

1ST MARCH 2026
CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, ATHENRY
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2ND SUNDAY OF LENT
CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, NEWCASTLE
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PRIEST ON DUTY THIS WEEK: Fr. Charlie McDonnell P.P. **Mobile:** 086-8193884

Bank Details for Weekly Church Offerings: (Please include your name and/or envelope number if you have one)



**WE ENCOURAGE REGULAR ATTENDANCE AT:
 MASS, ADORATION AND ROSARY DURING LENT**

✠ MASS TIMES ✠
CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION ATHENRY
SATURDAY FEBRUARY 28TH, 2026 — VIGIL MASS AT 6:30PM
 Eugene Glynn, Tourkeel, (1st Anniversary)
 & deceased members of the Glynn family
SUNDAY MARCH 1ST, 2026 — MASS AT 11:00AM
 Denis McMahan, Cartymore, (1st Anniversary)
SATURDAY MARCH 7TH, 2026 — MASS AT 6:30PM
 Francis Kennedy, Boyhill, (Month's Mind)
SUNDAY MARCH 8TH, 2026 — MASS AT 11:00AM
 Intention

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SUNDAY MARCH 1ST, 2026 — MASS AT 10:00AM
 Peggy & Pa Ryan & their son Jarlath, Bengarra
SATURDAY MARCH 7TH, 2026 — MASS AT 11:00AM
 Joan Rohan, Cookstown, Dublin & Tiaquin, (Month's Mind)
SUNDAY MARCH 8TH, 2026 — MASS AT 10:00AM
 Sarah & Martin Molloy, Pat & Nora Forde

RECENTLY DECEASED — MAY THEY REST IN PEACE
Johnny Mongey, Claregalway & Athenry
Lianne Gill, London & formerly Caheroyan
Bridgie Keaveney, Mullingar, sister of Patrick Kenna Derrydonnell
Breege Corless, Kilbeacanty, sister of Tom Huban, Derrydonnell
PJ Lynch, Newbridge, Kildare, brother of Marie Cahill, Coldwood

BASKET COLLECTION LAST WEEKEND
 ATHENRY & NEWCASTLE €3,725

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

FEBRUARY BAPTISMS — WELCOME TO OUR PARISH FAMILY
Lucca Anastacio, Jake Seán, Alex Tom, Vincent, Matthew, Harper-Ellen, Aoibhinn Bea, Aaron Philip, Eoin Patrick.
 MAY GOD BLESS THEM, GUIDE THEM ALWAYS, AND SURROUND THEIR FAMILIES WITH LOVE, FAITH, AND SUPPORT.

READINGS: 7TH FEBRUARY & 8TH MARCH — 3rd Sun. of Lent
1st READING: Ex 17:3-7 **PSALM:** 94:1-2, 6-9
2nd READING: Rm 5:1-2, 5-8 **GOSPEL:** Jn 4:5-42

DAILY INTENTIONS. 10AM. 2ND - 7TH MARCH
 ✠ Bridgie Keaveney, Mullingar (Month's Mind)
 ✠ Sr. Gabriel Freeney (Nano), Derrydonnell & her sister Mary Feeley, London
 ✠ Ellen Hession & her son Brendan, Mirah
 ✠ Thomas & Nora Higgins, Lisheenkyle
 ✠ Kathleen Ryan, Cross St.
 ✠ Eamon Larkin, Ballinakill
 ✠ Sadie & Paddy Glynn, Carrareagh
 ✠ Nuala & Richard Conway & the Conway & Stapleton families
 ✠ John Joe & Tess White, Old Church St.
 ✠ Jacinta Kelly, Caherbriskaun
 ✠ Martin, Mary, Gerry & Elizabeth Kilkelly & deceased of the Kilkelly & Duane families
 ✠ Geraldine Hegarty & deceased of Hegarty & McCarthy families
 ✠ Peter Seery, Ballygurrane
 ✠ Patrick, Bridie, PJ, Ciaran & Esther Casey & deceased of the Casey & Cox families
 ✠ Annie & Patrick Kenny, Caheroyan Rd.
 ✠ Joe & Ellen Kelly, The Square
 ✠ Christina Keane & deceased of the Keane & Larkin families
 ✠ Mary Tully, Barrack St.
 ✠ Kathleen Brennan, Northgate St.
 ✠ Stephen & Delia Burke & deceased of the family, Cahertubber

♪ HYMNS 11:00AM SUNDAY MASS ATHENRY ♪
Entrance: God of Mercy and Compassion
Offertory: Chorale (O Sacred Head) (Bach)
Communion: Ubi Caritas (George Murray)
Recessional: AVE Regina Caelorum

1. **God of Mercy and Compassion**, look with pity upon me. Father, let me call Thee Father, 'tis Thy child returns to Thee.
Chorus: Jesus, Lord, I ask for mercy; Let me not implore in vain; All my sins, I now detest them, never will I sin again.
 2. By my sins I have deserved death & endless misery, Hell with all its pains & torments, & for all eternity. *Chorus*

♪ HYMN 10:00AM SUNDAY MASS NEWCASTLE ♪
I watch the sunrise lighting the sky.
 Casting it's shadows near
 And on this morning, bright though it be
 I feel those shadows near me
Chorus: But you are always close to me. Following all my ways May I be always close to you. Following all your ways Lord.
 I watch the sunlight shine through the clouds
 Warming the earth below.
 And at the midday life seems to say
 I feel your brightness near me

"FIRST FRIDAY" CALLS FOR MARCH
 Fr. Charlie will do his calls on Wednesday 3rd March
PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE
 Fr. Benny's March calls are postponed.

LENTEN MISSION — MÍLE BUÍOCHAS
 A very sincere thanks to everyone who helped make our Lenten Mission such an uplifting time for our parish community. A special word of gratitude to Mike, who worked tirelessly behind the scenes in planning, co-ordinating and overseeing every aspect of the Mission from planning to completion. Thanks too to all who assisted him each night of the mission. We were truly blessed to welcome such inspiring speakers who shared their faith and experiences with us. Our thanks also to the priests who joined us and assisted with the sacraments, and to all who enriched our liturgies, especially our music ministry, whose contribution added so much to the prayerful atmosphere. Finally, heartfelt thanks to all of you who attended. We hope the Mission was a time of renewal and encouragement for you, and that the graces received will continue to bear fruit in your spiritual lives in the weeks and months ahead. **MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL.**

LENT AND LETTING GO

LET GO OF BITTERNESS	EMBRACE FORGIVENESS
LET GO OF JEALOUSY	EMBRACE GRATITUDE
LET GO OF ANGER & HATE	EMBRACE CHARITY
LET GO OF PRIDE	EMBRACE HUMILITY
LET GO OF LUST	EMBRACE PURITY
LET GO OF SINS	EMBRACE GOD

✠ STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT ✠
Takes place every Friday during Lent at 7pm in Athenry Church

HOW TO PRAY THE STATIONS: 3 sections to praying each:
 1. Beginning at the first station, we genuflect or bow and say: *V/. We adore thee O Christ and we praise thee. R/. Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.*
 2. Then using scripture or reading material, meditate on the particular station. Alternatively you may simply gaze & reflect on the particular station itself using the picture & title of each.

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

AN TOBAR NUA — FREE LENTEN EVENTS
LENT 2026 with Emmaus Scripture School by An Tobar Nua, Galway City. Evening course on Luke's Gospel: Tuesdays, 6:00 — 7:30pm. Register at gospelofluke.eventbrite.ie. **Lunchtime Online Book Club for Women** meet every Thursday, up to 19th March, 12:00 — 12:50pm: Info: womensbookclub.eventbrite.ie.

KNOCK SHRINE EVENTS (www.knockshrine.ie)
 1. Residential Retreat exploring spiritual and religious themes through film, with Brendan O'Regan. March 6th — 8th. At new retreat village at Knock Shrine. Limited places available.
 2. Eucharistic Healing Retreat, led by Fr. Roza Palic, at St. John's Welcome Centre. Sat. March 7th 10am-6:30pm; Sun March 8th 10am-4:30pm. Just walk in. All welcome. Please bring a packed lunch. Enquiries: 0899466193 or fionatjennings@yahoo.com.

UPCOMING PARISH MEETINGS
FINANCE COMMITTEE: Monday March 9th at 7:00pm
PASTORAL COUNCIL: Monday March 9th at 8:00pm
 Both meetings are being held in the Pastoral Centre.

TRÓCAIRE LENTEN CAMPAIGN
 Each year the people of the parish have given generously to Trócaire who are deeply grateful for this. Trócaire boxes are now available in the church. We encourage every family to take one home.



ATHENRY SIMANJIRO PARTNERSHIP
 We are delighted to support Trócaire as a Parish annually & we enthusiastically continue to do so, but we also encourage you to consider supporting Athenry—Simanjiro Partnership as part of your Lenten commitment. Information & donation box is available to the right of the main entrance of Athenry church if anyone would like to consider this as an alternative.

MEN OF ST. JOSEPH
 The next monthly meeting of the Tuam Archdiocese "Men of St Joseph" group takes place Sunday 8th of March at 7pm in the Blessed Sacrament chapel Tuam (H54 T656). Guest speaker will be Fr. Shane Sullivan who will speak on Ignatian spirituality and its use in our everyday prayer life. MOSJ was established to promote Faith, Formation, and Fraternity among Christian men in the Archdiocese. We welcome new members each month. Enq. to frmarkquinn@tuamparish.com.

POOR CLARES GALWAY, MONASTIC EXPERIENCE DAY
 An opportunity to explore and experience Poor Clare life and spirituality. For women 18-35. Sat. March 7th 10am — 5pm. To register: poorclaresgalway.eventbrite.ie. For more information: poorclares.ie/monastic-experience-days.

COME AND SEE DAY — A DAY TO EXPLORE PRIESTHOOD
 Talks, time for prayer, answering your questions, discerning a vocation. Saturday 28 March 2026. 11am — 4:30pm. (Including Eucharist). Knock House Hotel, F12R6Y5. Booking through National Vocations Office. Enq: carol.king@vocations.ie.

PILGRIMAGES
MEDIJUGORJE: 9 – 16 April 2026. Spiritual Dir. Fr. B. Kilcoyne. Led by Carmel & Mick Summerville 0872072194/0871339668.
DIOCESAN FATIMA & LISBON COAST: 7 nights. June 25th – July 2nd 2026; With Spiritual Director; ex Dublin. Enq:012410800.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE - TUESDAY, 17TH MARCH
 Parade starts after 11am Mass. Register online by Friday March 6th. Stewards needed (contact Athenry Community Council). New: €1,000 Lucky Lotto Draw during the parade.

NEXT SOILSE DISCO

FRIDAY MARCH 6th 2026

SOILSE DISCO
 For people with additional needs

Friday 6 March

FIRST FRIDAYS SEPT - JUNE 8-10PM

ATHENRY PASTORAL CENTRE H65H224