

1ST FEBRUARY 2026
CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, ATHENRY

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MASS TIMES

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION ATHENRY

SATURDAY JANUARY 31ST, 2026 — VIGIL MASS AT 6.30PM
Peggy Farrell, Rockfield Cross (Month's Mind)

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 1ST, 2026 — MASS AT 11:00AM
Pro Populo

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 7TH, 2026 — VIGIL MASS AT 6.30PM
Mary O'Toole, Moanbaun (1st Anniversary)

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 8TH, 2026 — MASS AT 11:00AM
Teresa Logue, Rahard & Cullaiirbaun (1st Anniversary)

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION NEWCASTLE

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 1ST, 2026 — MASS AT 10:00AM
Tom Tyrell & deceased of the Tyrell family

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 8TH, 2026 — MASS AT 10:00AM
Martin & Maureen O'Donnell & deceased of the O'Donnell family, Tourkeel & deceased of the Glynn family, Cuddoo

RECENTLY DECEASED — REST IN PEACE

Tommy Killeen, Castle Ellen

Kieran Kenny, Taughmaconnell & Ahascragh, Brother of Sr. Bríd, Presentation Sisters Athenry

John Quinn and Lorraine Quinn
Brother & Sister of Debra Waldron Tysaxon

FEBRUARY FIRST FRIDAY CALLS

Fr. Benny is doing his calls on Friday 6th February.
Fr. Charlie is doing his calls on Monday the 9th February.

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

Weekly Bible Study continues Tuesdays 7.30pm in the Pastoral Centre. Open to all. No prior knowledge required.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY WEEKLY DURING SUN 11AM MASS

Continues for Junior / Senior Infants & 1st Class children. More info: Eithna eithnamoran@gmail.com or Deirdre 0870984379.

BASKET COLLECTION LAST WEEKEND
ATHENRY & NEWCASTLE **€3,235**

READINGS: 7TH & 8TH JAN. — 5th Sun. Ord. Time

1st READING Is 58:7-10

2nd READING 1 COR 2:1-5

PSALM: 111:4-9,

GOSPEL: MT 5:13-16

ST. BRIGID'S DAY

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4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, NEWCASTLE

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 PV27

Monday Feb 23rd

6.00pm - 6.45pm - Confessions
7.00pm - Mass (Fr. Benny McHale)
8.00pm - Speaker (Michelle Ward)
8.30pm - Adoration, Music & Confessions

Tuesday Feb 24th

6.00pm - 6.45pm - Confessions
7.00pm - Mass (Fr. Conor McDonough)
8.00pm - Anointing of the Sick
8.30pm - Adoration, Music & Confessions

Wednesday Feb 25th

7.00pm - Speaker (Mary McDonagh)
7.30pm - Mass (Fr. Charlie McDonnell)
8.00pm - Speaker (Niall McDonagh)
8.30pm - Eucharistic Healing service
9.00pm - Tea & Refreshments

For more info, contact info@athenryparish.ie or 091-844076

SAINT BRIGID'S CROSSES

Crosses will be available at all Masses on St. Brigid's Day Feb. 1st (incl. Vigil). It's great to keep this tradition alive. Donations to Mary's Meals (Athenry) & Newcastle Foróige (Newcastle).

CANDLEMAS — PRESENTATION OF THE LORD — FEB. 2ND

Monday we celebrate the Presentation of the Lord — forty days after Christmas; also known as Candlemas. The liturgy begins with blessing of the candles to be used in homes & the church throughout the year. The candles are a reminder that the people go out to meet the Lord & acclaim him like Simeon did, recognising Christ as a light to reveal God to the nations.

WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

The Presentation of the Lord, also marks World day for Consecrated Life. We give thanks, acknowledge & pray for all those who have consecrated their lives to God. In a special way on this day we acknowledge the Presentation Sisters here in our parish who continue to make such a valuable contribution to our community. We remember them in our prayers today.

SAINT BLAISE — BLESSING OF THROATS

Tuesday, Feb. 3rd is the memorial of St. Blaise. The blessing of throats will take place after 10:00am Mass in Athenry in the day and on Sunday Feb. 1st in Newcastle after 10:00am Mass.

LATIN MASS KNOCK SHRINE

In the Blessed Sacrament Chapel Knock. **Sunday Feb. 8th 6:pm**

GALWAY SOLEMN NOVENA 2026. 2ND — 10TH FEBRUARY

Sessions: Mon-Sat: 11:00am, 1:10pm, 7:30pm. Sun: 10:30am, 12:30pm, 3:00pm, 6:00pm. Confessions daily (except Sunday). Guided Holy Hour nightly 8:30-9:30pm (except Sat & Sun). Daily themed talks throughout the Novena. Final session each day live-streamed. Sacrament of the Sick: Sat 7 Feb, 11:00am. Blessing of Throats: Sun 1 Feb, 6:00pm only.



Michelle Ward

Monday February 23rd

Michelle from Co. Laois, is the co-creator of Living Love Senior Cycle, a new RSE Catholic resource. Originally trained in acting and performance, Michelle later became a secondary school teacher of Religious Education, English and SPHE. She went on to work in youth evangelisation with Dublin Diocese, and later served as retreat manager for An Tobar Nua. While balancing family life, she currently works as a freelance writer and faith educator.



Fr. Conor McDonough

Tuesday February 24th

Fr. Conor McDonough OP is a Dominican friar who is originally from Galway. He studied science and theology at the University of Cambridge and taught theology at secondary school before joining the Dominicans in 2009. He was ordained priest in 2016. He teaches theology at the Dominicans in Dublin's north inner city and is currently engaged in doctoral research at the University of Galway. A keen sportsman and YouTuber, he has a particular passion for telling the story of Irish Christianity in all its richness.

Wednesday February 25th



Mary McDonagh Niall McDonagh

Mary is a mother, grandmother and retired nurse and midwife. Life has brought much grief and heartache through personal tragedies and sickness. Her faith in God sustained her, bringing healing and hope in those challenging times. She now simply wants to share that hope with others.

Niall is a qualified teacher, school counsellor and psychotherapist. He has worked in education and has worked closely with Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity, serving the homeless, drug addicts, and prisoners on missions around the world. However, Niall's greatest qualification is his life experience; the trials and hardships he has endured have deeply formed him, shaping the man he is today. He now desires to help others find meaning in their own suffering.

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE — FR. BRENDAN KILCOYNE

7 night Pilgrimage to Medjugorje from 9th to the 16th of April 2026 led by Carmel & Mick Summerville. Spiritual Director is Fr. Brendan Kilcoyne. Enq. 0872072194 / 0871339668.

TUAM DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA

Fatima & Lisbon Coast; 7 nights (4+3); June 25th — July 2nd 2026; With Spiritual Director; ex Dublin. Details: 012410800.

TUAM ARCHDIOCESE MEN OF ST JOSEPH MEETING

Sunday 1st Feb, 7pm, Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Tuam (H54 T656). Guest Speaker: Gerard Hanley, Catholic evangelist & catechist on the 4 marks of the Church & what that means for our everyday lives. Enq: frmarkquinn@tuamparish.com

