

5TH 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



**Spes non confundit**

'Hope does not disappoint' (Rm 5:5)

Certain that the Jubilee Year will be for the entire Church a lively experience of grace and hope, I hereby decree that the Holy Door of the Basilica of Saint Peter in the Vatican will be opened on 24 December 2024, thus inaugurating the Ordinary Jubilee. Then, on 1 January 2025, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, the Holy Door of the Papal Basilica of Saint Mary Major will be opened. Finally, Sunday, 5 January 2025, will mark the opening of the Holy Door of the Papal Basilica of Saint Paul Outside the Walls.

Jubilee Indulgence to be gained in accordance with the prescriptions found in the ritual indications mentioned above. The Holy Year will conclude in the particular Churches on Sunday, 28 December 2025; in the course of the year, every effort should be made to enable the People of God to participate fully in its proclamation of hope in God's grace and in the signs that attest to its efficacy.

The Ordinary Jubilee will conclude with the closing of the Holy Door in the Papal Basilica of Saint Peter in the Vatican on 6 January 2026, the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. During the Holy Year, may the light of Christian hope illumine every man and woman, as a message of God's love addressed to all!

And may the Church bear faithful witness to this message in every part of the world!

*Pope Francis, Spes non confundit, 6*

## 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



SOLEMNITY OF EPIPHANY OF THE LORD  
LITTLE CHRISTMAS  
MONDAY JANUARY 6TH

MASS IN ATHENRY  
Monday at 11:00am and 6:30pm

MASS IN NEWCASTLE  
Monday at 6:30pm



2025 ATHENRY PARISH CALENDAR

The 2025 Calendar is now available. We hope it serves 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.

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 Revenue account bank details:

IBAN: IE33 AIBK 9370 1000 1550 60 BIC: AIBKIE2D

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.

ST. DOMINIC'S HOLY 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.

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).

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2025



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  
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- Direct return flights from Knock to Lourdes
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### ✠ MASS TIMES ✠

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION ATHENRY

SATURDAY JANUARY 4TH VIGIL MASS AT 6.30PM

Noreen Kelly, Clorane  
(First Anniversary)

SUNDAY JANUARY 5TH MASS AT 11:00AM

Mattie Feeney, Knockbrack  
(Month's Mind)

✠ MONDAY JANUARY 6TH ✠

MASS AT 11AM & MASS AT 6:30PM

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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)

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION NEWCASTLE

SUNDAY JANUARY 5TH MASS AT 10:00AM

Maureen Monaghan, Tysaxon  
(First Anniversary)

✠ MONDAY JANUARY 6TH MASS AT 6:30PM ✠

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

SUNDAY JANUARY 12TH MASS AT 10:00AM

Kevin Smith, Knockbrack

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.**

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).

BASKET COLLECTION: (28TH/29TH DEC.) €2,990

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.

MASS INTENTIONS: TUES. 7TH — SAT. 11TH JANUARY

- ✠ Tom & Delia May Moran, Moyvilla
- ✠ Margaret Morrissey, Deerpark
- ✠ Ted Duffy, Lorro Gate, Prospect
- ✠ Andrew Bowman, Newline
- ✠ Thomas & Bridie Coffey, their daughter Aggie & their son Jarlath, Caheroyan
- ✠ Jim Kearns, Clarke St., & the extended family — Pat, Sarah, Chris, Ber, Raymond & Ned Kearns, Caheroyan
- ✠ Michael & Theresa Cunniffe, Ballydavid & deceased of the Cunniffe family
- ✠ Michael & Kathleen Downey, Loughrea
- ✠ Tony Waldron, Kingsland
- ✠ Nonie Long, Cahertymore, Athenry
- ✠ Molly & Willie Burke, Tubbernavene
- ✠ Agnes & Owen Hession, Ballydavid
- ✠ Eamon Feeney, Ballydavid
- ✠ Maureen Monaghan, Tysaxon
- ✠ Mattie Brady, Moanbaun
- ✠ John Bane, his wife Teresa (Doreen) & their sons William & Tommie, Newford
- ✠ Thomas & Margaret Treacy, Park

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

**Entrance:** 1. Angels we have heard on high,

Sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply  
Echo still their joyous strains:

*Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

2. Shepherds, why this jubilee?

Why your rapt'rous strain prolong?

Say what may your tidings be,

Which inspire your heav'nly song?

*Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

**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,

And wonders, wonders of his love.

READINGS: 11TH & 12TH JAN. (The Baptism of the Lord)

1st READ: Is. 40: 1-5, 9-11 PSALM: 103: 1-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-30

2nd READ: Ti. 2: 11-14; 3:4-7 GOSPEL: Lk. 3: 15-16, 21-22.