

11TH JANUARY 2026

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, ATHENRY

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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, NEWCASTLE

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

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✠ MASS TIMES ✠

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION ATHENRY

SATURDAY JANUARY 10TH, 2026 — VIGIL MASS AT 6.30PM

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

Sarah Glavin, Carnaun (1st Anniversary).

SATURDAY JANUARY 17TH, 2026 — VIGIL MASS AT 6.30PM

Noel Madden, Caheroyan (Month's Mind).

Confirmation Enrolment Mass.

SUNDAY JANUARY 18TH, 2026 — MASS AT 11:00AM

Joe Glynn, Caheroyan & Tuam (Month's Mind).

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION NEWCASTLE

SUNDAY JANUARY 11TH, 2026 — MASS AT 10:00AM

Kevin Smith, Knockbrack.

SUNDAY JANUARY 18TH, 2026 — MASS AT 10:00AM

Lucy O'Shea-Daly, Mountain South.

Confirmation Enrolment Mass.

BASKET COLLECTION ATHENRY & NEWCASTLE

3RD & 4TH JAN., €3,250 5TH, & 6TH JAN. €1,765

RECENTLY DECEASED—REST IN PEACE

Nellie Keane, Toberroe

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

ATHENRY Mon — Wed. 10:30am — 6:00pm daily


Thurs. 10:30am — Sat. 6:00pm (perpetual)

Sunday 12 noon — 6:00pm


NEWCASTLE Saturday 6:00pm — 7:00pm (note time change)

Monday 6:00pm — 9:00pm

ATHENRY BIBLE STUDY GROUP RETURNS

 Weekly Bible Study returns next Tuesday, 13th Jan. at 7.30pm in the Pastoral Centre. This Catholic lay ministry is open to all who wish to learn more about Sacred Scripture, with a special welcome to those aged 18–35. No prior knowledge required. Questions encouraged.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY WEEKLY DURING SUN 11AM MASS

 Children's Liturgy continues during 11am Sunday Mass. Children in Junior / Senior Infants & 1st Class in any Primary School are welcome. Children are lead by our volunteers, when the priest calls them up at the beginning of Mass. More info.: contact Eithna [eithnamoran@gmail.com](mailto:eithnamoran@gmail.com) or Deirdre 0870984379.

READINGS: 17TH & 18TH JAN. — 2nd Sun. in Ordinary Time

1st READ: Is 49:3, 5-6 PSALM: 39:2, 4, 7-10

2nd READ: 1 COR 1:1-3 GOSPEL: Jn 1:29-34

DAILY INTENTIONS 10:00AM. JANUARY 12TH — 17TH

✠ Mattie Holian, Skehana

✠ Lucy O'Shea-Daly, Mountain South

✠ Frank & Kathleen Kelly, Gloves, & the deceased of the Kelly & Doherty families

✠ Andrew Bowman, New Line & the deceased of the Bowman & Flannery families

✠ Martin Killeen, Castle Ellen & the deceased of the Killeen, Varley & Copeland families

✠ Mattie Brady, Moanbaun & the deceased of the Brady & Walsh families

✠ Michael Mullins, Cussane

✠ Dermot Blackwell, Melbourne

✠ Tony Burke, Castlelambert

✠ Patrick & Mary Ann Connolly & the deceased of the Connolly & Healy families

✠ Martin & Paddy Connolly, Ballymore

✠ The Murphy Family, Kingsland

✠ Mary Kate & Paddy Morrissey & daughter Rita, Deerpark

✠ Christy Kelly, New Line

✠ Patsy Kilkenny & the deceased of the Fahy family

✠ Jimmy Crowe, Menlo, & the deceased of the Crowe & Slattery families

✠ Mary Mooney, Boyhill

✠ Margaret Shiel & her parents Joe & Madge Howley

✠ Jackie Williams, Carnaun & Ballybunion

✠ Bridget & Pat Kelly, Castlelambert

✠ Thomas & Margaret Treacy, Park

🎵 HYMNS FOR 11:00AM SUNDAY MASS ATHENRY 🎵

Entrance: Soul of My Saviour

Offertory: Alma Redemptoris Mater

Communion: O Little Town Of Bethlehem

Recessional: Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Soul of My Saviour sanctify my breast,  
Body of Christ, be Thou my saving guest,  
Blood of my Saviour, bathe me in Thy tide,  
Wash me with waters gushing from thy side.  
Strength and protection may Thy passion be,  
O blessed Jesus, hear and answer me;  
Deep in Thy wounds, Lord, hide and shelter me,  
So shall I never, never part from Thee.  
Guard and defend me from the foe malign,  
In death's dread moments make me only Thine;  
Call me and bid me come to Thee on high  
Where I may praise Thee with thy saints for aye.

RECEIVE A PATRON SAINT FOR 2026

As we enter a new year amid challenging times, many of us seek spiritual support, hope, & meaning in our daily lives. *Receive a Patron Saint for 2026* is a New Year initiative inviting everyone to experience the comfort & strength of the Communion of Saints. At Sunday Mass on 25th January, you are invited to take part in a simple yet meaningful draw. From a box containing 300 names of patron saints, you will select one name at random. The saint you draw will become your Patron Saint for 2026 — a spiritual companion to guide & intercede for you throughout the year. You are encouraged to get to know your Patron Saint: learn their story, reflect on their life, & pray through their intercession. Through this relationship, may you discover that you are not alone in your struggles & that heavenly assistance is always near. It's not too late to receive a little help from above. All warmly welcome to participate.

CONFIRMATION ENROLMENT MASSES

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SUNDAY JANUARY 18TH, 2026 — MASS AT 10:00AM

ATHENRY PRIMARY SCHOOL ENROLMENTS

Athenry Primary School is now accepting enrolments for next school year (Sept 2026). Enrolment forms are available on: [www.athenryprimaryschool.ie](http://www.athenryprimaryschool.ie) or from the school office: (091) 844510 or by email [office@athenryprimaryschool.ie](mailto:office@athenryprimaryschool.ie). Closing date for receipt of completed enrolment forms is Monday February 2nd. Parents of children due to start school in September 2026 are invited to an Open Night on Wed. January 14th at 7.30pm in the school hall of Campus A, H65C860.

ATHENRY PRIMARY SCHOOL GRANDPARENTS' DAY

Catholic Schools Week takes place 18th –24th January with the theme “Normal Lives, Called to Holiness.” Grandparents are invited to visit Athenry Primary School on Grandparents’ Day, Wed. Jan. 21st from 10:45am – 12 noon. (If grandparents are unable to come, then a parent is very welcome to come in their stead). They will visit their grandchildren’s classrooms & afterwards refreshments will be provided. We want to honour & celebrates the vital role grandparents play in the lives of their grandchildren & the wider community.

LADY’S WELL COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday 14th January at 8: 00pm in the Pastoral Centre.

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 & their guides. Very limited places available. Contact Martina 086 8641720.

🎵 HYMN FOR 10:00AM SUNDAY MASS NEWCASTLE 🎵

Amazing Grace how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost, but now I'm found  
Was blind, but now I see  
'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear  
And grace, my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed.  
Through many dangers, toils and snares  
We have already come  
'Twas grace that brought us safe thus far  
And grace will lead us home

PARISH COMMITTEE MEETINGS — JANUARY

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

Monday January 19th at 8:00pm in the Pastoral Centre.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday January 26th at 8:00pm in the Pastoral Centre.

CONGRATS TO ATHENRY CAMOGIE CLUB

 Heartiest congratulations to all players, management & back-room team of the Athenry Senior Camogie Squad on a magnificent All-Ireland Senior Camogie Final victory. You have done the parish proud. Your commitment, resilience, togetherness, spirit & belief were evident throughout. This hard-earned triumph will be remembered with pride for many years to come. Comhghairdeas ó chroí libh go léir on a truly deserved title. Beir bua agus beannacht.

GRÁSTA MARRIAGE RELATED COURSES 2026

Grásta, the voluntary Irish group of Married Couples, has facilitated Catholic Pre-Marriage Courses for over 25 years (formerly at Esker Monastery; highly recommended by Fr. Charlie). For more information & details visit [www.grasta.org](http://www.grasta.org) or email [info@grasta.org](mailto:info@grasta.org). Weekend residential courses below:  
Pre-Marriage: 6th — 8th March 2026  
13th — 15th November 2026  
Married Couples: 7th — 8th March 2026,  
14th — 15th November 2026

MEN OF ST JOSEPH (MOSJ) MEETING 11TH JANUARY

The Tuam Archdiocese MOSJ monthly meeting takes place Sunday 11 Jan. at 7pm sharp in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Tuam (H54 T656). This month's guest speaker is Prof. Robert McNamara, lecturer & philosopher, who will speak on men's role in the family & the Theology of the Body. MOSJ promotes faith, formation & fraternity among Christian men. New members welcome. Enq: [frmarkquinn@tuamparish.com](mailto:frmarkquinn@tuamparish.com).

ATHENRY PARISH

LENTEN MISSION

KEEPING HOPE ALIVE

+ Learning to journey through life brimming with hope +

February 23rd-25th

3 Nights - 7:00 PM - 9.30PM

Mass, Talks, Confessions, Adoration, Music, Anointing of the Sick, Healing, Refreshments

\*Church of the Assumption Athenry\*  
(Church St. Athenry, Co. Galway, H65 PV17)

Monday Feb 23rd

6.00pm - 6.45pm - Confessions

7.00pm - Mass (Fr. Benny McHale)

8.00pm - Speaker (Michelle Ward)

8.20pm - Adoration, Music & Confessions

Tuesday Feb 24th

6.00pm - 6.45pm - Confessions

7.00pm - Mass (Fr. Conor McDonough)

8.00pm - Anointing of the Sick

8.20pm - Adoration, Music & Confessions

Wednesday Feb 25th

7.00pm - Speaker (Mary McDonagh)

7.20pm - Mass (Fr. Charlie McDonnell)

8.00pm - Speaker (Niall McDonagh)

8.20pm - Eucharistic Healing service

9.20pm - Tea & Refreshments

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