

24TH AUGUST 2025

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, ATHENRY

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TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, NEWCASTLE

Office Eircode: H65 H224



✠ MASS TIMES ✠

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION ATHENRY

SATURDAY AUGUST 23RD — VIGIL MASS AT 6:30PM
Christy Caulfield, Prospect,
(1st Anniversary)

SUNDAY AUGUST 24TH — MASS AT 11:00AM
Ita Monaghan, Caheroyan,
(Month's Mind)

SATURDAY AUGUST 30TH — VIGIL MASS AT 6:30PM
John Reidy, Toberroe,
(Month's Mind)

SUNDAY AUGUST 31ST — MASS AT 11:00AM
Tony Kelly, Castlelambert & Gort
(Month's Mind)

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION NEWCASTLE

SUNDAY AUGUST 24TH — MASS AT 10:00AM
Robbie, Mickey, Maureen, Noreen, Sadie &
Joe Burke, Ballyboggan

SUNDAY AUGUST 31ST — MASS AT 10:00AM
Malachy Ruane, Cuddoo

✠ RECENTLY DECEASED — MAY THEY REST IN PEACE ✠

Micheal Waldron,
Newford / Ballygurrán South

COLLECTION LAST WEEKEND: ATHENRY & NEWCASTLE

15th August €1,510

16th & 17th August €3,050

ST. MARY'S PARISH ATHENRY MASS CARDS

Signed by Fr. Charlie / Fr. Benny. Available in Parish Office.

✠ SYMPATHY MASS CARD ✠ GENERAL MASS BOUQUET

✠ EXAM MASS BOUQUET ✠ GET WELL MASS BOUQUET

✠ BIRTHDAY MASS BOUQUET ✠ THANK YOU MASS BOUQUET

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

ATHENRY Saturdays 9:15 — 9:45am before 10am Mass

NEWCASTLE After 10:00am Mass on Sundays.

READINGS: 30TH & 31ST AUGUST 22ND SUN. ORDINARY TIME

1st READ: Eccles (Sir) 3:17-20, 28-29 PSALM: 67:4-7, 10-11

2nd READ: HEB 12:18-19, 22-24 GOSPEL: LK 14:1, 7-14

DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

10:00AM — 25TH - 30TH AUGUST

✠ John & Mary Grealish, Lisheenkyle

✠ Rose & Hughie Slater

✠ Michael & Christina Connolly, Caheroyan & their son Peter & daughter Irene Thompson

✠ Annie & Peggy Killeen, Carnaun & deceased family members

✠ Martin Mulroe, Ard Aoibhinn

✠ Martin & Mary Daly, Poppyhill

BIBLE STUDY RETURNS

The Bible Study Group will resume this coming Tuesday, the 26th August at 7.30pm. The venue is the room next to the Parish Office. The 18 — 35 demographic is especially encouraged to attend but everyone of all ages are welcome.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

The Children's Liturgy is back on Sept 7th and runs throughout the school year during 11am Sunday Mass. Children currently enrolled in Junior Infants through 1st class in any Primary School are welcome to attend. Parents (of new and previous attendees) need to sign a new consent form on the child's first day joining us and then the children come back weekly lead by our volunteers after that, when the priest calls them up at the beginning of Mass. We are always looking for new volunteers (18yo+), who are only on rota roughly 6 Sundays total per year. We would love to have you join our team if you are interested! Training is provided. For more info., or to volunteer, contact Eithna: eithnamoran@gmail.com or Deirdre: 0870984379.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION DATES 2026

We are hoping to publish the dates for First Holy Communion & Confirmation by mid September. This will happen as soon as the Diocesan Office forwards the date for Confirmation. We are very conscious that families need dates as soon as possible in order to make arrangements. In order to facilitate families as best we can we will publish dates as soon as we know them.

BEANNACHTAÍ — TORTHAI SCRÚDUI THE

Every blessing to all who received exam results this week. For some it is an exciting time, for others it can be challenging. May God's Holy Spirit guide and guard your paths.

BACK TO SCHOOL

For many of us the year begins with the start of this school term — for the new year we wish all our staff and students every blessing and protection as they return.

ATHENRY NEW CEMETERY COMMITTEE

For the last number of years the Athenry New Cemetery Committee has been coordinated by Gerry Ryan who stepped down during the year. We again thank him most sincerely for his diligence and dedication over the last number of years. We also thank Gary and his team of Neil, Frank and Dónal for their absolute dedication to duty in the way that they keep our cemetery. We are deeply grateful. Sylvia Ryan has now assumed the role of coordinator of the committee. We thank her most sincerely for taking on this role and wish her every blessing in the future.



CHY 3 — CHARITABLE DONATION SCHEME

First and foremost we wish to thank you all for your generous support to the Parish which is deeply and genuinely appreciated.

The CHY 3 Tax Contribution Scheme, (Charitable Donation Scheme), is a tax relief programme. It allows us to claim a tax refund on donations received from our parishioners who are taxpayers, and is an important source of revenue to Athenry Church. It's important to note that this scheme costs you nothing. The scheme applies to individual donations of €250 or more in a single tax year through the envelope system.

Over the next few weeks we will begin sending CHY 3 forms to parishioners who contributed over €250, in 2024 and who do not have an up to date CHY 3 Form. A signed CHY 3 Form is valid for five years. If you receive one and are: (1) paying tax please sign it and return it to us; (2) not paying tax, and do not wish to receive this letter again, please complete the box on the accompanying letter and return it to us.

You can return the CHY 3 forms / letters by leaving them in the church basket at Mass or to Parish Office by post or by hand.

CHILDREN'S ART COMPETITION

A Safe and Welcoming Church

Children and Young Person's Art Competition 2025

The NBSCCCI invites children and young people to participate in this competition by submitting a piece of art that depicts what 'A Safe and Welcoming Church' looks like or feels like to them. The piece may be a painting, sculpture, photograph or a written piece and is open to everyone who is under 18 years of age
Dates: The competition opens on the 1st of September 2025 and closes on the 30th of September 2025
Prizes
Category 1; 8yrs and younger: 1st Prize €100 voucher for a Toy store, 2nd Prize: €50 voucher for a Toy store, 3rd Prize €25 voucher for a Toy store.
Category 2; 9yrs to 12yrs: 1st Prize €100 voucher for Art Store, 2nd Prize: €50 voucher for Art store, 3rd Prize €25 Art store voucher
Category 3; 13yrs to 15yrs: 1st €150 voucher for Art store, 2nd Prize: €75 voucher for Art store, 3rd Prize €50 Art store voucher.
Category 4; 16yrs to 18yrs: 1st €200 voucher for Photography/Art Store, 2nd Prize: €150 voucher for Photography/ Art store , 3rd Prize €100 for Photography/ Art Store.
For Further details including rules of the competition go to <https://www.safeguarding.ie/news-events/a-safe-and-welcoming-church-art-competition-2025>

GRD WORKABILITY EVENT

The East Galway WorkAbility Programme are holding an employer event in the Claregalway Hotel Tuesday 2nd September, 10am - 11am. The aim of the event is to inform employers of the benefits of employing someone with a disability & to raise awareness of the needs of people with a disability in the workplace. More info: email jappegate@grd.ie.

PUBLIC MEETING ON PROPOSED GAS PEAKER PLANT

A public meeting will be held on Thursday, 28th August at 7.30pm in the Raheen Woods Hotel to discuss the proposed large gas-fired peaker power plant near Athenry. This is a chance to learn more, ask questions & hear how the community can respond before planning goes to An Bord Pleanála. Local TDs will also be in attendance. For more information email: athpeakerplant@gmail.com.



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A PASTORAL MESSAGE

from

ARCHBISHOP FRANCIS DUFFY

on the occasion of the

Day of Prayer and Reflection for Gaza on Sunday, 24th August 2025

I join with Archbishop Eamon Martin, Archbishop of Armagh, in calling for Sunday 24th August to be a day of prayer and reflection for the suffering people of Gaza and for all who are the innocent victims of this terrifying and protracted war.

Over the summer many people have become increasingly troubled by the news reports of a deteriorating situation, with hunger emerging amidst the death and destruction. There is also the terrible plight of the hostages and their distraught families. Pope Leo XIV has called for “a ceasefire, the release of hostages, and full respect for international humanitarian law.”

The Irish Bishops’ statement of June of this year was clear that the deaths of tens of thousands of non-combatants, many of them women and children, “... is unconscionable and disproportionate. It is immoral for world leaders to stand by inactively in the face of this outrageous tragedy for humanity.”

I encourage you to show solidarity, in any way you can, for the plight of the people of Gaza and in the land of the Lord’s birth, by supporting humanitarian aid, and by praying for peace, a ceasefire, justice and a return of all hostages.

Cardinal Pierbattista Pizzaballa, the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, commented “Christ is not absent from Gaza. He is there crucified in the wounded, buried under the rubble and yet present in every act of mercy, every candle in the darkness, every hand extended to the suffering.”

Please join people all over Ireland, on Sunday 24th August, praying for peace. Pray at Mass, at adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, pray at home for peace and for the necessary humanitarian aid to reach those who are in need. May our prayer be a light in the darkness for those who suffer, and may Our Lady, Queen of Peace, intercede for all who long for lasting peace.

With every good wish and blessing,
+ Francis Duffy



Archbishop of Tuam
Apostolic Administrator of Killala

POOR CLARES GALWAY, MONASTIC EXPERIENCE DAY

A Monastic Experience Day is an opportunity to learn more about the Poor Clare way of life & spirituality. It is for women aged 18 - 35. This event will take place from 10am - 5pm on Saturday 6th September. More info. visit: poorclares.ie/monastic-experience-days. Register at events@poorclares.ie.

Do not be afraid of Christ! He takes nothing away, and he gives you everything. When we give ourselves to him, we receive a hundred-fold in return. Yes, open, open wide the doors to Christ — and you will find true life.

POPE BENEDICT XVI