

**22ND FEBRUARY 2026**  
**CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, ATHENRY**  
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**1ST SUNDAY OF LENT**  
**CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, NEWCASTLE**  
**Office Eircode: H65 H224**  
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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)  
**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 21ST, 2026 — VIGIL MASS AT 6.30PM**  
 Tommy Killeen, Castle Ellen (Month's Mind)  
**SUNDAY FEBRUARY 22ND, 2026 — MASS AT 11:00AM**  
 Pro Populo (People of the Parish)  
**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)

**CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION NEWCASTLE**  
**SUNDAY FEBRUARY 22ND, 2026 — MASS AT 10:00AM**  
 John Willie and Julia Cloonan, Newcastle  
**SUNDAY MARCH 1ST, 2026 — MASS AT 10:00AM**  
 Peggy and Pa Ryan and their son Jarlath, Bengarra

**RECENTLY DECEASED**  
**Elizabeth King**, Dundalk wife of the late Micheál and sister-in-law of Nuala King, Newford  
**Johnny Mongey**,  
**Leanne Gill**, London and formerly Caheroyan

**BASKET COLLECTION LAST WEEKEND**  
 ATHENRY & NEWCASTLE €3,725

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

**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 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](mailto:eithnamoran@gmail.com) or Deirdre 0870984379.

**READINGS: 28TH FEBRUARY & 1ST MARCH — 2nd Sun. of Lent**  
**1st READING:** Gn 12:1-4  
**PSALM:** 32:4-5, 18-20, 22  
**2ND READING:** Tm 1:8-10  
**GOSPEL:** Mt 17:1-9

**DAILY INTENTIONS. 10AM. 23RD - 28TH FEBRUARY**

- ✠ Bobby & Clare Gardiner, Clarke St.
- ✠ Emma Naughton, Moyvilla & her infant son Danny
- ✠ Michael Quinn, Old Church St.
- ✠ John Willie & Julia Cloonan
- ✠ Kieran Glynn, Caheroyan
- ✠ Vera Rafferty, Fermanagh (1st Anniversary)
- ✠ Thomas and Collette Slater
- ✠ Maggie Mongan, Caheroyan Drive & her niece Anne McDonagh, Newbridge, Kildare
- ✠ Ellen Ward, her husband Martin Ward & their son Lawrence Ward, Castleblakeney & deceased of the family
- ✠ Jack & Julia Kelly, Castlambert
- ✠ Séamus & Pascal Fahy & deceased of Fahy family, Northgate St
- ✠ John & Ellen Ward, Cullairbaun & New Inn
- ✠ Nora & Joe Melia, Ballydavid
- ✠ Christina (Chrissey) Howard, Athenry
- ✠ Rudy & Pat Qualter & deceased of O'Malley & Qualter families
- ✠ John & Jackie Brackpool, England
- ✠ Annie (1st Anniversary) & Dick Clefstad & deceased of the O'Malley & Clefstad families
- ✠ Paddy & Catherine Kilkelly, Ballydavid
- ✠ Michael, Seán & Maura O'Malley & Mary (O'Malley) O'Toole
- ✠ Mary & Ciara Ward, Gurteenacre
- ✠ Michael Lally, Mountgarrett

**♪ HYMNS FOR 11:00AM SUNDAY MASS ATHENRY ♪**  
**Entrance:** God of Mercy and Compassion  
**Offertory:** Jesu Salvator Mundi (Menegali)  
**Communion:** Now Christ thou Son of righteousness  
**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.  
*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.  
*Jesus, Lord, I ask for mercy; Let me not implore in vain;*  
 3. By my sins I have abandoned right & claim to heav'n above, Where the saints rejoice

**Musical note:** As Lent is a penitential season, the Church does not permit the use of musical instruments in the liturgy except if necessary to support the singing. The organ is thus silent for the duration of Lent, except the 4th Sunday of Lent — "Laetare" and on major feast days. Also, the **Alleluia** is not sung again until the great Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday.

**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 McDonough)  
 7.30pm - Mass (Fr. Charlie McDonnell)  
 8.00pm - Speaker (Niall McDonough)  
 8.30pm - Eucharistic Healing service  
 9.30pm - Tea & Refreshments

**✠ STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT ✠**  
 Takes place every **Friday** during Lent at 7pm in Athenry Church  
 Next Stations of the Cross is on Friday 27th 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

**LENT and Letting Go**

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

**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](http://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](http://womensbookclub.eventbrite.ie). Free course.

**TRÓCAIRE LENTEN CAMPAIGN**  
 Each year the people of the parish have given generously to Trócaire who are deeply grateful for this. This years Lenten campaign has begun. 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 and we enthusiastically continue to do so, but we also encourage you to consider supporting Athenry—Simanjiro Partnership as part of your Lenten commitment. Information and donation box is available to the right of the main entrance of Athenry church if anyone would like to consider this as an alternative.

**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](mailto:lester@raheenwoodshotel.ie).  
**Would families please check details are correct and notify Lester if you need any changes by the end of February.**

**Happiness Conference 2026**  
**Every soul thirsts for happiness (Aquinas)**

**Speakers**

Fr. Conor McDonough O.P. Fr. Gregory Pine O.P. Fr. Toby Lees O.P.

**Jacksons Hotel, Ballybofey, Donegal - Saturday, March 7th**  
**Galway Bay Hotel - Sunday, March 8th**

Time: 2-9pm. Tickets: €50. Students: €20  
 Includes refreshments and supper.  
 Duc In members free.

For more information or to book, go to events at [www.dominicans.ie](http://www.dominicans.ie)

**ST PATRICK'S DAY PARADE - TUESDAY, 17TH MARCH**  
 The parade will begin after 11am Mass, once the church car park has cleared. Community organisations are invited to take part. Please register online by Friday, 6th March. Participation is free & volunteer-led. Volunteers are needed as stewards / 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.