

19TH OCTOBER 2025

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, ATHENRY

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MISSION SUNDAY

TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, NEWCASTLE



✠ MASS TIMES ✠

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION ATHENRY

SATURDAY OCTOBER 18TH — VIGIL MASS AT 6:30PM

Mary O'Sullivan, Caheroyan Drive, (1st Anniversary).

First Communion Enrolment Mass.

SUNDAY OCTOBER 19TH — MASS AT 11:00AM

Noel Martyn, Moyvilla, (1st Anniversary).

SATURDAY OCTOBER 25TH — VIGIL MASS AT 6:30PM

Pat Flaherty, Athlone & Belleville, (1st Anniversary).

SUNDAY OCTOBER 26TH — MASS AT 11:00AM

Bernadette Kelly, Lisheenkyle & Dublin, (Month's Mind).

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SUNDAY OCTOBER 19TH — MASS AT 10:00AM

Peter Mahon & deceased of the Morris & Mahon families.

First Communion Enrolment Mass (Newcastle NS).

SUNDAY OCTOBER 26TH — MASS AT 10:00AM

Paddy Gannon, Mountgarrett, (1st Anniversary).

RECENTLY DECEASED — RIP

Sr. Bernadette (Mary) Keating, Presentation Convent, Clonmel, and formerly Caheroyan Rd.

Ann Pomphrett, Newcastle, Athenry

Rev. Fr. Oliver Mc Namara, CC. Annaghdown

BASKET COLLECTION — 12TH AND 13TH OCTOBER

ATHENRY / NEWCASTLE €3,352

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2025 – 2026

The Grow in Love Parish programme starts in Athenry parish this month. It revolves around the children and their families' attendance at a number of special monthly Masses from the national schools within Athenry Parish. The Grow in Love monthly Masses in Athenry are on Saturdays at 6:30pm and the Grow in Love Masses in Newcastle are on Sundays at 10:00am.

	'Grow in Love' special Monthly Masses 2025 / 2026	Church of the Assumption, Athenry	Church of the Immaculate Conception, Newcastle
1	Athenry Schools Saturday October 18th 2025 Enrolment Mass Newcastle School Sunday October 19th, 2025 Enrolment Mass	6.30pm	10.00am
2	Athenry Schools Saturday November 1st 2025 Newcastle School Sunday November 2nd 2025	6.30pm	10.00am
3	Athenry Schools Saturday November 22nd 2025 Newcastle School Sunday November 23rd 2025	6.30pm	10.00am
4	Athenry Schools Saturday December 13th 2025 Newcastle School Sunday December 14th 2025	6.30pm	10.00am
5	Athenry Schools Saturday January 24th 2026 Newcastle School Sunday January 25th 2026	6.30pm	10.00am
6	Athenry Schools Saturday February 14th 2026 Newcastle School Sunday February 15th 2026	6.30pm	10.00am
7	Athenry Schools Saturday March 7th 2026 Newcastle School Sunday March 8th 2026	6.30pm	10.00am
8	Athenry Schools Saturday March 28th 2026 Newcastle School Sunday March 29th 2025	6.30pm	10.00am
9	Athenry Schools Saturday April 18th 2026 Newcastle School Sunday April 19th 2026	6.30pm	10.00am

DAILY MASS INTENTIONS: 10:00AM. 20TH — 25TH OCT.

✠ Martin Higgins, Coshla

✠ Nigel & Michael, McGhee, Cullairbaun

✠ Phil & Michael Mooney, Woodville

✠ Arthur & Mary McGhee, Loughrea

✠ Patrick & Sarah Keane, Greethill & deceased of the Keane family, Greethill & Burke family Cahertymore

✠ Martin Ward, Ballydavid

✠ John & Peggie O'Sullivan & deceased of the O'Sullivan, Williams & Gill families

✠ Michael Ward, Kilconnell

✠ James & Ellen Murphy, Menlough

✠ Teresa Kenny, Caheroyan Rd.,

✠ Baby Marc Quinn Garcia Bragado, Spain

✠ Martin Walsh, Carnmore

✠ Ina Madden, Caheroyan Drive & deceased of the Gill & Madden families

✠ Mattie & Bridget Kirwan & deceased of the Kirwan family

✠ Michael & Elizabeth Kelly, Cloran

✠ Michael Kelly, Melbourne

✠ Eddie Kelly, Chicago

♪ ♪ HYMNS AT 11:00AM SUNDAY MASS ♪ ♪

Entrance: Praise to the Holiest

Offertory: O Sanctissima

Communion: Godhead here in hiding

Recessional: Hail Holy Queen Enthroned Above.

Recessional:

1. Hail, Holy Queen enthroned above, O Maria!

Hail, Mother of mercy and of love, O Maria!

Triumph, all ye cherubim,

Sing with us, ye seraphim.

Heav'n and earth resound the hymn:

Salve, salve, salve Regina!

2. Our life, our sweetness here below, O Maria!

Our hope in sorrow and in woe, O Maria!

Triumph, all ye cherubim

Sing with us, ye seraphim.

Heav'n and earth resound the hymn:

Salve, salve, salve Regina!

CHILDREN'S LITURGY WEEKLY DURING SUN. 11AM MASS

Continues every Sunday for Junior/Senior Infants & 1st Class.

Contact: Deirdre 0870984379 Eithna eithnamoran@gmail.com.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP TUESDAYS AT 7:30PM

In the room beside the Parish Office. Everyone is welcome.

READINGS: 25TH & 26TH OCTOBER. 30TH SUN. IN ORD. TIME

1st READ: Eccles (Sir) 35:12-14, 16-19 PSALM: 32:2-3, 17-19, 23

2nd READ: 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18 GOSPEL: Lk 18:9-14.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY 2025

THIS WEEKEND, WE CELEBRATE WORLD MISSION SUNDAY,

ATHENRY SIMANJIRO CELEBRATES 20 YEARS

ON MISSION SUNDAY WEEKEND 18TH/19TH OCTOBER.



Athenry Simanjiro Partnership

This year marks a very special milestone: 20 years of the Athenry-Simanjiro Partnership, first established in November 2005. We are a registered charity. Over the years, with the incredible generosity of the people of Athenry and beyond, we've been able to support the community in Simanjiro, North East Tanzania, in so many meaningful ways.

Celebrating Our Partnership

To mark the 20-year milestone, Fr. Lawrence from Simanjiro is visiting the Parish this week. He will be concelebrating Masses over Mission Sunday Weekend, including a special Anniversary Mass on Sunday, October 19th, which coincides with Mission Sunday. The Parish is honoured by his visit. Also, a wonderful display detailing the Partnership's work is now available to view in the Church, a testament to Athenry's generosity.

Making a Real Difference

The Partnership directly connects with the local community to fund education and healthcare, with projects also including supplying fresh water and building churches. To give an idea of the status of the area, electricity only arrived there in 2021.

Unique Principles

A few things that make our partnership unique:

- 100% Direct Donation: Every single euro donated goes directly to Simanjiro.
- Self-Funded Travel: All who travel there pay their own way—it's a core principle of the organisation.
- Working proudly alongside its on-the-ground partners, the Divine Word Missionaries, led by Fr. Lawrence.

Support Our Future

Thank you all once again for your kindness, generosity, and commitment over the past 20 years — here's to continuing this wonderful partnership into the future. Your support makes a real difference. If you would like to find out more, please see the board at the back of the Athenry Church (includes donation box), contact us: 087 9273928 or visit our Facebook Page.

TRANSCRIPT OF THE HOLY FATHER'S APPEAL FOR WORLD MISSION SUNDAY 2025

The Pope's annual appeal to support overseas mission and missionaries.



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On World Mission Sunday every year, the whole Church prays, united, particularly for missionaries and the fruitfulness of their apostolic labors.

When I served as a missionary priest and then bishop in Peru, I saw first-hand how the faith, the prayer and the generosity shown on World Mission Sunday can transform entire communities.

I urge every Catholic parish in the world to take part in World Mission Sunday. Your prayers, your support will help spread the Gospel, provide for pastoral and catechetical programs, help to build new churches, and care for the health and educational needs of our brothers and sisters in mission territories. This October 19th, as we reflect together on our baptismal call to be “missionaries of hope among the peoples,” let us commit ourselves anew to the sweet and joyful task of bringing Christ Jesus our Hope to the ends of the earth. Thank you for everything you will do to help me help missionaries throughout the world.

God bless you all!

SATURDAY 1ST — SUNDAY 9TH NOVEMBER

REMEMBERING OUR BELOVED DECEASED

While the Church puts great emphasis on remembering our loved ones throughout the year, special emphasis is placed on them during the month of November, which begins with

- The great Solemnity of All Saints / All Hallows November 1st
- The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed or All Souls on November 2nd.

The Annual Novena for the Deceased here in our parish runs from: **Saturday 1st to Sunday 9th November.** Altar Lists of the Deceased will be available which can be returned to both churches before or during the Novena. During Mass times there will be a box located in front of the altar. Otherwise leave them in the silver box at the side of the altar.

NOVENA MASSES AT 10AM EACH DAY.

FAMILY INTENTIONS RETURNING ON NOVEMBER 10TH.

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

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

ST. MARY'S PARISH COUNSELLING SERVICE

St. Mary's Parish is still offering a counselling service to our parishioners in the old presbytery building beside Athenry church. Sessions are available for:

- Adults
- Adolescents

To find out more information, please contact Mike directly on counsellingmike@gmail.com or 087-9920507

MOORPARK CEMETERY MEMORIAL SIGN

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.

LISHEENKYLE NATIONAL SCHOOL ENROLMENTS

Lisheenkyle NS is now accepting enrolments for September 2026. All details & enrolment forms are available on the website www.lisheenkylens.ie or alternatively by contacting the school at 091 844901 or emailing admin@lisheenkylens.ie.

ATHENRY TOWN LIGHTS CHURCH GATE COLLECTION

Athenry Town Lights Church Gate Collections takes place at all Masses on Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd November in Athenry & Newcastle Churches.

POLLING STATION CHANGE

Athenry Boys NS was the main polling station for all elections. After amalgamating with Scoil Chroí Naofa, the polling station moves to Campus A (formerly Scoil Chroí Naofa).

MEN OF ST. JOSEPH—TUAM MEETING

The next monthly meeting of the Tuam Men of St Joseph (MOSJ) group will take place on Sunday 26th at 7pm in the Blessed Sacrament chapel Tuam. The guest speaker this month will be Prof Robert McNamara who will speak about men's role in the family and society. MOSJ was established to promote Faith, Formation and Fraternity among Christian men in the Archdiocese. Last month 45 men gathered for our inaugural meeting and we look forward to welcoming more this month. Enquiries to: frmarkquinn@tuamparish.com.

YOUTH 2000 CONNAUGHT RETREAT

The Youth 2000 Connaught retreat takes place on November 21-23 in Summerhill College, Sligo. Workshops, music, talks, testimonies & more. Donation only. Register online at Youth2000.ie, contact connaught@youth2000.ie for more info.