

3RD AUGUST 2025

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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, NEWCASTLE

Office Eircode: H65 H224



✠ MASS TIMES ✠

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION ATHENRY

SATURDAY AUGUST 2ND — VIGIL MASS AT 6:30PM  
Padraic Cahill, Derrydonnell.  
(Month's Mind)

SUNDAY AUGUST 3RD — MASS AT 11:00AM  
Margaret Cuniffe Athenry & Donegal &  
Pauline Naughton nee Cuniffe, Ballydavid & London  
(Month's Mind for both)

SATURDAY AUGUST 9TH — VIGIL MASS AT 6:30PM  
Tom Cloonan, Mulpit.  
(Month's Mind)

SUNDAY AUGUST 10TH — MASS AT 11:00AM  
Audrey Lacey, Palmerstown.  
(1st Anniversary)  
& her mother Patricia Higgins, Beaumont  
(Month's Mind)

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION NEWCASTLE

SUNDAY AUGUST 3RD — MASS AT 11:00AM  
Jimmy, Sr. Mary, Gerald, Karen, Alan, Mary Jo,  
Jack & Mick Gannon, Shudane

SUNDAY AUGUST 10TH — MASS AT 11:00AM  
James & Annie O'Grady, Tiaquin

✠ RECENTLY DECEASED — MAY THEY REST IN PEACE ✠

Meg Hession,  
Clarín Crescent, and formerly of Northgate Street

BASKET COLLECTION LAST WEEKEND

Athenry & Newcastle  
€3,160

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 7:00pm — 8:00pm  
Monday 6:00pm — 9:00pm

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.

READINGS: 9TH & 10TH AUGUST

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1st READING: Wis 18:6-9 PSALM: 32:1, 12, 18-20, 22  
2nd READING: HEB 11:1-2, 8-19 GOSPEL: LK 12:32-48

DAILY MASS INTENTIONS 10:00AM 4TH — 9TH AUGUST

✠ PJ Greaney, Dublin Rd.

✠ Séamus & Anne Cullinane & the deceased of the Cullinane & Kelly families

✠ Peter (Peadar) Ruane, Cullairbawn House, Raheen

✠ Patrick John Conneely & the Conneely & Collins families

✠ Martin Gaffney, Caheroyan

✠ Kathleen Kenny, Chicago & her parents Michael & Kathleen Kenny, Woodford

✠ Pat & Rudy Qualter & deceased of the families

✠ Dick & Anne Marie Clefstad, Florida

✠ Redmond Carr, New Line

✠ Barry Potter, Castleturvin

✠ Bob Zonenblick, Farnablake

✠ Martin & Mary Rita Curran & their daughters Elizabeth, Jacinta & Mary, their granddaughter Eileen Vargas & grandson Charles Curran Kelly

✠ Annie & John Costelloe & deceased of Malley family, Galway

✠ Tommie Bane, his parents John & Teresa (Doreen) Bane & his brother William Bane, Newford

✠ Michael & Nora Gibbons, Clampar Park

✠ Greg Rabbitte, New Line & the deceased of the Rabbitte & Crosby families.

WEEKEND MASSES

Weekend Masses in Athenry Church, on Saturdays at 6:30pm & Sundays at 11:00am, are reserved for MONTH'S MINDS & 1ST ANNIVERSARIES ONLY. Visit or contact the Parish Office to book.

MARY'S MEALS FUNDRAISING WALKS

ATHENRY TO GALWAY (PART OF LIMERICK TO KNOCK SHRINE)

The annual Step by Step to Feed the Next Child — Mary's Meals Walk from Limerick to Knock Shrine will leave Athenry to walk to Galway on Monday 11th August. Walkers will travel from seven different locations across Ireland from the 7th August, all meeting in Knock on Friday 15th August.

WALKING TRACK AT LISHEENKYLE SCHOOL

A fundraising walk for Mary's Meals will take place at 12 noon on Saturday August 16th at the walking track behind Lisheenkyle NS. All ages welcome. Bring you family and friends. Choose your own distance, 1 lap, 5 laps, 10 or 15 laps. Refreshments will be served. Entertainment for the children.

Mary's Meals provides a life-changing solution to world hunger, feeding children in their place of education in sixteen of the poorest countries. Just €22 feeds a child for a school year. Learn more and donate at [marysmeals.ie](http://marysmeals.ie). Your support, big or small, makes a difference.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2025

29 August — 4 September 2025. 6 Nights. From Knock.

LED BY: ARCHBISHOP FRANCIS DUFFY

- \* Hotel Agena € 995 pps. Hotel La Solitude €1,075 pps
- \* Direct return flights Knock to Lourdes
- \* Airport transfers & assistance in Lourdes
- \* 6 nights in hotel accommodation
- \* Full board: breakfast, lunch & dinner each day
- \* Airport taxes.
- \* 20kg check-in luggage
- \* Full services of Joe Walsh Tours representatives
- \* Religious programme facilitated with the Diocese

ONLY A FEW PLACES REMAINING

Contact Joe Walsh Tours: Tel: 01-2410800.

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

KNOCK SHRINE NOVENA 13TH — 21ST AUGUST 2025

This year's theme, "Pilgrims of Hope", invites all to embark on a journey of faith and reflection, rooted in the enduring message of Hope of the Knock Apparition. The Novena offers 9 days of reflection and prayer and a chance to reconnect with your faith in the unique and sacred space of Knock Shrine. The purpose of the Novena is to recognise the unique role that Knock, as an International Eucharistic and Marian Shrine, has to play in the life of the Irish Church and to honour Our Lady, the Mother of God. The Novena will culminate on the 21st of August, the anniversary of the Apparition at Knock in 1879.

- ♦ Novena Ceremonies 3pm & 8pm in Knock Basilica.
- ♦ Workshops: 12.45pm daily in St. John's Welcome Centre.
- ♦ Themed Guided Prayer: 11.15am & 5.15pm daily
- ♦ Witness Walk: Thursday, 21st of August at 6.45pm.
- ♦ Each evening, there will be a candlelight procession, following the 8pm ceremony (weather permitting).

For further details on the Knock Shrine Annual Novena Tel: 094 9388100; Email [info@knockshrine.ie](mailto:info@knockshrine.ie) or visit [www.knockshrine.ie](http://www.knockshrine.ie).

Knock Novena 2025

Guest Speakers

Wednesday, August 13

3pm & 8pm Fr Kevin Kiernan, OFM Cap  
Life Without a Home –  
Restoring Hope

Thursday, August 14

3pm & 8pm Myriam Wijlens  
Synod: Hope for the Church?

Friday, August 15

3pm & 8pm Ita Lohan  
By a Lonely Prison Wall

Saturday, August 16

3pm Msgr Kevin Gillespie and  
Elaine Patton  
Mary, Mother of the Seeds  
of Hope

Sunday, August 17: Family Day

3pm Bishop Kevin Doran  
Family: The First Place of  
Accompaniment

8pm John Farrelly  
Prayer: A Silent Doorway  
To Hope

Monday, August 18

3pm & 8pm Eileen Dunne  
Beyond the Headlines

Tuesday, August 19

3pm & 8pm Fr Niall Leahy SJ  
"Our Place in the Garden:  
Living with Humility in  
Creation"

Wednesday, August 20

3pm & 8pm Breda Casserly  
Be Not Afraid: Finding Peace  
in Illness

Thursday, August 21:

Anniversary of the Knock Apparition

3pm Claire Kilroy  
Living Faith: How Young  
People Are Shaping the  
Future

6.45pm Apparition Witness Walk  
Gather at Chapel of Reconciliation and  
walk in the footsteps of the witnesses

8pm Fr Richard Gibbons  
Hope is Faith with its Sleeves  
Rolled Up

YOUTH 2000 SUMMER FESTIVAL 7th — 10th AUGUST

Newbridge College, Co. Kildare. Come along for a weekend of prayer, friendship, inspirational talks & workshops. Donation only. Free bus from each province. Register at [Youth2000.ie](http://Youth2000.ie) or [connaught@youth2000.ie](mailto:connaught@youth2000.ie).

2025 CEMETERY MASSES IN AUGUST

✠ Friday 8th August Athenry New Cemetery

✠ Monday 11th August Templegeall Cemetery

✠ Tuesday 12th August Templemoyle Cemetery

✠ Wednesday 13th August Moorpark Cemetery

✠ Thursday 14th August Willmount Cemetery

ALL MASSES BEGIN AT 7.30PM.

In the event of inclement weather on the evening, all masses will transfer to Athenry Church, with the exception of Templemoyle



which will be held in Newcastle Church — all beginning at the same time. Details of any potential change of venues will be announced on the parish radio & webcam during the evening.

The cemetery committees appeal to parishioners to attend to their family graves — tidy up grass or weeds on the graves & to remove old discarded wreaths. Do likewise for any neglected graves where there are no living relatives. Please do not dump any bags of rubbish in the Cemetery.

TEMPLEMOYLE GRAVEYARD NOTICE

As mentioned above, Templemoyle Graveyard Mass will take place on Tues. 12th August. Each year, we are very grateful for donations given for the maintenance of the graveyard. This year, we will have envelopes available at the back of the church in Newcastle for donations. These can be returned to Mass over the next few weekends & placed in the box at the end of the church. Donations can also be made on the evening of Mass, & as always, thank you for your continued support.

Lady Day Jubilee Pilgrimage 2025

Our Ladys Well

Athenry, County Galway



Friday August 15th 2025

2:15pm - Rosary procession from the Town Square

3:00pm - Mass at Ladys Well

BLESSING OF GRAVES IN KILSKEAGH GRAVEYARD

A blessing of graves by Fr. John O'Gorman, P.P. Lackagh will take place in Kilskeagh Graveyard at 7:00pm on Friday 22nd August. Attendees should allow plenty of time for arrival. The pathway into the graveyard is uneven, rough, and potentially slippery, so elderly visitors may need assistance. A limited number of folding chairs will be available for anybody requiring them. Stewards will be at the access point on the road (Eircode H65X290), guiding visitors through Spellman's fields to the graveyard entrance, a 140-yard walk. The evening will include talks by archaeologist Donna Gilligan on the site's history and ecologist John Lusby on its biodiversity. This event offers a rare chance to visit the previously inaccessible graveyard. Check the "Kilskeagh Church and Graveyard Custodians" Facebook Page for any weather-related updates.