

25TH JANUARY 2026

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

MASS TIMES

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION ATHENRY

SATURDAY JANUARY 24TH, 2026 — VIGIL MASS AT 6.30PM
Chrissie Flaherty, Park (1st Anniversary)

SUNDAY JANUARY 25TH, 2026 — MASS AT 11:00AM
Pro Populo—People of the Parish

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

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 1ST, 2026 — MASS AT 11:00AM
Feast of St. Brigid

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION NEWCASTLE

SUNDAY JANUARY 25TH, 2026 — MASS AT 10:00AM
Tommy & Margaret Maloney, Shudane

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

RECENTLY DECEASED — REST IN PEACE

Eamon Keogh, Tiaquin

Joe Rabbitte, Caheroyan

Tommy Killeen, Castle Ellen

Mary Farrell nee Forde, Kilconnell & formerly of Cuddoo

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK — FEBRUARY

Takes place SATURDAY JANUARY 31ST 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.

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

Children's Liturgy continues during 11am Sunday Mass. Children in Junior / Senior Infants & 1st Class welcome. More info.: Eithna eithnamoran@gmail.com or Deirdre 0870984379.

BASKET COLLECTION LAST WEEKEND

ATHENRY & NEWCASTLE €3,755

READINGS: 31ST JAN. & 1ST FEB. — 4th Sun. Ord. Time

1st READ: ZEPH 2:3, 3:12-13 **PSALM:** 145:7-10,

2nd READ: 1 COR 1:26-31 **GOSPEL:** MT 5:1-12

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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PARISH OFFICE NOTICE

The Parish Office will be closed to the public from 11:00am Wednesday 28th & Thursday 29th January for annual administrative purposes. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause & thank you sincerely for your patience & understanding. For general information: The Parish Office is open to the public: Tues. — Thurs.: 10:30am — 1:30pm. Fri.: 10:30am — 4:30pm. The office is closed on Bank Holidays & Holy Days. We are grateful to parishioners for kindly observing these opening hours, which helps ensure the smooth running of both pastoral & parish administration. Your cooperation is very much appreciated.

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 Mass this Sunday 25th Jan., 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 you are not alone in your struggles & heavenly assistance is always near. It's not too late to receive a little help from above. All welcome to participate.

SAINT BRIGID'S CROSSES

There will be Blessing of crosses at all Masses on St. Brigid's Day February 1st. Crosses are available at weekend Masses in both Churches. It's great to keep this tradition alive. Donations will be accepted & will be passed on to local charities.

CANDLEMAS — PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Monday Feb. 2nd is Candlemas Day. Beeswax candles for blessing are available in the Parish Office (6 for €7). Candles will be blessed at Mass on Candlemas Day.

SAINT BLAISE—BLESSING OF THROATS

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

CELEBRATING ST BRIGID AT MUSEUM OF COUNTRY LIFE

12 noon on Saturday 31 Jan — learn about traditions & objects associated with St Brigid. Free event. St. Brigid's Cross-making workshops 2pm & 3.30pm. 094 9031751. www.museum.ie

HYMNS FOR 10:00AM SUNDAY MASS NEWCASTLE

Christ Be Beside Me, Christ before me,

Christ behind me, King of my heart;

Christ within me, Christ below me,

Christ above me never to part.

2 Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand,

Christ all around me shield in the strife;

Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting,

Christ in my rising light of my life.

Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God & His righteousness;
& all these things shall be added unto you., Hallelu, Hallelujah!

Chorus

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Hallelujah! Hallelu, hallelujah!

Ask, and it shall be given unto you; Seek, and you shall find.
Knock, and it shall be opened unto you. Hallelu, Hallelujah!

ATHENRY PARISH LENTEN MISSION

23RD — 25TH FEB. 7 — 9:30PM 2026

KEEPING HOPE ALIVE —

LEARNING TO JOURNEY THROUGH LIFE BRIMMING WITH HOPE.

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION ATHENRY

Mass, Talks, Confessions, Adoration, Music, Anointing of the Sick, Healing, Refreshments. More info: contact 091844076 or info@athenryparish.ie or visit www.athenryparish.ie.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday January 26th at 7:00pm in 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.

TUAM DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA

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

FREE DIGITAL SKILLS DROP-IN CLINIC, ATHENRY LIBRARY

Every Thursday until March 18th. 3-5pm. Just turn up. Bring your own device. Topics include phone/laptop/iPad/tablet basics, communications ,safety & security, messaging & games.

PRIMARY SCHOOL ENROLMENTS — SEPT. 2026

ATHENRY PRIMARY SCHOOL: Closing date Mon. Feb. 2nd.

Enrolment forms available on: www.athenryprimaryschool.ie. Email: office@athenryprimaryschool.ie. Tel: (091) 844510.

ESKER NS:

Enrolment details on Esker NS website eskerns.ie or email office@eskerns.ie or call 091848008.

KNOCK SHRINE EVENTS — More info: www.knockshrine.ie

January 30th 7:30pm — Catholic Education in Ireland

Tradition, Transition or Transformation? Discussion & Q&A with Dr. Tom Carroll, Dr. Áine Moran, Alan Hynes, & Fr. Brendan Kilcoyne, at St. John's Centre, Knock Shrine.

Sunday February 8th — 6:00pm — Latin Mass

In the Blessed Sacrament Chapel Knock.

Fri. 27th (5.30-9.00pm) & Sat. 28th (10am-3.30pm) Feb.

Knock Counselling Centre, & the Irish Association for Anger Management 2-day Anger Management Programme. More info. 094 93 75032 or counsellingoffice@knockshrine.ie.

POOR CLARES GALWAY HALF-DAY RETREAT

Sun. 1st Feb. 2-6pm. For women 18-40. Adoration & Evening Prayer. Speaker Beth Davis. cherisheddaughters.eventbrite.ie.

GALWAY SOLEMN NOVENA 2026. 2ND — 10TH FEBRUARY

Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Let us go to the house of the Lord" 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.

