

4TH JANUARY 2026

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, ATHENRY

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PRIEST ON DUTY THIS WEEK:

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SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, NEWCASTLE

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 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) & her daughter Margaret (Anniversary)

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

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

SUNDAY JANUARY 11TH, 2026 — MASS AT 11:00AM
Sarah Glavin, Carnaun (1st Anniversary)

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION NEWCASTLE

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, The Glade & formerly Knockbrack (Month's Mind)
& her sister Bernadette Monahan, Knockbrack (Anniversary)

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

BASKET COLLECTION

26TH, 27TH & 28TH DECEMBER

ATHENRY & NEWCASTLE €3,940

DECEMBER BAPTISMS

We warmly welcome Ella, Paisley Caroline, Dylan, Buddy Peter Michael, Lisa Mary, Ailbhe Mae, Páidí James & Jade Phoenix, baptised in December, in Athenry / Newcastle Churches.
MAY GOD WATCH OVER THEM AND BLESS THEM AS THEY GROW.

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

READINGS: 10TH & 11TH JAN. — The Baptism of the Lord

1st READ:

Is 42:1-4, 6-7

PSALM:

28:1-4, 9-10

2nd READ:

ACTS 10:34-38

GOSPEL:

MT 3:13-17

DAILY INTENTIONS 10:00AM. JAN. 5TH, JAN. 7TH — 10TH

✠ Tom & Delia May Moran, Moyvilla

✠ Margaret Morrissey, Deerpark

✠ The Coffey family, Caheroyan

✠ Martin Ward, Ballygurrane

✠ Ted Duffy, Lorro Gate

✠ Jimmy Quinn, Caheroyan & deceased members of the Quinn & Murtagh families

✠ Jim Kearns, Clarke St. & deceased of the Kearns family

✠ Nefton Ribero, Brazil (1st Anniversary)

✠ Patrick, Kathleen & Joe Molloy

✠ Margaret Caulfield, Gloves

✠ John Bane, his wife Teresa (Doreen) their sons William & Tommie, Newford

✠ Tony Waldron, Kingsland

✠ Eamon Feeney, Ballydavid

♪ HYMNS FOR 11:00AM SUNDAY MASS ATHENRY ♪

Entrance:

The First Noel

Offertory:

Ave Regina Caelorum

Communion:

Silent Night

Recessional:

Hark The Herald Angels Sing

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing,

"Glory to the newborn King:
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
with th'angelic hosts proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Refrain:
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King"

REFLECTION — THE YEAR AHEAD

May God make our new year a happy one!
Not by shielding us from all sorrows and pain,
But by strengthening us to bear it, as it comes;
Not by making our path easy,
But by making us sturdy to travel any path;
Not by taking hardships from us,
But by taking fear from our heart;
Not by granting us unbroken sunshine,
But by keeping our face bright, even in the shadows;
Not by making our life always pleasant,
But by showing us when people & their causes need us most,
and by making us anxious to be there to help.
God's love, peace, hope and joy to us for the year ahead.

PRIESTS' CHRISTMAS COLLECTION — THANK YOU


Sincere thanks to all who contributed so generously to the Christmas Priests' 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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PRO-LIFE CHURCH GATE COLLECTION

The annual Pro Life Campaign collection will be held at Athenry & Newcastle Masses on Saturday Jan 10th and Sunday Jan 11th.

ENNEAGRAM BY FR. BENNY IN PASTORAL CENTRE (IN AID OF ATHENRY SIMANJIRO PARTNERSHIP)

Fr. Benny will deliver his 2-day course on The Enneagram on SUNDAY 11TH AND SUNDAY 18TH JANUARY AT 2:00PM in ATHENRY PASTORAL CENTRE H65H224. Cost €50. Contact Martina 086 8641720 or Caroline 087 9273628 to secure a place. PLACES ARE LIMITED.

Have you ever wondered why people, often members of the same family, can be so different from one another. If so, you will find the Enneagram — an ancient system of understanding peoples inner motivation, very helpful. You will discover why the world can look so different, to different people. The Enneagram is especially helpful for all those whose occupation brings them into working contact with others.

ST. DOMINIC'S HOLY WELL, ESKER

The long-standing tradition of blessing the Holy Water at St. Dominic's Well, Esker, will continue this year. Fr. Brendan Lawless, PP Kilconieron, will bless the water on 5th and 6th January at 11:00 a.m. The Blessed Holy Water will be available for people to take home afterwards. Everyone is welcome.

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.

GRÁSTA MARRIAGE RELATED COURSES 2026

Preparation for Marriage & Married Couples Courses. (Highly recommended by Fr. Charlie).

Grásta, the voluntary Irish group of Married Couples, has facilitated Catholic Pre-Marriage Courses for over 25 years (formerly at Esker Monastery). They are holding weekend residential courses on the dates below. For details visit www.grasta.org or email info@grasta.org.

Pre-Marriage:

6th — 8th March 2026
13th — 15th Nov 2026

Married Couples:

7th — 8th March 2026,
14th — 15th Nov 2026

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



Michelle Ward

Monday Feb 23rd


6.00pm - 6.45pm - Confessions
7.00pm - Mass (Fr. Benny McHale)
8.00pm - Speaker (Michelle Ward)
8.20pm - Adoration, Music & Confessions



Fr. Conor McDonough

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



Niall McDonagh

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



Mary McDonagh


For more info, contact info@athenryparish.ie or 091-844075

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Monday February 23rd


Michelle from Co. Loois, 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 Tabar Nua. While balancing family life, she currently works as a freelance writer and faith educator.



Michelle Ward


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.




Fr. Conor McDonough

Wednesday February 25th




Mary McDonagh



Niall McDonagh

Led by Fr. Charlie McDonnell, Fr. Benny McHale and Deacon Julian Drapiewski.



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.