

12TH JANUARY 2025  
CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, ATHENRY

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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, NEWCASTLE



Ordinary Jubilee of the Year 2025



What does the Great Jubilee mean for us here in this Parish? Is it just for those who travel to Rome? No the Jubilee, which occurs every 25 years is for all of us. By virtue of our Baptism we are called into the life, death & resurrection of Jesus. We are baptised into the hope of God's Kingdom. We are called out of despair in our own lives. Yes the world and our life's experiences will give us many valid reasons to despair, wven to give up hope and throw in the towel. It can happen at any stage on our pilgrim journey. The Lord however, calls us beyond the darkness of this world, to the hope of new and everlasting life with Him in heaven. As we journey along the road to heaven we are called to bring others with us. Pilgrimage is about encouraging and supporting others along the road, reaching out to give a helping hand to those who are struggling, and to help each other up when we fall. There will be times when the wind will be at our backs and we are coasting along, there will be other times when we are facing a gale force wind and the struggle is hard, not only will we find it hard to move but impossible to breathe against all that faces us. May the Lord journey with us as we go. May we experience the Grace of the Great Jubilee of Hope. During the year there will be opportunities for pilgrimage, including an opportunity to partake in the indulgences that the year has to offer.

*We encourage everyone very strongly to take the Jubilee Prayer below and make it your own during this coming year.*

PRAYER FOR JUBILEE 2025

Father in heaven,  
may the faith you have given us  
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,  
and the flame of charity enkindled  
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,  
reawaken in us the blessed hope  
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us  
into tireless cultivators  
of the seeds of the Gospel.  
May those seeds transform from within  
both humanity and the whole cosmos  
in the sure expectation  
of a new heaven and a new earth,  
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,  
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee  
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,  
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.  
May that same grace spread  
the joy and peace of our Redeemer  
throughout the earth.  
To you our God, eternally blessed,  
be glory and praise for ever.  
Amen.

Franciscus



ATHENRY PRIMARY SCHOOL GRANDPARENTS DAY  
Catholic Schools week is happening from January 19th to 25th. The theme this year is "Alive in Christ". Grandparents are invited to visit Athenry Primary School on **Grandparents' Day, Wednesday January 22nd from 10.45am - 12.00pm.** (If grandparents are unable to come then a parent is very welcome to come in their stead). They will visit their grandchildren's classrooms and afterwards refreshments will be provided. We want to honour and celebrate grandparents for the important part they play in the community and most significantly in the lives of their grandchildren

ATHENRY BIBLE STUDY

Weekly Bible Study returns Tuesday, 14th January at 7.30pm in the Pastoral Centre. This is a Catholic lay ministry open to everyone who wishes to learn more about Sacred Scriptures. Prior knowledge is not required & questions are encouraged.

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](http://www.lisheenkylens.ie) or by contacting the school office: Tel: 091 844901; Email: [admin@lisheenkylens.ie](mailto:admin@lisheenkylens.ie).

NEWCASTLE NATIONAL SCHOOL ENROLMENTS

Newcastle National School will be accepting enrolments for Junior Infants for September 2025 from January 8th — February 5th 2025. Further information available on 091849178 or on [www.stoliverplunketts.com](http://www.stoliverplunketts.com).

PRO-LIFE CHURCH GATE COLLECTION

There will be a Pro-Life Church Gate Collection before all Masses in Athenry & Newcastle on the 11th and 12th January.

SYCAMORE PROGRAMME — TUAM

Tuam parish will be running the popular Sycamore programme next month. (Jan 23rd @7pm — one hour weekly sessions, 7 in total). This programme seeks to explore the deeper questions of life, truth, faith, and God. It is primarily aimed at those who are lapsed Catholics or those who are non-Christian and wish to know more. Further details from the Tuam parish office 093 24250 or to register, email [frmarkquinn@tuamparish.com](mailto:frmarkquinn@tuamparish.com).

MASS TIMES

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SATURDAY JANUARY 11TH VIGIL MASS AT 6.30PM  
Michael Cannon, Ballydavid South, (Month's Mind)

SUNDAY JANUARY 12TH MASS AT 11:00AM  
John Finn, Moorpark (First Anniversary)

SATURDAY JANUARY 18TH VIGIL MASS AT 6.30PM  
Lily O' Beirne, Swangate (First Anniversary)

SUNDAY JANUARY 19TH MASS AT 11:00AM  
Tony Burke, Castlelambert (First Anniversary)

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SUNDAY JANUARY 12TH MASS AT 10:00AM  
Kevin Smith, Knockbrack

SUNDAY JANUARY 19TH MASS AT 10:00AM  
Lucy O'Shea Daly, Mountain South

RECENTLY DECEASED

Sarah (Sadie) Glavin nee Williams, Carnaun

John (Bosco) Cullen, Gort Mhaoilir

Catherine Hamill, Tuam, daughter of Nuala Creegan, Gort na Rí

Noelle Edwards, U.K., mother of Juliet Feeney, Ballydavid

Noreeen McVeigh nee McDonagh, London & Bengarra

Greta Krolak mother, mother of Kamil Krolak

BASKET COLLECTION LAST WEEKEND

Athenry & Newcastle €3,905

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

ATHENRY Mon — Wed. 10:30am — 6:00pm daily  
Thurs. 10:30am — Sat. 6:00pm (perpetual)  
Sunday 12 noon — 6:00pm

NEWCASTLE Saturday 6:00pm — 7:00pm  
Monday 6:00pm — 9:00pm

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. The ability to read music is not required. 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](mailto:info@athenryparish.ie).

MARY'S MEALS

Mary's Meals is a simple solution to world hunger, feeding hungry children in their place of education in seventeen of the world's poorest countries. €22 will feed a child for an entire school year. To learn more please go to [www.marysmeals.ie](http://www.marysmeals.ie) or contact Fr. Benny 087-2387336 re donating.

READINGS: 18TH & 19TH JAN. (2nd Sunday, Ordinary Time)

1st READ: Is. 62: 1-5, PSALM: 95: 1-3, 7-10

MASS INTENTIONS: MON. 13TH — SAT. 18TH JANUARY

- ✠ Mattie Holian, Moylough
- ✠ Lucy Daly (nee O'Shea), Mountain South
- ✠ Nancy & Richard Corson, Moanbaun
- ✠ Martin Killeen, Castle Ellen & deceased of the Killeen, Varley & Copeland families
- ✠ Roddy & Bridie Dempsey, Abbey Row & deceased of the Dempsey & Costello families
- ✠ Frank & Kathleen Kelly, Gloves & deceased of the Kelly & Doherty families
- ✠ Mary Mooney, Boyhill
- ✠ Dermot Blackwell, Melbourne, Australia
- ✠ Bernard O'Donovan, Esker
- ✠ Tommy Joe & Margaret Quinton & deceased of the Quinton & Coffey families
- ✠ Cyril Dooley, Galway
- ✠ Michael Mullins, Cussane
- ✠ Brendan O'Donnell, Castledaly
- ✠ John Joyce, Prospect & deceased of the family
- ✠ Margaret Shiel and her parents Joe & Madge Howley
- ✠ Mary Kate Morrissey, her husband Paddy & daughter Rita
- ✠ Nefton Ribeiro, Brazil
- ✠ Greta Krolak

HYMNS AT 11:00AM MASS IN ATHENRY

- Entrance:** 1. When Jesus comes to be baptised,  
He leaves the hidden years behind,  
The years of safety and of peace,  
To bear the sins of all mankind.
- 2. The Spirit of the Lord comes down,  
Anoints the Christ to suffering,  
To preach the word, to free the bound,  
And, to the mourner, comfort bring.
- 3. Our everlasting Father, praise, With Christ,  
Untroubled Trinity in One. his well-beloved Son,  
Who, with the Spirit, reigns serene

**Recessional:** 1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come;  
Let earth receive her King.

Let ev'ry heart prepare him room,  
And heav'n and nature sing, And heav'n and nature sing,  
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

2. Joy to the world! the Saviour reigns;  
Let men their songs employ,  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

3. He rules the world with truth and grace,  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of his righteousness  
And wonders of his love, And wonders of his love,

**THE CATECHISM CAFÉ**  
PRESENTS  
**FAITH IN A FAITHLESS WORLD**  
Light refreshments and pizza on the night  
Everybody welcome!

JOIN US FOR A SERIES OF TALKS, PANEL DISCUSSION AND Q&A SESSION

Featuring...

**CIARÁN CLARKE - IRISH MMA FIGHTER**  
**CLODAGH GALLAGHER - HUMANITARIAN**  
**RONAN MULLEN - SENATOR**  
**BEN SCALLAN - GRIPT MEDIA**

Date: 31 January 2025  
Time: 7.30pm  
Venue: St. John's Rest and Care, Knock

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