

28TH DECEMBER 2025

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, ATHENRY

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Bank Details for Weekly Church Offerings:

(Please include your name and/or envelope number if you have one)


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

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, NEWCASTLE

Office Eircode: H65 H224

JUBILEE 2025



PILGRIMS OF HOPE

✠ MASS TIMES ✠

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION ATHENRY

SATURDAY DECEMBER 27TH, 2025 — VIGIL MASS AT 6.30PM

Joe Connell, Castlelambert (1st Anniversary)

SUNDAY DECEMBER 28TH, 2025 — MASS AT 11:00AM

Liam Doherty, Caheroyan (Month's Mind)

SATURDAY JANUARY 3RD, 2026 — VIGIL MASS AT 6.30PM

John Cullen, Gort Mhaoilir (1st Anniversary)

SUNDAY JANUARY 4TH, 2026 — MASS AT 11:00AM

Ellen (Helen) Feeney, Willmount House, (Month's Mind)

MONDAY JANUARY 5TH, 2026 — VIGIL MASS AT 6:30PM

The Epiphany of The Lord

TUESDAY JANUARY 6TH, 2026 — MASS AT 11:00AM

The Epiphany of The Lord

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION NEWCASTLE

SUNDAY DECEMBER 28TH, 2025 — MASS AT 10:00AM

James & Maisie Corbett, Fr. Josie & Mick Corbett, Jack & Jimmy Curran

SUNDAY JANUARY 4TH, 2026 — MASS AT 10:00AM

Maureen Monaghan, Tysaxon

MONDAY JANUARY 5TH, 2026 — VIGIL MASS AT 7:00PM

The Epiphany of The Lord

Deirdre Monahan (Month's Mind) & her sister Bernadette Monahan (Anniversary)

BASKET COLLECTION 6TH, 7TH & 8TH DECEMBER

ATHENRY & NEWCASTLE €4,135

RECENTLY DECEASED — REST IN PEACE

Joe Glynn, Tuam and formerly Caheroyan

Margaret Rose Barrett, London and formerly Ballydavid

ATHENRY BIBLE STUDY GROUP

Thanks to everyone who participated in our parish's weekly Bible Study this year. We will resume in January. All welcome.

PARISH OFFICE — CHRISTMAS OPENING HOURS

The Parish Office will open on Friday January 2nd. There will be a priest on duty at all times throughout the Christmas/New Year season. They can be contacted through the office phone or their personal mobiles. (See numbers above). If you would like to include a Mass intention for the week beginning Monday 5th January, and have not already done so, please phone the office, email or book online by 11:00am, Friday, 2nd January. The newsletter will be printed on Friday 2nd January.

READINGS: 3RD & 4TH JAN. — 2ND SUN. OF CHRISTMAS

1st READ: ECCLES (Sir) 24:1-2, 8-12 PSALM: 147:12-15

2nd READ: EPH 1:3-6 GOSPEL: JN 1:1-18

DAILY MASS INTENTIONS 10:00AM.

29TH DECEMBER 2025 — 3RD JANUARY 2026

✠ Noreen Kelly, Cloran

✠ Julia & Christy Monaghan

✠ Martin Lynch, Farnablake & The Square

✠ Tess Rohan, Dunclarin Court

✠ Michael Kenny, Woodford, his wife Kathleen & daughter Kathleen, Chicago

✠ Michael Cuncliffe, Ballydavid South & deceased of the family

✠ Carmel Walsh, Farnablake

✠ Bina, Thomas & John Kindregan, Ballydavid

✠ Teresa Archer, New Line

✠ Pat Monaghan, Lenamore

✠ Paddy Briggs, Coshla & deceased of the Briggs family

✠ Michael & Anne Long, Coosaun, their daughter Mary Davoren & their daughter-in-law Nonie Long

✠ Lizzie Kennedy, Whistlebridge

✠ Agnes & Owen Hession, Ballydavid

✠ Mollie & Willie Burke, Tubbernaveen

✠ The Collins family, Woodford

✠ The Melody family, Guilka

✠ Maura, Michael & Seán O'Malley & Mary O'Toole

♪ HYMNS FOR 11:00AM SUNDAY MASS ATHENRY ♪

Entrance: While Shepherds Watched

Offertory: O Little Town of Bethlehem

Communion: The Wexford Carol

Recessional: Joy to the World

Joy to the world! The Lord is come

Let earth receive her King!

Let every heart prepare Him room

And heaven and nature sing. And heaven and nature sing

And heaven, and heaven and nature sing

Joy to the world! the Saviour reigns

Let men their songs employ

While fields and floods. Rocks, hills and plains

Repeat the sounding joy. Repeat the sounding joy

Repeat, repeat the sound joy

FR. BENNY'S PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE 2026

Fr. Benny will lead a 7-day pilgrimage to Medjugorje from 7th—14th October flying from Knock to Mostar.

Full religious programme operated by Marian Pilgrimages and their wonderful guides.

Very limited places available.

Further enquires to Martina Farragher 086 8641720.

PRIESTS' CHRISTMAS COLLECTION — THANK YOU

Sincere thanks to all who contributed so generously to the Christmas collection. We are deeply grateful for the way in which you so generously support us throughout the year. God bless you all. Priests Revenue account bank details:

IBAN: IE33 AIBK 9370 1000 1550 60 BIC: AIBKIE2D3

THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD — MASS TIMES

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MONDAY JANUARY 5TH, 2026

VIGIL MASS AT 6:30PM



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2026 ATHENRY PARISH CALENDAR

The 2026 parish Calendar is now available. We hope will act as a useful resource for parishioners in the year ahead. The Calendar contains all the important liturgical events for the coming year and the various events such as Cemetery Masses and the Exam Prayer Service. While this is by no means an exhaustive list of what will be happening during the year, we hope that it will aid families in knowing what's happening and spreading the word to family who are away from Athenry who may wish to come home for various events.

NOTICE FROM ATHENRY ST. VINCENT DE PAUL (SVP)

This is our primary source of funding for the year so again thanks for your support. You may contribute as follows:

Method 1: Lodge a contribution to Athenry SVP's account in AIB Athenry: Acc. No: 11722064. Sort Code: 93-70-10

Method 2: Transfer your contribution electronically through: IBAN: IE79AIBK93701011722064 BIC: AIBKIE2D

For lodgements & transfers, please include **ONLY your NAME & EIRCODE** in the transaction. 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 necessary documentation.

♪ HYMNS FOR10:00AM SUNDAY MASS NEWCASTLE ♪

1. O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL

2. SILENT NIGHT

3. ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

1 O come, all ye Faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem! Come, and behold Him, born the King of angels! O come, let us adore Him; O come, let us adore Him; O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!

2 Silent Night, Holy night. All is calm, all is bright Round yon Virgin, Mother & Child. Holy Infant so tender & mild Sleep in heavenly peace. Sleep in heavenly peace

Silent night, holy night. Shepherds quake at the sight Glories stream from heaven afar. Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia Christ the Saviour is born. Christ the Saviour is born

3 Angels we have heard on High. Sweetly singing o'er the plains And the mountains in reply. Echoing their joyous strains Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong? Say what may the tidings be. Which inspire your heavenly song Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo

MÍLE BUIOCHAS — FROM: FR. CHARLIE & FR. BENNY

As 2025, the Jubilee Year of Hope finishes and we stand on the threshold of 2026, we pray his Grace & healing in to those places within us where 2025 may have in any way been a challenging one. We want to take this opportunity to thank everyone in our parish for the contribution you make, in whatever way you make it.

• Rev. Julian for his support & willing presence in our parish.

• Our core Parish Team, both staff and volunteers, who do so much behind the scenes.

• The Chairperson and members of the Pastoral Council who have committed themselves to this task of overseeing a Parish Pastoral Plan.

• The Finance Committee, and thank them for all they continue to do for the Parish.

• Our very dedicated teams of counters who look after our finances so well.

• All who distribute the envelopes throughout the Parish.

• All who enhance the liturgical life of the Parish, both in Athenry and Newcastle.

• Our sacristans, cleaners and Altar Society for the way in which they look after our churches.

• All involved in ministries in both churches.

• Our Readers, Basket Collectors, & Eucharistic Ministers.

• All involved in music ministry in Athenry & Newcastle.

• All who organise Adoration & give their time as Adorers.

• Our Children's' Liturgy Group.

• Those involved in Sacramental Programmes.

• Our Child Safeguarding Representative.

• The Lady's Well Committee.

• The Graveyard and Cemetery Committees.

• The parish prayer groups & apostolic organisations.


• Our Catholic Schools, and indeed all the schools in our Parish, and in particular to the Boards of Management who carry out their role so dutifully on behalf of the Archbishop. Everyone who in any way interacts or facilitates the Parish in any way.

• Athenry Tidy Towns & Christmas Lights committees who do so much within our grounds.

• Most of all thanks to you, our Parishioners for your support and encouragement, your generosity and your love. It is deeply appreciated.

If there is anyone who feels that they haven't been mentioned above please be assured that we are deeply grateful to each & every person who in any way supports the Parish & you are deeply appreciated. This is your Parish, & we will strive to serve you throughout the coming year as best we can, please know where we are. BEANNACTÁI NA FÉILE ORAIBH GO Léir.

BEST WISHES TO ATHENRY CAMOGIE CLUB



Once again, we wish every blessing to the Athenry Senior Camogie Squad — players, mentors and back-room team — as they prepare for the All-Ireland Senior Camogie Final replay in Semple Stadium, Thurles on Saturday 3rd January at 5:15pm. It is a proud day for our parish. Having shown tremendous resilience, determination & spirit in the closing stages of the last game to earn the draw, we are confident that they will bring the same courage & commitment to the replay and give of their very best once again. God's blessing on you all as you go out to play the game with hope & belief.

BEIR BUA AGUS BEANNACHT.

ATHENRY NEWS & VIEWS FREE MAGAZINE

The valued local publication, Athenry News & Views Magazine has returned after an absence of 5 years. It is available free online. To view it: Scan this QR code or visit athenryexperience.ie/news.

