

15TH MARCH 2026

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, ATHENRY

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✠ MASS TIMES ✠

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SATURDAY MARCH 14TH, 2026 — VIGIL MASS AT 6:30PM
Deceased Mothers of the Parish

SUNDAY MARCH 15TH, 2026 — MASS AT 11:00AM
Mary Quigley, Cullairbaun, (1st Anniversary)

MONDAY MARCH 16TH, 2026 — VIGIL MASS AT 6:30PM
ST PATRICK'S DAY MASS / AIFREANN LÁ FHÉILE PÁDRAIG

TUESDAY MARCH 17TH, 2026 — MASS AT 11:00AM
ST PATRICK'S DAY MASS / AIFREANN LÁ FHÉILE PÁDRAIG

SATURDAY MARCH 21ST, 2026 — MASS AT 6:30PM
Intention

SUNDAY MARCH 22ND, 2026 — MASS AT 11:00AM
Joe Rabbitte, Caheroyan, (Month's Mind)

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION NEWCASTLE

SUNDAY MARCH 15TH, 2026 — MASS AT 10:00AM
Jimmy & Rita Molloy, Shudane
Paddy, Nora & Madeline Molloy, England

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ST PATRICK'S DAY MASS / AIFREANN LÁ FHÉILE PÁDRAIG
Helena Cox, Newcastle

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Jimmy Fahy, Tysaxon

RECENTLY DECEASED — MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Sr. John (Breda) Rabbitt, Sisters of Nazareth, Sligo & Cartymore

Fr. Paddy O'Donoghue, Killarney,
uncle of Patrick O'Donoghue, Derrydonnell North

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy (during Sunday 11:00am Mass) continues for children entering Junior/Senior Infants and 1st Class. Thanks to our volunteers for their time and dedication.

YOUNG CHILDREN AT WEEKEND MASSES

Children who are too young for the Children's Liturgy can avail of colours & religious colouring sheets. These are available at the back of both Athenry & Newcastle churches for all Masses.

ST. MARY'S PARISH CHILDREN'S CHOIR

St. Mary's Parish Children's Choir is seeking new members aged 7-13. The choir sings at one Saturday Vigil Mass each month, with practices held on Tuesdays at 4 pm in the Pastoral Centre. All new members are warmly welcome. For further info. please contact Grace: musicgracekelly@gmail.com.

READINGS: 14th & 15th MARCH - 5th Sun. of Lent

1st READING: Ex 37:12-14 PSALM: 129
2nd READING: Rm 8:-8-11 GOSPEL: JN 11:1-45

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT (LAETARE SUNDAY)

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DAILY INTENTIONS 10AM. 16TH - 18TH — 21ST MARCH

✠ Margaret & Tommy Joe Quinton & deceased of the Coffey & Quinton families

✠ Michael Walsh, Caheroyan

✠ Nora Coffey & deceased of the Coffey family, Ballybacka

✠ Tom Madden, Cussane & deceased of the Madden family

✠ Martin & Catherine Cannon, their son Michael & daughters Kathleen & Anne

✠ Mary Ellen, Michael & Julia Somers, Newford

✠ Terence Madden, Bengarra

✠ Michelle, Tommy & Micko Morrissey, Deerpark

✠ John & Sabina O'Brien, Willie & Mary O'Brien, John O'Brien & deceased of the O'Brien family, Canteeny, Turloughmore

✠ Thomas Collins, Knockbrack & deceased of the Collins & Conneely families

✠ Anne & Michael Moran, New Line

✠ Martin, Catherine & Tom Cannon & deceased of the Cannon & Connolly families

✠ Kathleen Brennan, Northgate St.

✠ Olive Creaven nee Curran

✠ Renee Jones nee Curran

✠ Jimmy Fahy, Tysaxon

✠ Catherine Forde, Moanbaun

✠ Mary Keane, Ard Aoibhinn

✠ Andy & Margaret Dillon & their sons Michael, Paddy & Andy & daughter Anne

BASKET COLLECTION LAST WEEKEND

ATHENRY & NEWCASTLE
€3,345

🎵 HYMNS 11:00AM SUNDAY MASS ATHENRY 🎵

Entrance: Jerusalem, Rejoice

Offertory: Ave Maria (Perosi)

Communion: 1. Renew your Hearts (Lécot)
2. By the Rivers of Babylon

Recessional: Organ

Jerusalem, rejoice! Rejoice all you who love her.

All you who dwelt in sorrow, be comforted

I rejoiced when I heard them say: Let us go to God's house

And now our feet are standing within your gates O Jerusalem

It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord.

For Israel's law it is there to praise the Lord's name.

There were set the thrones of judgement of the house of David

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE PARISH OFFICE

**WILL BE CLOSED ON
ST. PATRICK'S DAY, TUESDAY 17TH MARCH**

ST. PATRICK'S DAY MASS TIMES

AMANNA AIFRINN LÁ FHÉILE PÁDRAIG

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A MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER

Gracious God, We thank you for adopting us into your family through the miracle of your grace, & for calling us to be brothers & sisters to each other.

Today, loving God, we pray for our mothers: who cared for us when we were helpless who comforted us when we were hurt whose love & care we often took for granted.

Today we pray for those:

who are grieving the loss of their mother, & mothers grieving the loss of a child;

who never knew their biological mother & now yearn for her; who have experienced the wonder of an adopted mother's love; families separated by war or conflict.

Lord, give them special blessings.

Keep us united with you & with each other, so that we can be & become all that we are meant to be. Amen.

LAETARE SUNDAY

Laetare Sunday, the 4th Sunday of Lent, marks a joyful pause in our Lenten journey. *Laetare* means "Rejoice," from the Mass antiphon: "*Rejoice, Jerusalem.*" As we reach midpoint of Lent, the Church invites us to rejoice in hope as Easter draws nearer. We also remember 3 mothers: our own mothers, our Mother the Church who nurtures our faith & Mary, the Mother of Jesus.

COMHGHAIRDEAS — FIRST CONFESSIONS

We remember the children who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation this week & those receiving it next week. Congratulations to them all. Thanks to their schools, parish & families who prepared them. We wish them every blessing as they journey to First Holy Communion in May. Please keep them in your prayers. BEIR BUA AGUS BEANNAIGHT.

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

ST. PATRICK'S BREASTPLATE PRAYER

SÁINT PÁDRAIC'S BREASTPLATE	LÓIBRACH FÉIDRÁIG
CHRIST WITH ME,	CRÍOST LOM,
CHRIST BEFORE ME,	CRÍOST ROMHAM,
CHRIST BEHIND ME,	CRÍOST I MO DHAIDH,
CHRIST WITHIN ME,	CRÍOST I STIGH IONAM,
CHRIST BELOW ME,	CRÍOST FOM,
CHRIST ABOVE ME,	CRÍOST OS MO CHIONN,
CHRIST ON MY RIGHT HAND,	CRÍOST AR MO LÁMB DHEAS,
CHRIST ON MY LEFT HAND,	CRÍOST AR MO LÁMB CHÉ,
CHRIST IN MY SLEEPING,	CRÍOST I MO LÚ DOM,
CHRIST IN MY WAKING,	CRÍOST I MO SHEASAMH DOM,
CHRIST IN THE HEART OF ALL WHO THINK OF ME,	CRÍOST I GCRÓI GACH DUINE ATÁ AG CUIMNEAMH DOM,
CHRIST IN THE MOUTH OF ALL WHO SPEAK OF ME,	CRÍOST I MBÉAL GACH DUINE A LABHRÁIDH LOM,
CHRIST IN EVERY EYE THAT LOOKS AT ME,	CRÍOST I NGACH SÓL A FHÉACHAINN DOM,
CHRIST IN EVERY EAR THAT LISTENS TO ME,	CRÍOST I NGACH CLUAS A ÉISTRANN LOM,

PASTORAL COUNCIL MARCH MEETING

The Parish Pastoral Council met this week. We discussed: Sacraments for the children. First confessions have started for the children & are moving well. The confirmation program is moving on, the classes are happening with all the schools & confirmation takes place on the 25th April.

Easter: Planning is taking place for Easter & we thank everybody who's involved in that.

Canton Hall: - Progress is being made with the Canton Hall in divesting it over to Athenry Community Council CLG.

Parish Mission: Feedback on the Parish Mission was extremely positive. Everybody appreciated the work that was put into it & also the numbers of people who attended the Mission. Some suggestions have come out of that which the Parish Pastoral Council will deal with the going forward.

Child Safeguarding: Training took place recently to bring up to date all who needed child safeguarding training.

Review: Parish Council members took a midterm review, now that the Council is half way through it's four-year term. Overall members feel the Pastoral Council is working well, & is going well. We continue to take suggestions on board that have come forward & hope to work with them for the next two years.

PRESENTATION COLLEGE ALL IRELAND FINAL

We wish every blessing to the Presentation College Athenry squad members, mentors & back room team in the Post Primary Schools Senior-A Hurling Final in Croke Park on St. Patrick's Day. It is a tremendous proud occasion for Athenry parish, neighbouring parishes & the school itself. **BEIR BUA AGUS BEANNAIGHT.**

PARÁID LÁ FHÉILE PÁDRAIG, BAILE ÁTHA AN RÍ 2026

The parade will start at approx. 11:45 (after Mass). Groups should gather on the Raheen Link Rd. at Byrne Mech by 11am & await instructions. The parade will follow the road from Byrne Mech into town, turning onto Old Church St., then down Clarke St. & looping back to Market Square via Cross St. before ending at the park. At the Square, participants will have an opportunity to pause & show off as the emcee tells the crowd about the group. **BEANNAICHTÁI LÁ FHÉILE PÁDRAIG ORAIBH GO LÉIR.**

FREE GRD COURSE: "TAKING THE PAST FORWARD"

Free Heritage Training from GRD, supported by the LEADER Programme. The course will be of interest to community heritage groups, tidy towns groups, men's sheds, women's sheds, CE Schemes, & all interested in their local heritage. Individuals & groups are welcome to attend. The 5-week course starts Wed. March 25th, @ 10am in Kiltullagh Community Hub [H65KC89]. To book: email zenahocor@gmail.com by March 20th.

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. Enquiries: carol.king@vocations.ie.

KNOCKSHRINE EVENTS (www.knockshrine.ie)

Celebrating St. Patrick: A free evening of Irish Music, Heritage & Culture in Knock Basilica this Sun. March 15th at 8pm. A celebration of choral & liturgical music, traditional hymns to St. Patrick & contemporary Irish sacred works.

Children's Rosary & Eucharistic Adoration: Thursday, 19th March, 5:30-6:15 pm at the Apparition Chapel. For children & teens. All welcome to join in prayer. Under 18s must be accompanied by a parent / guardian. Enquiries: 087 2299623, www.ChildrensRosary.org.