

2ND FEBRUARY 2025
CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, ATHENRY

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SOLEMNITY OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD
CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, NEWCASTLE



SOLEMNITY OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Today we celebrate the Presentation of the Lord—forty days after Christmas. Traditionally the Feast is also known as Candlemas. The liturgy begins with the blessing of the candles to be used in homes and the church throughout the year. The candles are a reminder that the people go out to meet the Lord and acclaim him like Simeon did, recognising Christ ' as a light to reveal God to the nations.

WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

The Presentation of the Lord, February 2nd, also marks World day for Consecrated Life. We give thanks, acknowledge and pray for all those who have consecrated their lives to God. In a special way on this day we acknowledge the Presentation Sisters here in our own parish who continue to make such a valuable contribution to our community. We keep them in our prayers in a special way today.

SAINT BLAISE—BLESSING OF THROATS

This Monday, February 3rd is the memorial of St. Blaise. The blessing of throats will take place at the end of the 10:00am Mass in Athenry this Monday. It will take place in Newcastle on Sunday February 2nd after 10:00am Mass.

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 by contacting the school office: Tel: 091 844901; Email: 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.

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 or can be got from the school office: (091) 844510 or 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.

NEWCASTLE CASH FOR CLOBBER

The Newcastle Community Centre are holding a "CASH FOR CLOBBER" on Thursday 6th February. Recycle your unwanted clothing and help us to raise funds for our Community Centre at the same time. Please place your items for recycling in a black bag. Drop them to the Community Centre during school drop off/pick up times or after 10am Mass on Sundays. We will be collecting clothes until Tuesday 4th February. Don't forget to tell your neighbours, friends and family.

FIRST FRIDAY OF FEBRUARY

Both Fr. Benny & Fr. Charlie will attend to their house calls on Friday February 7th. If there is anyone who wishes to be added to the First Friday list, please contact the Parish Office or either of the priests directly on the numbers at the top of the newsletter.

SOILSE DISCO

Venue: The Pastoral Centre.

Date: Friday February 7th

Time: (8:00-10:00pm).

Everyone welcome.

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 PASTORAL COUNCIL

The January meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council took place on January 15th. The meeting reviewed all that was happening in the parish since the last meeting.

It noted that annual Safeguarding Audit is due, and the Western Province is updating their child and vulnerable adult safeguarding policies at the moment, these will be available on parish website when published.

The Redemptorists have gifted the high altar in Esker to the parish. Clearance has been received from Galway County Council and it is hoped that in the coming months work will begin to place the altar as the backdrop to Athenry parish church sanctuary.

Discussion took place on how best to celebrate the Jubilee Year, a number of suggestions were put forward and this will be worked on in the coming months.

SAINT BRIGID'S CROSSES

St. Brigid's crosses will be available at the weekend Masses this weekend IN BOTH CHURCHES.



It's great to keep this tradition alive. Donations will be accepted that will be passed on to the Mary's Meals charity in Athenry church, while in Newcastle the crosses are being made as a fundraiser for Newcastle Foróige club.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

The Tuam & Killala Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock takes place from August 29th to September 4th 2025 and will be led by Archbishop Francis Duffy. Direct flights from Knock to Lourdes. Details are on the posters in the church or phone: (01) 2410800.

GAMBLING AWARENESS

Gambling Awareness Guest Speaker:

Turloughmore Hurling Club are delighted to announce that they will be joined by Ton O'Reilly, 'Tony10', on February 13th in Turloughmore Social Centre (H65HD26) at 7pm. Everyone is welcome (16years+). No charge. Donations on the night greatly appreciated towards Cuan Mhuire Addiction Centre.

ANAM CARA GALWAY

Anam Cara Galway, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding it's monthly Parent Support Evening for bereaved parents on Wednesday 5th February at 7.30pm in the Clayton Hotel, Briarhill, Galway. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or how recent their death was. They also offer an online support group meeting. To find out more call 01 4045378 or email info@anamcara.ie.

✠ MASS TIMES ✠

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION ATHENRY

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 1ST VIGIL MASS AT 6.30PM
Seán Delaney, Park (First Anniversary)

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 2ND MASS AT 11:00AM
Joe Connell, Castlelambert (Month's Mind)

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 8TH VIGIL MASS AT 6.30PM
John A. Kelly (Months Mind)

SUNDAY JANUARY 26TH MASS AT 11:00AM
John Cullen, Gort Mhaoilir (Months Mind)

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SUNDAY FEBRUARY 2ND MASS AT 10:00AM
Helena Cox, (First Anniversary)

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 9TH MASS AT 10:00AM
Mary Murphy (First Anniversary) & Larry, Christy & the deceased of the family

RECENTLY DECEASED

Chrissie Flaherty, Park

BASKET COLLECTION LAST WEEKEND

Athenry & Newcastle €1,795

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.

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 or contact Fr. Benny 087-2387336 re donating.

READINGS: 8TH & 9TH FEB. (5th Sunday, Ordinary Time)

1st READ: Is 6:1-8, **PSALM:** 137:1-5

2nd READ: COR. 15:1-11 (shorter form 15:3-8, 11)

GOSPEL: Lk:5:1-11

MASS INTENTIONS: MON. 3RD FEB—SAT. 8TH FEB

- ✠ Sr. Madeline Houlihan, Presentation Convent, Athenry
- ✠ Thomas & Grett Kelly, Gort.
- ✠ Mattie & Bridgie Feeney, Church St., and their grand-daughter Katie.
- ✠ James Killeen, Carnaun and deceased of the family.
- ✠ Nellie McNamara, Prospect.
- ✠ Kathleen Ward, Ballinasloe (Birthday).
- ✠ Thomas and Bridget Curry and deceased of the Kelly families, Moorepark and Newford.
- ✠ Elizabeth and Michael Kelly, Cloran.
- ✠ Michael Kelly, Melbourne.
- ✠ Eddie Kelly, Chicago.
- ✠ Maureen Healy, Athenry and Loughrea.
- ✠ John Eagle, Clorane & deceased of the Eagle & Tully families.
- ✠ Holy Souls
- ✠ Molly and Jimmy Killackey and deceased members of the Kelly and Killackey families, Galway
- ✠ Thomas and Bridget Byrne and their daughter Julie and grand-daughter Sarah and deceased members of the family.

MUSIC FOR 11:00AM MASS IN ATHENRY

We strongly encourage the congregation to join in singing the published hymns with the choir.

Antiphon:

Behold, our Lord will come with power, to enlighten the eyes of his servants, Alleluia.

Procession:

Lumen ad revelationem gentium, et gloriam plebis tuae Israel. ("A light for revelation to the gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel")

Offertory:

Lord, bid your servant go in peace

Sanctus / Agnus Dei: Mass XVI

Communion: *Hail to the Lord who comes*

Recessional: *Alma Redemptoris Mater*

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.