

7TH SEPTEMBER 2025

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, ATHENRY

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Bank Details for Weekly Church Offerings:

Bank: AIB, Athenry; **Account Name:** St. Mary's Parish Athenry **IBAN:** IE59 AIBK 9370 1013 1670 45; **BIC:** AIBKIE2D

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TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, NEWCASTLE



✠ MASS TIMES ✠

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION ATHENRY

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 6TH — VIGIL MASS AT 6:30PM

Seán Monaghan, Riversdale House, & late of Arklow
(Month's Mind)

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 7TH — MASS AT 11:00AM

Mary Brady, Moanbaun
(1st Anniversary)

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 13TH — VIGIL MASS AT 6:30PM

John Walls, Boston & late of New Line
(Month's Mind)

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 14TH — MASS AT 11:00AM

Meg Hession. Clarin Crescent, (Month's Mind)
& her husband Paddy Hession, (Anniversary)

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION NEWCASTLE

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 7TH — MASS AT 10:00AM

Michael & Mary Harte & deceased of the Ryan & Harte families

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 14TH — MASS AT 10:00AM

Joe Corbett, Newcastle

✠ RECENTLY DECEASED — MAY THEY REST IN PEACE ✠

Eileen Flannery, Ard Aoibhinn,

Christina McDonagh, Woodside, Cloonkeen

COLLECTION LAST WEEKEND:

ATHENRY & NEWCASTLE **€3,890**

FR. BENNY'S SEPTEMBER FIRST FRIDAY CALLS

Fr. Benny will do his First Friday calls on **12th September**
(not on the 19th September as previously stated).

BIBLE STUDY TUESDAYS AT 7:30PM

The Bible Study Group continues Tuesdays at 7:30pm in the room beside the Parish Office. The 18 — 35 age group is especially encouraged to attend but everyone of all ages are welcome.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY

The Children's Liturgy returns this weekend during Sunday 11am Mass (Junior Infants - 1st Class. On your child's first day, parents will need to sign a new consent form. After this, children can attend weekly when the priest calls them up at the beginning of Mass. We're looking for new volunteers (18+). You would only be on the rota for about 6 Sundays a year. Training is provided. If interested contact Eithna at eithnamoran@gmail.com or Deirdre at 0870984379.

READINGS: 13TH & 14TH SEPT. — 24TH SUN. ORD. TIME

1st READ: Num 21:4-9

PSALM: 77:1-2, 34-38

2nd READ: PHIL 2:6-11

GOSPEL: Jn 3:13-17

DAILY MASS INTENTIONS: 10:00AM — 8TH - 13TH SEPT.

✠ Seán & Christina Heneghan, Toberroe

✠ Jimmie Nolan, Old Church Street

✠ Sr. Mary Gannon

✠ Baby Tommy Carr

✠ Jimmy, Tom & Maureen Farrell, Clamper Park

✠ Mary Conroy & the deceased of the Conroy & Lynch families, Tysaxon & formerly The Square

✠ Martin Ward, Ballydavid, his grandson Bernard Mongan & his son Edward Ward

✠ Brenda Ruane, Cullairbaun House, Raheen

✠ Detta & Michael Murray & niece Katie Curran

✠ Michael John, Bridie & Mickey Kindregan, Cahertubber

✠ Thomas, Annie & John, Mary Kate, Mattie, John, Paddy & Tom Shaughnessy, Cahertubber

✠ Mattie & Bridie Higgins, The Glade & Coshla

✠ Sara, Martin & Nonie Doherty, Newford

✠ Michael Walsh, Wicklow & Galway

✠ Jack & Jimmy Curran, Cappamoyle

✠ Bridie Duane & Kathleen Cooley

✠ Maurice Moran, Sligo

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION DATES 2026

We're are finalising First Holy Communion dates with each school. Families will then be informed & dates published in the newsletter. The Diocesan Office is working hard arranging 2026 Confirmation dates and are currently on the second draft. They expect to have the final schedule ready this week, at which point we can announce our parish Confirmation date.

HYMNS NEXT SUNDAY

Entrance *O God beyond all praising*

* Offertory *Cibavit illos* (C. Tye)

Sanctus / Agnus *Mass XVIII*

Communion *Breastplate of St Patrick* (C.V. Stanford)

Recessional ***Tell out my soul***

* *He fed them from the fullness of the wheat. Alleluia.*

And sated them with honey from the rock. Alleluia.

1. **Tell out, my soul**, the greatness of the Lord:

Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;

Tender to me the promise of his word;

In God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

2. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name:

Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;

His mercy sure, from age to age the same;

His holy name, the Lord, the Mighty One.

3. Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word:

Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord

To children's children and for evermore.

PRIESTS' AUTUMN COLLECTION



The Autumn Collection for the priests of the Parish will be taken up at all Masses on the weekend Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th of September. This is one of the 4 collections in the year that goes towards the salaries of the priests. Again we are deeply grateful for your generosity and support towards the priests of the Parish throughout the year. You can also transfer your contribution electronically through the following account:

IBAN: IE33 AIBK 9370 1000 1550 60 **BIC:** AIBKIE2D

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE 2025 — LED BY FR. BENNY From Knock to Mostar Dates: October 1st—8th 2025.

Some places have become available. Price is €875 & includes:

- ◆ Transport from Mostar Airport to Medjugorje
- ◆ 7 nights accommodation, Breakfast and Dinner each day
- ◆ Full religious programme by Marian Pilgrimages

PLEASE RING MARTINA (086-8641720) FOR FURTHER DETAILS.

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. It is an important source of revenue to the Church. Please note that this scheme costs you nothing. It applies to individual donations of €250+ in a single tax year through the envelope system or bank donations. Shortly, we will send CHY3 forms to parishioners who contributed over €250, in 2024 & who we don't have an up-to-date CHY3 Form. A signed form is valid for 5 years. If you receive one & are:

- 1) Paying tax — please sign it & return it to us
- 2) Not paying tax — please complete the box on the accompanying letter & 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.

ATHENRY PADRE PIO PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

The Padre Pio Pilgrimage to Knock takes place Sunday 21st September 2025. A bus will leave The Arch Car Park at 10.30am sharp. For more information contact: Assumpta: 0872706061 or Vincent: 0872939367

FREE GRETB CLASSES

- ◆ Everyday Irish conversation (Tuesday morning or evenings)
 - ◆ Internet Skills (Tuesdays and Thursdays)
 - ◆ English Language classes (Monday to Thursday)
- Call / Text: 086 065 5141. Email: bridget.madden@gretb.ie.
Location: Athenry FET Centre, H65 X051.

FREE CULTURE NIGHT EVENT

Join us for a FREE evening of music and song as we celebrate Culture Night on Friday 19th September from 7 to 9 pm in Athenry Community Hall. Performers include Jimmy Higgins and Brenda Curtin Diviney, The Kelly Gang, Pat Naughton and Harry Monson. This event is funded by Galway Co. Council and hosted by Athenry Active Retirement Association.

20TH ANNUAL GALWAY MEMORIAL WALK

This Walk for Galway Hospice takes place Sun. 14th September. All welcome to join the walk at 12noon from The Claddagh Hall to Blackrock, with refreshments afterwards at The Claddagh Hall. Register on 091-770868 or www.galwayhospice.ie/walk.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP AT KNOCK

A bereavement support group resumes at Knock Shrine's Family Centre Wednesday, September 10th, at 11am. It offers a space for the bereaved to share experiences, find support, and begin healing. All are welcome; no appointment is needed.



Why Sunday Matters

An invitation to reflect on Sunday Mass

FROM THE IRISH CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE (2025)

REFLECTING ON OUR SUNDAY MASS

The purpose of this message is to encourage you to reflect on what is special about Sunday and what it means to you, and, if you no longer attend, to consider returning to Mass. How can you enrich your experience of Mass and make it a central part of your life? We invite individuals, families, and parish groups to reflect on the following questions and to consider how you can contribute to a more vibrant and welcoming celebration of Sunday Mass in your community.

QUESTIONS FOR PERSONAL AND/OR FAMILY REFLECTION

- ◆ How can I enrich my experience of Mass and make it a central part of my life?
- ◆ Is this calling me to any change in how I spend my Sunday?
- ◆ How can I engage more young people in our celebration?
- ◆ Who can I share this message and its contents with?

As we journey through this Jubilee Year of Hope, we, the Irish Bishops, warmly invite all Catholics to reflect on the immense significance of Sunday Mass and, for those who have not yet done so, to return with renewed joy to the celebration of the Eucharist.

Sunday has always been the day of the Lord: the day of resurrection, the day of rest, the day of Eucharist. From the very beginning of our Christian faith, Sunday has been central to the life of the Church and remains the heart of Christian practice. It is on this day that we gather as a community, united in our love for Christ, to encounter the risen Lord and be nourished in body and soul.

The Mass is not just a ritual, it is the source and summit of our faith. It is where we encounter Christ in His living presence, and it is through the Eucharist that we are strengthened to live as true disciples. Attending Mass on Sundays, or its vigil on Saturday evening, is not just an obligation; it is a profound privilege and a chance to experience God's love in a deeply personal way. As we come to this sacred celebration let us do so with hearts full of gratitude for the precious gift of Christ's presence among us.

Our invitation to reflect on Sunday Mass is presented through the lens of Synodality – Communion, Participation, and Mission – reminding us that the Eucharist is not just a personal encounter with Christ but also a communal experience that unites us all as the People of God. For deeper reflection, we have also provided thoughtful questions at the end of this message to guide your prayers and meditations.

CHILDREN'S ART COMPETITION

The NBSCCCI (National Board for Safeguarding Children in the Catholic Church in Ireland) invites children & 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. It may be a painting, sculpture, photograph or a written piece & is open to under 18s. The competition is now open & closes on the 30th Sept. 2025. Prizes are available for the various age categories. For Further details including rules of the competition go to <https://www.safeguarding.ie/news-events/a-safe-and-welcoming-church-art-competition-2025>