

19TH JANUARY 2025  
CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, ATHENRY

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, NEWCASTLE

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**✠ MASS TIMES ✠**

**CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION ATHENRY**

**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)

**SATURDAY JANUARY 25TH VIGIL MASS AT 6.30PM**  
Joe Connell, Castlelambert (Month's Mind)

**SUNDAY JANUARY 26TH MASS AT 11:00AM**  
Willie Cummins (Months Mind)

**CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION NEWCASTLE**

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

**SUNDAY JANUARY 26TH MASS AT 10:00AM**  
Tom Tyrell & deceased of the family Currantarmuid

**RECENTLY DECEASED**

**Tom Lynch, Kiltormer**, brother of Marie Cahill, Coldwood

**BASKET COLLECTION LAST WEEKEND**

Athenry & Newcastle **€3,675**

**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

**MARY'S MEALS MEETING**

There will be a meeting on Monday the 20<sup>th</sup> of January at 7.30pm in the parish centre for anyone interested in learning about Mary's Meals or perhaps getting involved in some way. Mary's Meals is a simple solution to world hunger, feeding hungry children in their place of education, in sixteen of the world's poorest countries. €22 will feed a child for an entire school year. For more information, please go to [www.marysmeals.ie](http://www.marysmeals.ie) or contact Una Acton on 089-4958858 or Fr. Benny on 087-2387336.

**READINGS: 25TH & 26TH JAN. (3rd Sunday, Ordinary Time)**

**1<sup>st</sup> READ:** Neh 8:2-6, 8-10 **PSALM:** 18:8-10  
**2<sup>nd</sup> READ:** Cor. 12:12-30 **GOSPEL:** Lk:1:1-4, 4:14-21

**MASS INTENTIONS: MON. 20TH — SAT. 25TH JANUARY**

- ✠ Dave Ward
- ✠ Michael John Higgins, Cloonkeenbeg.
- ✠ Christy Kelly, New Line.
- ✠ Peter & Josephine Burke, Lecarrow.
- ✠ Josie Hynes, Knockbrack.
- ✠ Pake Josephine Ruane, Castlelambert.
- ✠ Mary, Martin & Dominic Murphy, Kingsland
- ✠ Bridie Doherty, Caheroyan Dr
- ✠ Tommy McNamara, Prospect
- ✠ Philomena Higgins
- ✠ Ned McCormack, Roscommon.
- ✠ Mickey Somers, Clarke St..
- ✠ Mary Farrell, Athenry

**♪ ♪ HYMNS AT 11:00AM MASS IN ATHENRY ♪ ♪**

Entrance *Songs of thankfulness and praise*  
Offertory *Jesu, Rex Admirabilis* (Palestrina)  
Sanctus / Agnus Dei *Mass XVI*  
Communion *Godhead here in hiding*  
Recessional *Hail Queen of Heaven*

**Entrance:**

1. Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise;  
Manifested by the star to the sages from afar;  
Branch of royal David's stem, in thy birth at Bethlehem.  
Anthems be to thee addressed, God in man made manifest.

2. Manifest at Jordan's stream, Prophet, Priest and King supreme,  
And at Cana, wedding guest, in thy Godhead manifest;  
Manifest in pow'r divine, changing water into wine.  
Anthems be to thee addressed, God in man made manifest.

**Recessional:**

1. Hail, Queen of Heaven, the Ocean Star:  
Guide of the wand'r'er here below,  
Thrown on life's surge we claim thy care;  
Save us from peril and from woe.  
Mother of Christ, Star of the Sea,  
Pray for the wand'r'er, pray for me.
2. O gentle, chaste, and spotless maid,  
We sinners make our prayers through thee;  
Remind thy Son that He has paid  
The price of our iniquity.  
Virgin most pure, Star of the Sea,  
Pray for the sinner, pray for me.

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2025 ALIVE IN CHRIST!**

*"Christ is alive! He is our hope, and in a wonderful way he brings youth to our world, and everything he touches becomes young, new, full of life. The very first words, then, that I would like to say to every young Christian are these: Christ is alive and he wants you to be alive!" – Pope Francis, Christus Vivit, Section 1.*

Reflecting on the theme, Catholic schools will explore what it means to be fully alive as a human being – living life to the full in Christ. Sensitive to the age appropriateness of the various classes and years, the theme will explore how we exist for one another in Christ, building from the wellbeing of the individual, extending the notion of true wellbeing to others, to our families and communities, and to The Other, in God. The theme will mediate on hope, the true purpose and meaning of human life, and, in the more senior years, on true freedom.

As is usual, the theme will be connected at primary level with Grandparents' Day on the Wednesday of Catholic Schools Week, and with the Family in post-primary. There will be a November 'turning to' remembrance moment.

**Catholic Schools Week 2025 will run from ~Sunday 19th January to Saturday 25th January, 2025**

**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.

**SYCAMORE PROGRAMME — TUAM**

Tuam parish will be running the popular Sycamore programme (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).

**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.stoliverplunkettns.com](http://www.stoliverplunkettns.com).

**ATHENRY PRIMARY SCHOOL ENROLMENTS**

Athenry Primary School is now accepting enrolments for next school year (Sept 2025). Enrolment forms are available to download from our website: [www.athenryprimaryschool.ie](http://www.athenryprimaryschool.ie) or can be got from the school office: (091) 844510 or [office@athenryprimaryschool.ie](mailto:office@athenryprimaryschool.ie)  
Closing date for receipt of completed enrolment forms is Monday February 24th.  
Parents of children due to start school in September 2025 are invited to an Open Night on Wednesday January 29th at 8pm in the school hall of Campus A.

**OCTAVE OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY**

The Annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity takes place from **Saturday 18 January until Saturday 25 January 2025**. This year of 2025, in addition to being a Jubilee Year based on the theme 'Pilgrims of Hope', is also the 1700<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first Ecumenical Council of the Church, the Council of Nicaea, held in 325. That Council gave us the Nicene Creed which we profess on most Sundays and other Solemnities. Fittingly, the theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity this year is **"Do you believe this?"**, based on the Gospel of John 11:17-27 and Martha's confession of faith to Jesus

**MEDJUGORJE WITH FR. BENNY 2025**

**Fr. Benny** will be leading a pilgrimage to **Medjugorje from Knock to Mostar**

**Dates: October 1st—8th 2025.**

Price is €875. Price includes:

- ♦ Transport from Mostar Airport to Medjugorje,
- ♦ 7 nights accommodation,
- ♦ Breakfast and Dinner each day, plus
- ♦ Full religious programme by Marian Pilgrimages.

Booking no. for Marian Pilgrimages is 01 8788159.

Please ring Martina Farragher 0868641720 for further details

**PARISH STATISTICS 2024**

Athenry & Newcastle churches

The following are the number of sacraments and funerals that took place in the parish in 2024. These statistics are submitted to the diocese each year and may be of interest to parishioners.

Baptisms:	77
First Holy Communions	149
Confirmations	151
Marriages	6
Funerals	41

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Date: 31 January 2025

Time: 7.30pm

Venue: St. John's Rest and Care, Knock

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