

29TH DECEMBER 2024
CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, ATHENRY

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS MARY AND JOSEPH
CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, NEWCASTLE

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✠ MASS TIMES ✠

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION ATHENRY

SATURDAY DECEMBER 28TH VIGIL MASS AT 6.30PM

Intention

SUNDAY DECEMBER 29TH MASS AT 11:00AM

Teresa Archer, New Line

SATURDAY JANUARY 4TH VIGIL MASS AT 6.30PM

Noreen Kelly, Clorane (First Anniversary)

SUNDAY JANUARY 5TH MASS AT 11:00AM

Matty Feeney, Knockbrack (Months Mind)

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION NEWCASTLE

SUNDAY DECEMBER 29TH MASS AT 10:00AM

Bernadette Monahan, Knockbrack

SUNDAY JANUARY 5TH MASS AT 10:00AM

Maureen Monaghan, Tysaxon (First Anniversary)

✠ RECENTLY DECEASED ✠

Joe Connell, Castlelambert

BASKET COLLECTION: (21ST & 22ND DEC.) €3,690

PARISH ENVELOPES 2025

The annual Parish Envelopes for the coming year 2025, are now available in the Pastoral Centre and are available for the area distributors to collect after Mass. If any parishioner is not in receipt of envelopes and would like to receive them, please contact the parish office on 091-844076. As always we are very grateful to those who distribute these envelopes.

PARISH OFFICE — CHRISTMAS OPENING HOURS

The Parish Office is closed until Thursday January 2nd. There will be a priest on duty at all times throughout the Christmas. They can be contacted through the office phone or their personal mobiles. (See numbers above).

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.

MASS INTENTIONS MON. 30TH DEC. — SAT. 4TH JAN.

- ✠ Martin Ward, Ballygurrane
- ✠ Margaret Fahy and Ben Fahy
- ✠ Pat Monaghan, Colemanstown
- ✠ Carmel Walsh, Farnablake
- ✠ Jimmy Quinn, Caheroyan
- ✠ The deceased of the Quinn & Murtagh family
- ✠ Michael & Kathleen Kenny, Woodford & their daughter Kathleen, Chicago
- ✠ Margaret Caulfield, Gloves
- ✠ Padraic O'Donoghue, Derrydonnell North
- ✠ Paddy Briggs, Coshla & deceased of the family
- ✠ Noel & Marie Whelan, Caheroyan Park
- ✠ Patsy Kilkenny & deceased of Fahy family, Caheroyan Ave
- ✠ Patrick Burke, Derrydonnell
- ✠ Elizabeth Kennedy, Whistlebridge

♪ ♪ HYMNS AT 11:00AM MASS ATHENRY ♪ ♪

Entrance:

1. *Adeste fideles, laeti triumphantes,*
Venite, venite in Bethlehem.
Natum videte, Regem Angelorum.
Venite adoremus, venite adoremus,
Venite adoremus Dominum

2. *Deum de Deo, lumen de lumine,*
Gestant puellae viscera.
Deum verum, genitum non factum.
Venite adoremus, &c.

3. *Cantet nunc Io, chorus angelorum,*
Cantet nunc aula caelestium.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Venite adoremus, &c.

Recessional:

Hark! the herald-angels sing, / Glory to the new-born king,
Peace on earth and mercy mild, / God and sinners reconciled:
Joyful all ye nations rise, / Join the triumph of the skies,
With angelic hosts proclaim, / Christ is born in Bethlehem.
Hark! the herald-angels sing, / Glory to the new-born king.

Christ by highest heav'n adored, / Christ the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold him come / Offspring of the Virgin's womb
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; / Hail th'incarnate deity,
Pleased as man with man to dwell, / Jesus our Emmanuel.
Hark! the herald-angels sing, / Glory to the new-born king.

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.

PRIESTS' CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

Sincere thanks to all who contributed so generously to the Christmas collection. We are deeply grateful for the way in which you so generously support us throughout the year. God bless you all.

Priests Revue account bank details:

IBAN: IE33 AIBK 9370 1000 1550 60 BIC: AIBKIE2D

MÍLE BUIOCHAS

As one year finishes and we stand on the threshold of a new one, the Great Holy Year of 2025, we pray his Grace and healing in to those places within us where 2024 may have in any way been a challenging one.

We want to take this opportunity to thank everyone in our parish for the contribution you make, in whatever way you make it.

- Rev. Julian for his supportive and willing presence in our parish.
- Our core Parish Team, both staff and volunteers, who do so much behind the scenes.
- The Chairperson and members of the Pastoral Council who have committed themselves to this task of overseeing a Parish Pastoral Plan.
- The Finance Committee, and thank them for all they continue to do for the Parish.
- Our very dedicated teams of counters who look after our finances so well.
- All who distribute the envelopes throughout the Parish.
- All who enhance the liturgical life of the Parish, both in Athenry and Newcastle.
- Our sacristans, cleaners and Altar Society for the way in which they look after our churches.
- All involved in ministries in both churches.
- Our Readers, Basket Collectors, & Eucharistic Ministers.
- All involved in music ministry in Athenry & Newcastle.
- All who organise Adoration & give their time as Adorers.
- Our Children's' Liturgy Group.
- Those involved in Sacramental Programmes.
- Our Child Safeguarding Representative.
- The Lady's Well Committee.
- The Graveyard and Cemetery Committees.
- The parish prayer groups & apostolic organisations.
- Our Catholic Schools, and indeed all the schools in our Parish, and in particular to the Boards of Management who carry out their role so dutifully on behalf of the Archbishop. Everyone who in any way interacts or facilitates the Parish in any way.
- Athenry Tidy Towns & Christmas Lights committees who do so much within our grounds.
- Most of all thanks to you, our Parishioners for your support and encouragement, your generosity and your love. It is deeply appreciated.

If there is anyone who feels that they haven't been mentioned above please be assured that we are deeply grateful to each and every person who in any way supports the Parish and you are deeply appreciated. This is your Parish and we will strive in the coming year to serve you throughout the coming year as best we can, please know where we are.

As we begin the great Jubilee Year of Hope, may it be for all of us a time of God's Grace entering in, renewing and healing us as Pilgrims of Hope. **Beannactaí na Féile oraibh go léir.**
Fr. Charlie & Fr. Benny.

2025 ATHENRY PARISH CALENDAR

The 2025 Calendar is now available We hope it serve as a useful resource for parishioners in the year ahead. The Calendar contains all the important liturgical events for the coming year & various events such as Cemetery Masses & the Exam Prayer Service. While this is by no means an exhaustive list of what will be happening during the year.

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.

ST DOMINIC' WELL ESKER - This long tradition of blessing the Holy Water will not be broken even though the Redemptorists have left the area. Fr. Brendan Lawless, PP Kilconieron will continue the tradition and the water will be blessed on the 5th and 6th January at 11a.m. Everyone is welcome.



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE

Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God

January 1st 2025

VIGIL FOR PEACE

Church of the Assumption Athenry
7.00pm - 9:00pm



LOURDES

TUAM AND KILLALA DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2025

Led by: Archbishop Francis Duffy

29 AUGUST - 4 SEPTEMBER 2025
6 NIGHTS | FROM KNOCK

HOTEL AGENA € 995 PER PERSON SHARING
HOTEL LA SOLITUDE €1,075 PER PERSON SHARING

- » Direct return flights from Knock to Lourdes
- » Airport transfers and assistance in Lourdes
- » 6 nights in hotel accommodation
- » Full board: breakfast, lunch and dinner each day
- » Airport taxes
- » 20kg check-in luggage
- » Full services of Joe Walsh Tours representatives throughout the Pilgrimage
- » Full religious programme facilitated in conjunction with the Dioceses of Tuam and Killala

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