

12TH OCTOBER 2025

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, ATHENRY

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TWENTY EIGHT SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, NEWCASTLE

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✠ MASS TIMES ✠

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION ATHENRY

SATURDAY OCTOBER 11TH — VIGIL MASS AT 6:30PM
Eileen Flannery, Ard Aoibhinn, (Month's Mind)

SUNDAY OCTOBER 12TH — MASS AT 11:00AM
Richard Finn, Cashla, (Month's Mind)

SATURDAY OCTOBER 18TH — VIGIL MASS AT 6:30PM
Mary O'Sullivan, Caheroyan Drive, (1st Anniversary)
AND
First Communion Enrolment Mass

SUNDAY OCTOBER 19TH — MASS AT 11:00AM
Noel Martyn, Moyvilla, (1st Anniversary)

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION NEWCASTLE

SUNDAY OCTOBER 12TH — MASS AT 10:00AM
Michael Joe Morris, Tysaxon.

SUNDAY OCTOBER 19TH — MASS AT 10:00AM
Peter Mahon & deceased of the Morris & Mahon families
AND
First Communion Enrolment Mass (Newcastle NS)

RECENTLY DECEASED — RIP

Margaret Cotter, Attymonmore and formerly Cullairbaun

Mike Glynn, Boston & formerly Bengarra; (Funeral in Boston)
Brother of Joe & Gerry Glynn & Nora Tuohy

BASKET COLLECTION — 4TH AND 5TH OCTOBER
ATHENRY / NEWCASTLE €4,110

CHILDREN'S LITURGY WEEKLY DURING SUN. 11AM MASS
Children's Liturgy continues every Sunday during 11am Mass for Junior/Senior Infants & 1st Class. Thank you to our dedicated volunteers! Want to volunteer? Contact Deirdre at 0870984379 or Eithna at eithnamoran@gmail.com.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP TUESDAYS AT 7:30PM
In the room beside the Parish Office. The 18 — 35 age group is especially encouraged to attend but everyone is welcome.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2025 – 2026

The First Holy Communion Parish Programme is beginning with a **Parent's Meeting next Tuesday 14th October**. The first Enrolment Masses take place as follows:
Saturday 18th October 6:30pm in Athenry Church.
Athenry Primary School, Gaelscoil Riada,
Carnaun, Coldwood Lisheenkyle
Sunday 19th October 10:00am in Newcastle Church
Newcastle NS.
OUR COMMUNION COORDINATOR HAS BEEN LIAISING WITH THE SCHOOLS WITH DETAILS.

DAILY MASS INTENTIONS: 10:00AM. 13TH — 18TH OCT.

✠ Joe & Nonie Higgins, Castlelambert & deceased members of the extended Higgins families

✠ Eileen & Willie Holian, Prospect

✠ Owen Keating, Rahard

✠ Eddie Doherty, Ballydavid

✠ Tomás Ward & his father Tom, Cullairbaun Estate & deceased of the Ward & Mongan families

✠ Joan & Paddy Gardner, Northgate St., & deceased members of the Garrett & Gardner families

✠ Joan O'Donoghue, Kerry

✠ John-Paul Redwood, Barna & Caheroyan

✠ Tom & Kathleen Coyne, Park

✠ Michael Hoade & deceased of the Hoade family, Ballygurrane

✠ Teresa Finnerty & deceased of Finnerty family, Ballygurrane

✠ Mai & Mattie Forde, Duniry

✠ Michael & Bridie Forde, Galway

✠ Sonny Barrett, Monaghan

✠ Archie & Alice Coyle, Monaghan

✠ Margaret Cahill, Derrydonnell & deceased members of the Cahill & Finn families

✠ John and Davy Ward, Manchester

🎵 🎵 HYMN for ATHENRY SAT. 6:30pm & NEWCASTLE 10:00am 🎵 🎵

Be Thou My Vision
Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart,
Naught be all else to me save that Thou art;
Thou my best thought by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.
Be Thou my wisdom, be Thou my true Word,
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, and I thy true son,
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.
Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine Inheritance now and always;
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my Treasure Thou art.
High King of heaven my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun;
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all

READINGS: 18TH & 19TH OCTOBER. 29TH SUN. IN ORD. TIME

1st READ: Ex 17:8-13

PSALM: 120, R/ cf v 2

2nd READ: 2 Tm 3:14-4:2

GOSPEL: Lk 18:1-8.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Next weekend, we celebrate World Mission Sunday, the Holy Father's annual appeal to support overseas mission and missionaries. Please call **Missio Ireland** on (01) 4972035 or visit www.missio.ie for further info.
We also celebrate our own Mission Outreach as

ATHENRY SIMANJIRO CELEBRATES 20 YEARS ON MISSION SUNDAY WEEKEND 18TH/19TH OCTOBER.

We extend our warmest congratulations to the Athenry-Simanjiro Partnership as they celebrate 20 years of cooperation & friendship. To mark this special occasion, we are delighted to welcome **Fr. Lawrence, parish priest of Simanjiro**, who will join us in Athenry Mission Sunday Weekend — 18th & 19th October to celebrate Mass together.

CHY 3 — CHARITABLE DONATION SCHEME
YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT TO THE PARISH IS DEEPLY APPRECIATED
Thanks to all who have returned their forms / letters. If you have not yet returned yours, please do so via the church basket or the Parish Office. How to complete the forms / letters:
Taxpayers: Complete, sign & return the form.
Non-Taxpayers: Complete designated box on letter & return.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING GALWAY HOSPICE
THE AMOUNT RAISED WAS €3,750
 Sincere thanks to you all for your generous support for the Galway Hospice Coffee Morning, held in the Pastoral Centre on the 23rd September.

POLLING STATION CHANGE
Athenry Boys School used to be the main polling station for all elections in Athenry. Now that Scoil Chroí Naofa & the Boys school have amalgamated, **the polling station is being moved to Campus A (formerly Scoil Chroí Naofa)**.

LISHEENKYLE NATIONAL SCHOOL ENROLMENTS
Lisheenkyle National School is now accepting enrolments for September 2026. All details and enrolment forms are available on the website www.lisheenkylens.ie or alternatively by contacting the school office at 091 844901 or by emailing admin@lisheenkylens.ie.

MOORPARK CEMETERY
It is hoped to install a permanent memorial sign listing all our family members who are interred in Moorpark Cemetery. A great starting list has been compiled by some locals, but to ensure it is complete and honours everyone, we need your help. If you have any knowledge of family, neighbours or others buried there, please send the information to Lester McNamara: Email lester@raheenwoodshotel.ie; or Tel: 091-875200. Help us honour their memory so they aren't forgotten.

🎵 🎵 HYMNS AT 11:00AM SUNDAY MASS 🎵 🎵
Entrance: The King of Love my Shepherd
Offertory: O Bread of Heaven
Communion: Ubi Caritas / God is Love
Recessional: **O Queen of the Holy Rosary**
O Queen of the Holy Rosary / Oh, bless us, as we pray,
And offer thee our roses, / In garlands day by day;
While from our Father's garden, / With loving hearts and bold,
We gather to thine honor, / Buds white and red and gold.
O Queen of the Holy Rosary! / Each myst'ry blends with thine;
The sacred life of Jesus / In ev'ry step divine,
Thy soul was his fair garden, / Thy virgin breast his throne,
Thy thoughts his faithful mirror, / Reflecting him above.
Sweet Lady of the Rosary, / White roses let us bring,
And lay them round thy footstool / Before our Infant King.
For nestling in thy bosom / God's son was fain to be.
The Child of thy obedience / And spotless purity.

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING
The next Pastoral Council Meeting takes place on
Monday October 20th at 8:00pm
in the Pastoral Centre.

LADY'S WELL COMMITTEE MEETING
A meeting of the Lady's Well Committee will take place on
Wednesday 15th October at 8: 00pm in the Pastoral Centre .

ATHENRY MINOR HURLERS IN CO. FINAL
We wish every blessing to the to St. Mary's GAA Club Minor Hurlers squad & management in the Minor A Hurling Co. Final this Sunday at 2pm in Kenny Park.. It is a proud weekend for all of us. May God bless you all. Beir bua agus beannacht.

PRO-LIFE CAMPAIGN NATIONAL CONFERENCE
The Pro Life Campaign's annual National Conference, themed "Pathways to Progress - Building a pro-life future," will be held at the Gresham Hotel, Dublin 1 on Saturday, October 18th, from 12 noon to 4 pm (workshops from 11:15 am), focusing on reducing Ireland's abortion rate through political engagement. The free event will feature speakers from politics and activism, alongside family stories, with registration & more info. available at www.prolifecampaign.ie/plc2025.

GRÁSTA MARRIAGE RELATED COURSES
Grásta, the voluntary Irish group of Married Couples, has facilitated Catholic Pre-Marriage Courses for over 25 years (formerly at Esker Monastery). They are holding weekend residential courses on the dates below. For details visit www.grasta.org or email info@grasta.org
Pre-MARRIAGE:
21-23 Nov 2025, 6-8 March 2026, 13-15 Nov 2026
MARRIED COUPLES:
22-23 Nov 2025, 7-8 March 2026, 14-15 Nov 2026

KNOCK SHRINE EVENTS
'Whisper of God' one-day silent day retreat takes place on Saturday, November 1st in the Prayer Centre. Cost: €70 includes lunch & refreshments. For more information, contact John Farrelly, Prayer Guides Coordinator at Knock Shrine. Tel. 086 0108623 or email prayerguidance@knockshrine.ie
A workshop for Choirs with Dr. John O'Keeffe, St. Patrick's College, Maynooth & Una Nolan, Knock Shrine, will take place on Saturday, November 15th, 10am to 5pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Advanced booking is essential. Cost:€20 includes resource pack. Visit www.knockshrine.ie for details.
Prayer Guidance Training Course: Interviews are now underway for the new training programme for prayer guides which begins in Knock Shrine in January 2026. For further information, dates and application form please email prayerguidancetraining@gmail.com

PRE-SYNODAL GATHERING
Catholics are invited to pray for a special gathering that will take place in Kilkenny on 18th October, called a Pre-Synodal Assembly of the Catholic Church in Ireland. This assembly is an important event on the journey towards a National Synodal Assembly to be held in 2026. Rooted in listening, discernment, and communion, the Pre-Synodal Assembly will help shape the future of the Church in Ireland. Your prayers and support are deeply valued as this journey continues.

MISSION EVENING BALLA PARISH — 16TH OCTOBER
A Mission evening entitled “Be Strong In The Lord”. A Human Life International Ireland 32 County Mission evening with relics of St Thérèse & The Holy Face will take place in the Funeral Home at St. Cronan's Church, Balla at, 7pm on Thursday 16th October, hosted by Fr. Brendan Kilcoyne.