

9TH FEBRUARY 2025  
CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, ATHENRY

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5TH SUNDAY, ORDINARY TIME  
CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, NEWCASTLE



✠ MASS TIMES ✠

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION ATHENRY

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 8TH VIGIL MASS AT 6.30PM

John A. Kelly, Cussane Cross (Months Mind)

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 9TH MASS AT 11:00AM

John Cullen, Gort Mhaoilir (Months Mind)

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 15TH VIGIL MASS AT 6.30PM

Sarah Glavin, Carnaun (Months Mind)

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 16TH MASS AT 11:00AM

Maureen Healy, Clorane

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION NEWCASTLE

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 9TH MASS AT 10:00AM

Mary Murphy (First Anniversary) & Larry, Christy & the deceased of the family

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 16TH MASS AT 10:00AM

Martin & Maureen O'Donnell & deceased of the O'Donnell family, Tourkeel & deceased of the Glynn family Cuddoo

RECENTLY DECEASED

Mary O'Toole, Moanbaun

Oliver Neary, late of Castlebar & Surrey,  
brother of Eamonn Neary, Church St.

Darren Loftus, Limerick, husband of Thelma Connaughton & son-in-law of Bridget & Gerard Connaughton, Castle-Ellen

BASKET COLLECTION LAST WEEKEND

Athenry & Newcastle €3,790

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](mailto:info@athenryparish.ie).

READINGS: 15TH & 16TH FEB. (6th Sunday, Ordinary Time)

1<sup>st</sup> READING: Jer. 17:5-8,

PSALM: 1:1-4

2<sup>nd</sup> READING: COR. 15:12, 16-20

GOSPEL: Lk:6:17, 20-26

MASS INTENTIONS: MON. 10TH — SAT. 15TH FEBRUARY

✠ Martin Ward, Ballygurrane

✠ Maura & Tom Keane, Old Church St.,

✠ Evelyn Connell, Lisheenkyle

✠ Patrick McNamara & the McNamara family, Old Church St.,

✠ Pdraic & Kathleen & Thomas Francis, Tuam

✠ Michael, Seán & Maura O'Malley

✠ Michael & Monica Steede, their son Tom & grandson

Michael & deceased family members

✠ Bridie Mulroe, Ard Aoibhinn

✠ Molly & Jimmy Killackey & Kelly & Killackey family, Galway

✠ Michael & Kate Kelly & deceased of the family Castletambert

✠ Maureen Kelly, Manchester & Kilbannon & deceased of the

Costello family, Kilbannon

✠ Josephine Shine

✠ Michael Coffey, Ballybacka & Renmore

✠ Seán Cahill, Newport, Tipperary & Derrydonnell

✠ Thomas & Bridget & Dr. Seán Cheevers, Caheroyan Park

✠ Julie Connell (Connolly) Monivea, Athenry & Galway

✠ Lorraine Wilson, Donegal

✠ Michael Healy, Old Church St.

MUSIC FOR 11:00AM MASS IN ATHENRY

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

Entrance *Christ be near at either hand*

Offertory *O Sanctissima*

Sanctus / Agnus Dei *Mass XVI*

Communion *Jesu, joy of man's desiring* (J.S. Bach)

Recessional *O Mary of graces*

1. **Christ be near at either hand,**

Christ behind, before me stand,

Christ with me where e'er I go,

Christ around, above, below.

2. Christ be in my heart and mind,

Christ within my soul enshrined,

Christ control my wayward heart;

Christ abide and ne'er depart.

3. Christ my life and only way,

Christ my lantern night and day,

Christ be my unchanging friend,

Guide and shepherd to the end.

1. **O Mary of Graces,** and mother of Christ,

O may you direct me and guide me aright.

O may you protect me from Satan's control,

And may you protect me in body and soul.

2. O may you protect me by land and by sea,

And may you protect me from sorrows to be;

A strong guard of angels above me provide;

May God be before me and God at my side.

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 are accepting enrolments for Junior Infants for September 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 their website: [www.athenryprimaryschool.ie](http://www.athenryprimaryschool.ie) or by emailing [office@athenryprimaryschool.ie](mailto: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.

ST. BRIGID'S CROSS DONATIONS FOR MARY'S MEALS

Thank you to the people of Athenry for supporting our fundraiser for the St. Brigid's Crosses for Mary's Meals last weekend. A total of €3,397 was donated which will feed 154 hungry children in their place of education for an entire school year. It costs €22 to feed a child for a full school year. Mary's Meals is a simple solution to world hunger. To learn more please go to [www.marysmeals.ie](http://www.marysmeals.ie) or contact Fr. Benny.

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](mailto:athenrycommunitycouncil@gmail.com).

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.

MY NAME IS I AM

(by Helen Mallicoat)

I was regretting the past,  
and fearing the future.

Suddenly my Lord was speaking:

"My name is I AM".

He paused. I waited.

He continued...

"When you live in the past,  
with its mistakes and regrets,  
it is hard. I am not there.

My name is not I WAS.

When you live in the future,  
with its problems and fears,  
it is hard. I am not there.

My name is not I WILL BE.

When you live in this moment  
it is not hard. I am here.

My name is I AM."

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

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@joewalshstours.ie](mailto:info@joewalshstours.ie)  
Book Online: [www.joewalshstours.ie/pilgrimages/group-diocesan-pilgrimages/](http://www.joewalshstours.ie/pilgrimages/group-diocesan-pilgrimages/)

KNOCK SHRINE ONE DAY RETREAT

Join us for the "Whisper of God" retreats at Knock Shrine. Take sacred time to step away from the noise of daily life and reconnect with silence and God in the peaceful, prayerful atmosphere that is unique to Knock Shrine. The one-day retreat offers a serene space for silence, quiet prayer, reflection, and spiritual direction. Participants will be guided through moments of scripture-based prayer, group sharing, and personal spiritual guidance. The Retreat takes place in the Prayer Centre, on Saturday, March 22nd 2025. Price: €70 including refreshments and lunch

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](http://www.galwaycathedral.ie); Email: [info@galwaycathedral.ie](mailto:info@galwaycathedral.ie) or Tel: 091 563577.