

15TH FEBRUARY 2026
CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, ATHENRY
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6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
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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 FEBRUARY 14TH, 2026 — VIGIL MASS AT 6.30PM
Nellie Keane, Toberroe, (Month's Mind)
Grow in Love—First Holy Communion Mass
SUNDAY FEBRUARY 15TH, 2026 — MASS AT 11:00AM
Paul McDonagh, Ard Esker, (1st Anniversary)
ASH WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 18TH, 2026
10:00AM—MASS
MASS AND DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES
7:30PM—SERVICE
LITURGY OF THE WORD & HOLY COMMUNION
AND DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES
SATURDAY FEBRUARY 21ST, 2026 — VIGIL MASS AT 6.30PM
Tommy Killeen, Castle Ellen (Month's Mind)
SUNDAY FEBRUARY 22ND, 2026 — MASS AT 11:00AM
Intention

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION NEWCASTLE
SUNDAY FEBRUARY 15TH, 2026 — MASS AT 10:00AM
Mary, Larry & Christy Murphy
& deceased of the Murphy family, Tiaquin
Grow in Love—First Holy Communion Mass
ASH WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 18TH, 2026 — MASS AT 7PM
MASS AND DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES
SATURDAY FEBRUARY 21ST — 12:00 NOON
Theresa (Tessie) Burke (Month's Mind)
SUNDAY FEBRUARY 22ND, 2026 — MASS AT 10:00AM
John Willie and Julia Cloonan, Newcastle

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE — FR. BRENDAN KILCOYNE
9–16 April 2026. Spiritual Director: Fr. Brendan Kilcoyne. Led by Carmel & Mick Summerville. 087 207 2194 / 087 133 9668

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

ATHENRY BIBLE STUDY GROUP
Weekly Bible Study continues **Tuesdays 7.30pm** in the Pastoral Centre with a special welcome to those aged 18–35.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY WEEKLY DURING SUN 11AM MASS
Continues for **Infants & 1st Class** children. More info. contact: Eithna eithnamoran@gmail.com or Deirdre 0870984379.

READINGS: 21ST & 22ND FEBRUARY — 1st Sun. of Lent
1st READ:: Gn 2:7-9, 3:1-7 **PSALM:** 50:3-6, 12-14, 17
2nd READ:: Rm 5:12-19 **GOSPEL:** Mt 4:1-11

DAILY INTENTIONS. 10AM. 16TH - 18TH; 20TH - 21ST FEB.
✠ Jackie Houlihan, Northgate St.
✠ Martin Ward, Ballygurrane
✠ Marie Niland, Caherfinsker
✠ Peggy Smyth, Raheen & Castlepollard & deceased members of the Smyth & Butler families
✠ Niall & Annie Morrissey, Swangate & deceased members of the Morrissey & Coen families
✠ Bridie Mannion, Cullairbaun
✠ Mick & Mary Mannion, Ballydavid
✠ Nora & Jimmy Burke & their sons Bobby & Joe & Joe's wife Breda Burke, Binn
✠ Joseph & Delia Torpey & deceased of Torpey & Hayes family
✠ Dan & Bridgie Whelan, daughter Anne Barrett, Northgate St.
✠ Michael & Nigel McGhee, Cullairbaun
✠ Phil & Michael Mooney, Woodville
✠ Arthur & Mary McGhee, Loughrea
✠ Michael & Monica Steede, son Tom & grandson Michael & deceased family members
✠ Joseph & Mary Corbett & deceased of the family, Newcastle

♪ **HYMNS FOR 11:00AM SUNDAY MASS ATHENRY** ♪
Entrance: Faith Of our Fathers
Offertory: O bone Jesu (Palestrina)
Communion: Ave verum Corpus (Perosi)
Recessional: **God bless our Pope**

1. Full in the panting heart of Rome,
Beneath the Apostle's crowing dome,
From pilgrims' lips that kiss the ground
Breathes in all tongues one only sound:
2. **God bless our Pope**, the great, the good".
The golden roof, the marble walls,
The Vatican's majestic halls,
The note redouble, 'til it fills
With echoes sweet the seven hills:
"God bless our Pope, the great, the good".

BASKET COLLECTION LAST WEEKEND
ATHENRY & NEWCASTLE
€3,550

LENT & LETTING GO

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| LET GO OF BITTERNESS | EMBRACE <u>FORGIVENESS</u> |
| LET GO OF JEALOUSY | EMBRACE <u>GRATITUDE</u> |
| LET GO OF ANGER & HATE | EMBRACE <u>CHARITY</u> |
| LET GO OF PRIDE | EMBRACE <u>HUMILITY</u> |
| LET GO OF LUST | EMBRACE <u>PURITY</u> |
| LET GO OF SINS | EMBRACE <u>GOD</u> |

✠ ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH ✠
'For dust you are and unto dust you shall return.'
Next Wednesday 18th of February marks the beginning of Lent.
Envelopes containing Ashes are available to take home.
DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES AT ALL MASSES AND SERVICE
8:30 — 8:50am Ashes distributed in Athenry church
10:00am Mass in Athenry church
7:00pm Mass in Newcastle church
7:30pm Liturgy of the Word, Holy Communion & Distribution of Ashes in Athenry church

In the readings at Mass there is a great consciousness of our sinfulness as we pray "Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned". There is also a sense that the time to repent and turn back is now. The Gospel tells us how to approach that renewal of our lives. It puts before us the remedy in **prayer, fasting and almsgiving**. These three strands of Lenten observance are as ancient as Christianity itself. There is no substitute for them. "Fasting is the soul of prayer, mercy is the lifeblood of fasting. If we have not all three together, we have nothing" says St Peter Chrysologus. No Masses for the dead, except funeral Masses, are permitted today. We encourage regular attendance at Mass, Adoration and Rosary during Lent.

✠ STATIONS OF THE CROSS FRIDAYS DURING LENT ✠
Takes place **Fridays** at **7pm** beginning Friday 20th February.

SUGGESTED WAYS OF FULFILLING FRIDAY PENANCE
From statement of Friday Penance — Bishops' Conference 2011.

- ✠ Abstaining from meat or some other food
- ✠ Abstaining from alcoholic drink or smoking
- ✠ Making a special effort at involvement in family prayer
- ✠ Making a special effort to participate in Mass on Fridays
- ✠ Visiting the Blessed Sacrament
- ✠ Making the Stations of the Cross
- ✠ Fasting from all food for a longer period than usual and perhaps giving what is saved to the needy
- ✠ Helping the poor, sick, old or lonely

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS — RCIA
Our Parish has 2 candidates (Ruth Burke and Sara Gallardo) currently preparing through the RCIA programme to become Catholics. As part of their preparation, they will be participating in a "Rite of Sending" during our Mass this Sunday 15th Feb.. Please continue to keep these 2 candidates in your prayers as they journey towards Easter Saturday when they will be fully Confirmed into our Catholic Church.

MOORPARK CEMETERY
Thank you to everyone who provided information about family members buried in Moorpark Cemetery. Using the details received from our recent appeal, we have now compiled an updated list of names. Printed copies will be available at the Raheen Woods Hotel reception. You can also request a copy by emailing lester@raheenwoodshotel.ie.
Would families please check details are correct and notify Lester if you need any changes by the end of February.

ST PATRICK'S DAY PARADE - TUESDAY, 17TH MARCH
This year's theme is Year of the Fire Horse celebrating bold change, creativity, momentum & community pride, reflecting the pioneering spirit of Athenry. It will begin after 11am Mass, once the church car park has cleared. Community organisations are invited to take part. Please register online: <https://forms.gle/iswm1tcgdcgQ7FYi38j> by Friday, 6th March. Participation is free & volunteer-led. Volunteers needed as steward / help with crowd control. Contact Athenry Community Council. New this year: a Lucky Lotto Draw with a guaranteed €1,000 prize announced during the parade.

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.

AN TOBAR NUA — LENTEN EVENTS
LENT 2026 with Emmaus Scripture School by An Tobar Nua, Galway City. This is a 5-week evening course on Luke's Gospel: Tuesdays, 6:00 — 7:30pm, starting 24th February. Register at gospelofluke.eventbrite.ie. Free course

Lunchtime Online Book Club for women will also meet every Thursday, beginning 19th February through 19th March, from 12:00 — 12:50pm: womensbookclub.eventbrite.ie. Free course.

HAPPINESS CONFERENCE 2026
Conference on Happiness, Sunday March 8th at the Galway Bay Hotel, 2-9pm. Renowned Youtube apologist & philosopher **Fr. Gregory Pine OP** is lead speaker. For more info: visit www.dominicans.ie or email op.evangelisation@gmail.com

MOTHER & BABY INSTITUTIONS PAYMENT SCHEME
Provides financial payments & health supports to eligible people who spent time in Mother & Baby & County Home Institutions in Ireland. Call 01522922 to request application pack. Apply online or by post: www.gov.ie/en/department-of-children-disability-and-equality/campaigns/mother-and-baby-institutions-payment-scheme/. Treated with confidentiality).

KNOCK SHRINE EVENTS (WWW.KNOCKSHRINE.IE)
Picking Up My Pen - Finding God In Writing' overnight Retreat, Sat. 21 & Sun. 22 Feb. Focuses on writing as a way of praying. Contact Nicola: faithrenewal@knockshrine.ie
Latin Mass March 8, 6pm, in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.
Marriage Enrichment Weekend at St. Mary's Retreat Centre. 20 — 22 March. Supporting marriages at all stages. Limited places. Book early. Apply Online: www.marriageencounter.ie.