

8TH DECEMBER 2024 **SECOND 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 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)
Monday December 9th Masses
Mass at 11:00am and Mass at 6:30pm
 Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
Saturday December 14th Vigil Mass at 6.30pm
 Pat Flaherty, Athlone & Belleville, (Month's Mind)
Sunday December 15th Mass at 11:00am
 Noel Martyn, Moyvilla (Month's Mind)

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION NEWCASTLE
Sunday December 8th Mass at 10:00am
 Dermot & Mai Gill, Knockbrack
Monday December 9th Mass at 7:00pm
 Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
Sunday December 15th Mass at 10:00am
 Daniel & Mary Ann Carr, Jack & Chris Carr
 & deceased of the Carr & Mannion families

✠ RECENTLY DECEASED ✠

Willie Cummins, Derrydonnell
 Francis McWalter, Derrydonnell More
 Fr. Paddy Gill, Louisburgh, Westport & Milltown, Co. Galway

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES 2024
SAINT MARY'S PARISH ATHENRY

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION ATHENRY
Christmas Eve Tuesday December 24th
 6:30pm Family Mass
 9:00pm Christmas Eve Mass
(St. Mary's Church Choir will sing carols from 8:30pm)
Christmas Day Wednesday December 25th
 9:00am Mass at Dawn
 11:00am Christmas Day Mass

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION NEWCASTLE
Christmas Eve Tuesday December 24th
 6:30pm Christmas Eve Mass
Christmas Day Wednesday December 25th
 10:00am Christmas Day Mass



BASKET COLLECTION LAST WEEKEND
 ATHENRY / NEWCASTLE **€3,225**

MASS INTENTIONS: TUES. 10TH — SAT. 14TH DECEMBER

- ✠ Delia May & Tom Moran, Moyvilla
- ✠ Bridget Kilkelly, Caheroyan Avenue
- ✠ Patrick & Delia Huban, Kinvara
- ✠ Patrick & Annie Mary Loftus, Mayo
- ✠ Gerry & Geraldine Ahern & deceased members of the Ahern & Doherty families
- ✠ Luke & Mary Kennedy, Caherfinsker
- ✠ May, Michael, Catherine, Paddy, Sarah, & Mary Cronnelly & deceased of the Cronnelly family, Church St. & Moanbaun
- ✠ Mary O'Connell, Green Acre
- ✠ Kathleen & Jackie Murray, Prospect
- ✠ Patricia & Sorcha Rabbite, Caheroyan Park
- ✠ Kathleen Holian, Menlough
- ✠ Bridget & Michael Mongan, Athenry, grandson Edward Ward & great-grandson Bernard Mongan
- ✠ Kate Corcoran, Galway
- ✠ Michael & Julia Halligan, Tuam, their son Michael J. & deceased of the King family
- ✠ Annie Grealley, Prospect
- ✠ Teresa Blake, Barrack St.
- ✠ The Milnow family, Barrack St.
- ✠ Pat & Katie Conneely, Galway
- ✠ John Conneely, Boston & Galway
- ✠ Michael Conneely, London & Galway
- ✠ John & Ellen Ward, son-in-law Patrick Ward, great-grandsons John & Davy Ward
- ✠ Thomas Mitchell, Monivea Demesne
- ✠ Nora Finn & deceased members of the Finn family Moorpark
- ✠ Alice & Archie Coyle, Monaghan
- ✠ Phil Kinneen, Bridge St. & Swangate
- ✠ Thomas, Catherine & Agnes Keane & deceased members of the Keane & Glynn families, Abbeyknockmoy
- ✠ Michael & Kathleen McGrath, Prospect, & the deceased of the McGrath & Keane Families.

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.



READINGS: 14TH & 15TH DEC. (Third Sunday of Advent)

1st READING: Zeph. 3:14-18.	PSALM: Is 12:2-6.
2nd READING: PHIL. 4:4-7.	GOSPEL: Lk. 3:10-18.

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*. See Hymns below.

♪ ♫ HYMNS AT 11:00AM MASS ♪ ♫

Entrance:

- Dear Maker of the starry skies,
 Light of believers evermore, Jesu, Redeemer of mankind,
 Be near us who Thine aid implore.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

Offertory: *Tollite portas* (C. Dalitz)
*Lift up your gates, O ye princes, and be ye lifted up,
 O eternal gates: and the King of Glory shall enter in.*
Sanctus / Agnus Dei: Mass XVII

Communion: *Rorate Caeli* (C. Tye)
*Drop dew, ye heavens, from above,
 And let the clouds rain upon the righteous.
 Let the earth be opened and send forth a Saviour.*

Recessional:
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.
*Kind mother of the Redeemer, who remain 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.*

SOLEMNITY OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

As the 8th of December falls on a Sunday this year the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is celebrated on:
Monday December 9th December.

Masses Athenry
 11:00 am Mass on Monday morning.
 6:30 pm Mass on Monday evening.

Mass Newcastle
 7:00 pm Mass on Monday evening.



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 next Sunday, 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 remaining **Monday nights of Advent: December 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, if you do not have a 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.

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.

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.

ATHENRY SIMANJIRO PARISH PARTNERSHIP

A very sincere thank you to everyone who has donated to our donation box at Athenry Church. This partnership of 19 years continues to support the faith, health and educational needs of the Maasai people in an arid region of East Africa. Your support and generosity helps lighten the burden of these people in need and is greatly appreciated by all of the Committee.

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 starts **Friday 3rd Jan. 2025, at 8:00pm** in Newcastle Community Centre. All 1st, 2nd & 3rd year students welcome. Any questions contact Mairead on 087 2181638.