9TH MARCH 2025

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, ATHENRY

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, NEWCASTLE

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★ MASS TIMES **★**

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION ATHENRY

SATURDAY MARCH 8TH VIGIL MASS AT 6.30PM

Thomas Higgins, Lisheenkyle, (1st Anniversary) and his wife Nora

SUNDAY MARCH 9TH MASS AT 11:00AM

Úna Carroll, Derrydonnell. (1st Anniversary)

SATURDAY MARCH 15TH VIGIL MASS AT 6.30PM

Patricia Dooley, The Glade, (1st Anniversary)

SUNDAY MARCH 16TH MASS AT 11:00AM

Tessie Logue, Cullairbaun (Month's Mind)

MONDAY MARCH 17TH MASS AT 11:00AM

St. Patrick's Day

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SUNDAY MARCH 9TH MASS AT 10:00AM

Margaret Maloney, Shudane (1st Anniversary)

SUNDAY MARCH 16TH MASS AT 10:00AM

Sarah & Martin Molloy, Pat & Nora Forde, Shudane

MONDAY MARCH 17TH MASS AT 10:00AM

John & Breege McDonagh, their sons Michael, John, Frank, Patsy & Martin, their daughters Mary Lally & Noreen McVeigh and deceased of the family

RECENTLY DECEASED

Denis McMahon, Cartymore

David Geraghty, Ennis & Glenamaddy brother of Sr. Evelyn & Sr. Rita, ex Presentation Sisters, Athenry

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Mon — Wed. 10:30am — 6:00pm daily ATHENRY Thurs. 10:30am — Sat. 6:00pm (perpetual)

Sunday 12 noon — 6:00pm

Saturday 6:00pm — 7:00pm Newcastle 1

Monday 6:00pm — 9:00pm

BASKET COLLECTION LAST WEEKEND

Athenry & Newcastle €3,220

READINGS: 15TH & 16TH MARCH (2nd Sunday of Lent)

1st READING: Gn. 15:5-12, 17-18 26:1, 7-9, 13-14 PSALM:

2nd READING: PHIL. 3:17-4:1 (shorter form 3:20-4:1)

Lk:9:28-36 GOSPEL:

MASS INTENTIONS 10:00AM: MON. 10TH - SAT. 15TH MARCH

- ₱ Richard Higgins, Castlelambert
- ₩ Michelle, Tommy & Micko Morrissey, Deerpark
- ★ Catherine Forde, Moanbaun
- ★ Kathleen Brennan, Northgate St.
- ★ Martin, Mary & Gerry Kilkelly & deceased of the Kilkelly family
- ♣ Geraldine Hegarty & deceased of the Hegarty & McCarthy family
- ★ Lena & Thomas Murren & deceased members of the Murren & McGarry families

MUSIC FOR 11:00AM MASS — (Please sing along)

Entrance Now Christ, thou Sun of Righteousness

Offertory O Bone Jesu (M. Grancini) Sanctus / Agnus Dei Mass XVII Communion Attende Domine Recessional Ave Regina Caelorum

1. Now Christ, thou Sun of Righteousness,

Let dawn our darkened spirits bless: The light of grace to us restore While day to earth returns once more. 2. Thou who dost give th'accepted time, Give, too, a heart that mourns for crime, Let those by mercy now be cured Whom loving-kindness long endured. 3. Spare not, we pray, to send us here Some penance kindly but severe, So let thy gift of pard'ning grace Our grievous sinfulness efface. 4. Soon will that day, thy day, appear And all things with its brightness cheer:

We will rejoice in it, as we

Return thereby to grace, and thee.

Ave Regina caelorum, Ave Domina Angelorum: Salve radix, salve porta, Ex qua mundo lux est orta: Gaude Virgo gloriosa, Super omnes speciosa: Vale, o valde decora, Et pro nobis Christum exora. Hail, Queen of heaven, hail Lady of the angels: Hail, root and gate from which the Light of the World was born: Rejoice glorious Virgin, fairest of all: Fare thee well, most beautiful, and pray for us to Christ.

Musical note:

As Lent is a penitential season, the Church does not permit the use of musical instruments in the liturgy except if necessary to support the singing. The organ is thus silent for the duration of Lent, except the Fourth Sunday of Lent ("Laetare") and on major feast days. Also in keeping with the spirit of the Lenten season, Alleluia is not sung again until the great Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday.

JUBILEE OF VOLUNTEERING

This weekend 8th — 9th March is the Jubilee of the World of Volunteering. This Jubilee is a profound celebration dedicated to honouring the selfless service and unwavering commitment of volunteers worldwide. This event, rooted in the spirit of the St. Patrick's Day it will take place Tues. 18th March 7 - 8pm. Catholic Jubilee tradition, aims to recognise and uplift the invaluable contributions of those who dedicate their time and energy to serving others. Today we acknowledge in a special way the countless volunteers whose time and generosity adds so much both to the Parish and the wider community. So to all + Abstaining from meat or some other food who volunteer both in the Parish and in the many community | Abstaining from alcoholic drink or smoking and sporting organisations, mile buíochas!!

MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL.

LENT

WE ENCOURAGE REGULAR ATTENDANCE AT MASS, ADORATION, ROSARY AND THE VARIOUS TALKS PUT ON BY THE PARISH DURING LENT.

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY GROUP

For the season of Lent, the focus will be on taking an in-depth look at the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist in the Bible Meeting every Tuesday at 7:30pm in the Pastoral Centre. New members are always welcome. No prior knowledge required.

ATHENRY NEW CEMETERY COMMITTEE MEETING

Takes place in the Parochial House at 7:30pm on Tuesday March 11th.

TUAM DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

The Tuam Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock takes place on Sunday, May 4th 2025.

Ceremonies commence at 2.30 p.m.

MOTHERS PRAYERS ANNUAL GATHERING AT KNOCK.

Mothers Prayers' is for mothers who wish to come together t pray for their children & grandchildren. Their annual weeken in Knock is 7th — 9th March in St. John's Rest Centre. Contac Marie at 087 6184110 or email ireland@mothersprayers.org.

'WHISPER OF GOD' ONE DAY RETREAT IN KNOCK

This one day Retreat takes place in the Prayer Centre at Knock Shrine on Saturday, March 22nd. The day will include quie prayer, reflection and spiritual direction. For bookings an more information, contact John Farrelly, Knock Shrine by ema prayerguidance@knockshrine.ie or telephone 086 0108623 See www.knockshrine.ie for more details.

TUAM & KILLALA DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

The Tuam and Killala Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, led by Archbishop Francis Duffy, takes place from Aug. 29th to Sept. 4th, (6 nights). Contact 01 2410800 for details and booking.

POOR CLARES GALWAY

Poor Poor Clares Galway, Monastic Experience Day for Clares women 18-35. It is an opportunity to explore and Galway experience Poor Clare life and spirituality. The event will take place from 10am to 5pm on Saturday the 15th of March. Contact: vocations@poorclares.ie to register. For more information: poorclares.ie/monastic-experience-days.

YOUTH 2000 DAY RETREAT

The Youth 2000 Connaught one-day retreat takes place on Saturday, March 29th, at St. Mary's Church / Dominican Priory in the Claddagh in Galway City, beginning at 9.30am. Workshops, music, talks, testimonies & more. Donation only, Register online at Youth2000.ie, or for more information contact connaught@youth2000.ie.

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

Just a reminder that Lenten Bible study by Fr. Benny has begun on Monday nights in the Pastoral Centre at 8:00pm and continues every Monday during Lent (except — instead of

FORMS OF FRIDAY PENANCE

The following are suggested as ways of fulfilling Friday penance:

- ♣ Making a special effort at involvement in family prayer
- ₱ Making a special effort to participate in Mass on Fridays
- ₹ Visiting the Blessed Sacrament
- → Making the Stations of the Cross
- Fasting from all food for a longer period than usual and perhaps giving what is saved to the needy
- Helping the poor, sick, old or lonely

From the statement of the Friday Penance issued by the Bishops' Conference 2011.

★ STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT **★**

Takes place every Friday night during Lent at 7:00pm.

TRÓCAIRE LENTEN CAMPAIGN

Each year the people of the parish have given generously to Trócaire who are deeply grateful for this. This years Lenten campaign has begun. Trócaire boxes are now available in the church. We encourage every family to take one home.



ATHENRY SIMANJIRO PARTNERSHIP

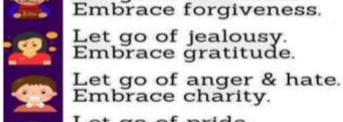
We are delighted to support Trócaire as a Parish annually and we enthusiastically continue to do so, but we also encourage you to consider supporting Athenry—Simanjiro Partnership as part of your Lenten commitment. Information and donation box is available to the right of the main entrance of Athenry church if anyone would like to consider this as an alternative.

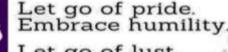
FR. BENNY LENTEN COURSE AT KNOCK

Fr. Benny will conduct a four night programme on volume two of Luke's New Testament writing, the Acts of the Apostles, which will be read during the Easter season. No previous knowledge is required & Bibles will be provided. The course takes place from 7:30pm — 9.30pm in The Prayer Centre at Knock Shrine on Wednesdays: 19th & 26th March, 2nd & 9th April. Places are limited. For bookings contact Nicola Mitchell, Tel: 094 93 88100 / email nicolamitchell@knockshrine.ie

LENT and Letting Go

Let go of bitterness.





Let go of lust. Embrace purity.

Let go of sins. Embrace GOD

