath's Tuam, 29th November. Inspired by his own lived experience as a wheelchair user, it is an honest evocation of mental health struggles; a beautiful tale of friendship; a play laced with hilarious humour. Booking links and details through www.declangorman.com for all three venues.