

16TH FEBRUARY 2025
CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, ATHENRY

6TH SUNDAY, ORDINARY TIME
CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, NEWCASTLE

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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 (086-8641720) for further details

JUBILEE OF ARTISTS

The Holy See has designated various Jubilee Days throughout 2025 to welcome and celebrate different groups of people and various ministries in the Church. One of these Jubilee Days invites artists, and those who support and nurture artists, to a renewed hope in God. It takes place Sun 16th — Tues 18th Feb.

MARY'S MEALS

Mary's Meals is a simple solution to world hunger, feeding children in 16 of the world's poorest countries in school, so that they receive a daily meal as well as their education. It costs €22 to feed a child for a full school year. Please go to marysmeals.ie if you want to know more.



If you are interested in joining our local Mary's Meals Volunteer Group, there will be a meeting in the Pastoral Centre on Mon 17th Feb at 7:00pm.

ATHENRY SIMANJIRO PARTNERSHIP

The Athenry Simanjiro Partnership was set up in 2006 to help support Simanjiro in Tanzania. We continue to support the faith, health and educational needs of the people in this arid region of East Africa. Your support helps lighten the burden of these people in need. We would like to thank everyone who supported our recent annual table quiz fundraiser. It was a great success. Thanks to Dan's Bar for hosting it.

ATHENRY PRIMARY SCHOOL ENROLMENTS

Athenry Primary School is now accepting enrolments for next school year (Sept 2025). Enrolment forms are available to download from their website: www.athenryprimaryschool.ie or by emailing office@athenryprimaryschool.ie or ringing the school office: (091) 844510. 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 Wednesday January 29th at 8pm in the school hall of Campus A.

LISHEENKYLE NATIONAL SCHOOL ENROLMENTS

Lisheenkyle National School is now accepting enrolments for September 2025. The closing date for enrolments is **February 28th 2025**. All details and enrolment forms are available on the website www.lisheenkylens.ie or alternatively by contacting the school office at 091 844901 or by emailing admin@lisheenkylens.ie.

ATHENRY ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE REGISTRATION

The Athenry St. Patrick's Day Parade will go ahead on 17th March, as a celebration of community. This year's theme is **The Sum of Our Parts — Is sinne Suim ár gCodanna** if you wish to incorporate this into your float / group. Please complete the entry form online by **Friday, 7th March**. The parade will start once 11:00 am Mass is over, and the congregation have left the church car park. The parade should be underway by 11:45. You can gather your group on the Raheen Link Road at Byrne Mech at 11:00 and await instructions. For further details on how to register email athenrycommunitycouncil@gmail.com.

MASS BOOKINGS

Weekend Masses in Athenry Church on Saturday 6:30pm and Sunday at 11:00am are reserved for Month's Minds and First Anniversaries. We really tried to facilitate people in booking other Anniversary Masses if there was a free slot, but this did not work out. In the interest of fairness we revert to the policy of: **Month's Minds & First Anniversaries only at weekends.**

WE GENUINELY APOLOGISE FOR THIS.

KNOCK SHRINE EVENTS

'Picking Up My Pen - Finding God In Writing' overnight retreat takes place on Sat. 22nd & Sun. 23rd February 2025. Facilitated by Deirdre Rowe & Sr. Moira McDowall. This retreat will focus on writing as a way of praying. No previous writing experience necessary. Fully residential retreat with ensuite accommodation on full board basis at Knock Youth Village. For more information see email Nicola faithrenewal@knockshrine.ie or see www.knockshrine.ie.

A Sensory Friendly Mass takes place in the Parish Church at Knock Shrine on the last Sunday of every month at 12.30pm. The next Mass takes place on Sunday, February 23rd. For queries and more information, contact Nicola at faithrenewal@knockshrine.ie.

The Federation For Victim Assistance will mark **European Day for Crime Victims** on Sunday, 23rd February at 12pm Mass in Knock Basilica. For more information, visit www.victimassistance.ie.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO 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

For information and bookings, please contact:
Joe Walsh Tours – Tel: 01-241 0800 or Email: info@joewalstours.ie
Book Online: www.joewalstours.ie/pilgrimages/group-diocesan-pilgrimages/



GALWAY SOLEMN NOVENA 2025

The Annual Solemn Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help runs from **Monday 17th — Tuesday 25th February 2025**. The theme this year is "Where love is, hope is born." Session times as follows:

Monday — Saturday: 11:00am, 1:10pm, 7:30pm
Sunday: 10:30am, 12:30pm, 3:00pm, 6:00pm

The novena includes: Guest Speakers; Confessions daily (except Sunday); Guided Holy Hour by candlelight; Sacrament of the Sick and Consecration of Families to Our Lady.

For further details visit the website www.galwaycathedral.ie; Email: info@galwaycathedral.ie or Tel: 091 563577.

✠ MASS TIMES ✠

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION ATHENRY

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 15TH VIGIL MASS AT 6.30PM
Sarah Glavin, Carnaun (Month's Mind)

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 16TH MASS AT 11:00AM
Maureen Healy Clorane

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 22ND VIGIL MASS AT 6.30PM
Ben Lyons, Monivea and Lenamore (Month's Mind)

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 23RD MASS AT 11:00AM
Bobby Gardiner, Clarke St. (1st Anniversary) & his wife Clare

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION NEWCASTLE

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 16TH MASS AT 10:00AM
Martin & Maureen O'Donnell & deceased of the O'Donnell family, Tourkeel & deceased of the Glynn family Cuddoo

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 23RD MASS AT 10:00AM
Maureen & Kevin Heavey
& deceased of the Burke & Heavey families

RECENTLY DECEASED

Teresa (Tessie) Logue Cullairbaun

Michael Coleman, Ballyglunin,
husband of Mary Cooley Coleman, Presentation College Staff

Malachy Coady, Belleville, Monivea,
brother of Helena Fahy, Tysaxon

BASKET COLLECTION LAST WEEKEND

Athenry & Newcastle
€3,990

WEEKLY CONFESSION TIMES

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, ATHENRY
Saturdays 9.15am - 9.45am before 10:00am Mass
or by appointment.

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, NEWCASTLE
After 10.00am Mass on Sundays.

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.

READINGS: 22ND & 23RD FEB. (7th Sunday, Ordinary Time)

1st READING: Sm. 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

PSALM: 102:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13

2nd READING: 1 COR. 15:45-49

GOSPEL: Lk:6:17, 27-38

MASS INTENTIONS: MON. 17TH — SAT. 22ND FEBRUARY

✠ Paul McDonagh (Month's Mind)

✠ Jackie Houlihan, Northgate St.

✠ Marie Niland, Caherfinsker

✠ Helen & Tom Loughnane, Athenry

✠ Peggy Smyth, Raheen & Castlepollard & deceased of the Smyth & Butler families

✠ Bridie Mannion, Cullairbaun

✠ Dan & Bridie Whelan & daughter Anne Barrett, Northgate St.

✠ Maggie Mongan & Edward Mongan

✠ Joe & Breda Burke, Binn

✠ Bobby Burke, Binn

✠ Nora & Jimmy Burke, Binn

✠ Séamus & Paschal Fahy & deceased members of the Fahy family, Northgate St.

✠ Joseph & Delia Torpey & deceased members of the Torpey & Hayes families

✠ Mary O'Toole, Moanbaun

✠ Michael & Nigel McGhee, Cullairbaun

✠ Michael & Phil Mooney, Woodville

✠ Mary & Arthur McGhee, Loughrea

MUSIC FOR 11:00AM MASS (PLEASE SING ALONG)

Entrance **O God beyond all praising**

Offertory Salve Mater Misericordiae (plainchant)

Sanctus / Agnus Dei Mass XVI

Communion O for a closer walk with God (Stanford)

Recessional **I'll sing a hymn to Mary**

1. O God beyond all praising, we worship you today

And sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;

For we can only wonder at every gift you send,

At blessings without number and mercies without end:

We lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,

We honour and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

2. Then hear, O gracious Saviour, accept the love we bring,

That we who know your favour may serve you as our king;

And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,

We'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:

To marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,

And make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

1. I'll sing a hymn to Mary, / The mother of my God,

The virgin of all virgins, / Of David's royal blood.

O teach me, holy Mary, / A loving song to frame,

When wicked men blaspheme thee,

To love and bless thy name.

2. O noble Tow'r of David, / Of gold and ivory,

The Ark of God's own promise, / The gate of heav'n to me.

To live and not to love thee / Would fill my soul with shame;

When wicked men blaspheme thee,

I'll love and bless thy name.