

30TH NOVEMBER 2025

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, ATHENRY

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, NEWCASTLE

Office Eircode: H65 H224



✠ MASS TIMES ✠

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION ATHENRY

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 29TH — VIGIL MASS AT 6.30PM

Kieran Glynn, Caheroyan, & Ballinacurra, Cork (Month's Mind)

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 30TH — MASS AT 11:00AM

Mass for The Deceased of the Parish

SATURDAY DECEMBER 6TH — VIGIL MASS AT 6.30PM

SUNDAY DECEMBER 7TH — MASS AT 11:00AM

Willie Cummins, Derrydonnell, (1st Anniversary)

MONDAY DECEMBER 8TH MASS AT 11:00AM & 6.30PM

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION NEWCASTLE

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 30TH — MASS AT 10:00AM

Kate & Morgan Morris, Tysaxon

SUNDAY DECEMBER 7TH — MASS AT 10:00AM

Paddy Joe & Annie Rabbitte, their son Oliver & deceased of the Rabbitte & Conroy families

MONDAY DECEMBER 8TH MASS AT 7PM

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

BASKET COLLECTION. 22ND & 23RD NOVEMBER

ATHENRY & NEWCASTLE €3,760

RECENTLY DECEASED

Alfred Liam Doherty, Caheroyan Park

Séamus & Margaret Treacy, Eyrecourt, parents of Kevin Treacy, Castleturvin

DECEMBER "FIRST FRIDAY CALLS"

FR. CHARLIE — WEDNESDAY 3RD DECEMBER

FR. BENNY — FRIDAY 5TH DECEMBER

SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Takes place SATURDAY DECEMBER 6TH AFTER 10:00AM MASS.

It is recommended that this Sacrament be received no more than once per month unless it is genuinely needed.

For the Sacrament to be effective is should really be accompanied by the Sacrament of Confession.

WEEKLY CONFESSION TIMES

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, ATHENRY

Saturdays 9.15am - 9.45am before 10:00am Mass or by appt.

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, NEWCASTLE

After 10.00am Mass on Sundays.

READINGS: 6TH & 7TH DECEMBER (2ND SUN. IN ADVENT)

1st READ: Is 11:1-10 PSALM: 71:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17

2nd READ: Rm 15:4-9 GOSPEL: Mt 3:1-12

DAILY MASS INTENTIONS 10:00AM.

1ST — 6TH DECEMBER

✠ Thomas & Nora Gill, deceased of the Gill family

✠ Tommy O'Brien, Mountain North

✠ Seán Casey & deceased of the Casey & Ryan families

✠ Siobhán & Brian Duffy, Monkstown

✠ Paddy Farrell, Rockmore

✠ Peter & Ellen Glynn & deceased of the Glynn family

✠ Maureen & Mattie O'Donnell & deceased of O'Donnell family

✠ Mickey Gill, Dillons Cross, Ballydavid

✠ Tommy Holian Skehana

✠ Tommie O'Shea, Cahertubber & deceased of the O'Shea & Coyne families

✠ Thomas Mitchell, Monivea

✠ Maurice Scullion & Ellen Mary Scullion (nee Hession), Coshla

✠ John Joe Burke, Cahertubber

✠ Sarah Connell, Lisheenkyle

✠ Tommy Connell, Lisheenkyle

✠ Margaret & Thomas Lyons, Ard Aoibhinn & Tiaquin, & their daughters Marguerite, Maudie & Geraldine

✠ Michael & Kathleen Downey & deceased of the Downey & Comber families

✠ Michael & Kathleen McGrath & deceased of the McGrath & Keane families

♪ HYMNS AT 11:00AM SUNDAY MASS ♪

Entrance: God of Mercy and Compassion

Offertory: Creator of the Stars of Night

Communion: O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Recessional: Alma Redemptoris

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel,

and ransom captive Israel

that mourns in lonely exile here

until the Son of God appear.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, O Wisdom from on high,

who ordered all things mightily

to us the path of knowledge show

and teach us in its ways to go.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel / shall come to you, O Israel.

♪ ♪ NEWCASTLE HYMNS ♪ ♪

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (See Hymn words above).

Come, Lord Jesus (sing x3). Come & be born in our hearts!

Come, Emmanuel (sing x3). Come & be born in our hearts!

Come, O Prince of Peace (sing x 3). Come & be born in our hearts!

Our Hearts are Open (sing x3). Come & be born in our hearts!

Maranatha (sing x 3). Come and be born in our hearts!

NOTICE FROM ATHENRY St. VINCENT DE PAUL (SVP)

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ANNUAL CHURCH GATE COLLECTION TAKES PLACE DECEMBER 6TH & 7TH AT ATHENRY & NEWCASTLE MASSES.

This is our primary source of funding for the year so we would really appreciate your support. You may contribute in the following ways:

Method 1: Contribute to the church gate collection at mass on the 6th & 7th December in Athenry or Newcastle.

Method 2: Lodge a contribution to Athenry SVP's account in AIB Athenry: Acc. Number: 11722064. Sort Code: 93-70-10

Method 3: Transfer your contribution electronically through BIC/IBAN: IBAN: IE79AIBK93701011722064 BIC: AIBKIE2D

For lodgements and transfers, please include **ONLY your NAME & EIRCODE** in the transaction. (Additional text often does not appear in the bank statement, & we don't then know who the donor is).

If you wish to contribute €250 or over, & would like to participate in the CHY3 scheme, please be sure & provide us with your Name & Eircode as instructed above. We will forward the necessary documentation.

Many thanks from the Athenry SVP for your continued support.

A GENERAL NOTE RE CHY3 FORMS

If you donate €250 or more to multiple charities in a year, you can complete a separate CHY3 form for each. This lets each charity claim tax back from Revenue, up to your total tax paid.

AREA DISTRIBUTORS OF PARISH ENVELOPES 2026.


The Parish Envelopes for 2026, will be available in the Pastoral Centre from Wed. 3rd December for area distributors to collect.

If any parishioner is not in receipt of envelopes & would like to receive them, please contact the parish office on 091-844076. We are very grateful to those who distribute the envelopes.


ST. MARY'S ATHENRY CHRISTMAS MASS BOUQUET CARDS

Now available in the Parish Office — signed by Fr. Charlie / Fr. Benny.

Final Christmas posting dates: Britain & Europe: 8th Dec.; USA: 10th Dec.; Rest of World: 4th Dec.



250TH ANNIVERARY OF THE PRESENTATION SISTERS

December this year marks the 250th Anniversary of the founding of the Presentation Congregation in Cork by Nano Nagle. At the time of Nano's death in 1784 there were 4 Presentation Sisters. Within 20 years of her death, the Congregation expanded in Ireland & overseas. This expansion continued. Presentation Sisters & a network of colleagues & associates are now to be found carrying the flame of the Gospel across the globe.

MOLADH GO DEO LE DIA AGUS AN MHAIGHDEAN BEANNAITHE.

(Praise be to God & the Blessed Virgin forever).

MOORPARK CEMETERY — FINAL CALL FOR NAMES

Thanks to all, who have given names to date. If you know of anyone buried in Moorpark Cemetery, contact Lester McNamara: 091-875200 or lester@raheenwoodshotel.ie.

MUSIC IN THE LITURGY DURING ADVENT

Advent has a penitential tone: the Gloria is omitted, violet vestments are used, and altars are kept without flowers. Music is subdued, with organ playing only to support singing, except on the more joyful Gaudete Sunday. At the end of Mass on Advent Sundays, the Marian antiphon Alma Redemptoris Mater is sung. Translation: Kind mother of the Redeemer, who remains the open gate of heaven and the star of the sea: help your falling people who want to rise. You who bore your holy Parent, while nature marvelled: a Virgin before and after, receiving that 'Ave' from Gabriel's mouth, have mercy on us sinners.

A MESSAGE FROM ARCHBISHOP FRANCIS: "HAVE YOUR SAY ON THE FUTURE OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION IN YOUR SCHOOL"

The current Department of Education survey on the future of patronage in the primary schools will determine what schools will divest.

It is important that those who wish for a change in patronage would have their voices heard. It is equally important that those who are already satisfied with the current patronage model and who wish for a Catholic Education for their children, including sacramental preparation within school, would have their voices heard also.

For these reasons, and to ensure that an accurate picture emerges, you are invited to participate in this survey if you are a parent, guardian or a prospective parent of a primary school student. Decisions on what schools will retain or lose their Catholic patronage will be influenced by the expressed opinions of those who participate in this survey. Therefore, your opinion and the values you hold dear are important, and your voice needs to be heard about your local school. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey.

The closing date is 16th December 2025. The survey may be accessed at www.gov.ie/primaryschoolssurvey.

Archbishop Francis Duffy, Patron 18th November 2025

FR. BENNY'S ADVENT SCRIPTURE COURSE — ATHENRY

Interested in learning more about the Scriptures read at Mass?

This year's Gospels come from St. Matthew. Fr. Benny will give a short introductory course on this, on the Mondays of Advent — December 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd; 8-9:30pm in the Pastoral Centre. This will be of interest to readers & Holy Land pilgrims, those interested in Lectio Divina. All welcome. No experience needed. Please bring a Bible (copies available).

BLESSING FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS AT KNOCK SHRINE

In the Basilica at 11am Saturday 6th December. Includes a short prayer for protection & safe delivery with an individual blessing for all mothers-to-be who are present. All welcome.

UNION OF VOICES 2025 — CAROLS FOR CHRISTMAS

Athenry Music School presents it's Community Carols Christmas Concert. It will be held at 3pm on Sunday 7th December

Orchestras & Choirs will perform live in Athenry Church. All welcome to this free, family-friendly celebration.

ATHENRY FOOTBALL CLUB FUNDRAISER

Please support Aoife & Emma, 2 young parishioners battling serious health conditions. All money raised will go to their families to help with costs for on-going & future treatment, rehabilitation & recovery. Donations can be made in 2 ways: iDonate: www.idonate.ie/crowdfunder/AoifeEmma; Athenry Credit Union: Account #63966. Contact Anne: 0857122077 or Athenry Football Club's website or social media for more info.

COLDWOOD NATIONAL SCHOOL ENROLMENTS

Application Forms available on www.coldwoodns.scoilnet.ie or Email: admin@coldwood.ie or by writing to: Coldwood N.S.,

LISHEENKYLE NATIONAL SCHOOL ENROLMENTS

Enrolment details: on the website: www.lisheenkylens.ie; by emailing admin@lisheenkylens.ie or Tel: 091 844901.

SOILSE CHRISTMAS DISCO

Pastoral Centre, 8pm — 10pm. Friday 5th December.

