

22ND MARCH 2026
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✠ MASS TIMES ✠
CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION ATHENRY
SATURDAY MARCH 21ST, 2026 — MASS AT 6:30PM
Intention
SUNDAY MARCH 22ND, 2026 — MASS AT 11:00AM
Joe Rabbitte, Caheroyan, (Month's Mind)
SATURDAY MARCH 28TH, 2026 — MASS AT 6:30PM
Intention
SUNDAY MARCH 29TH, 2026 — MASS AT 11:00AM
Teresa Loughnane, Cahertubber, (1st Anniversary)

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION NEWCASTLE
SUNDAY MARCH 22ND, 2026 — MASS AT 10:00AM
Jimmy Fahy, Tysaxon
SUNDAY MARCH 29TH, 2026 — MASS AT 10:00AM
Agnes Keady, Ballyboggan

DAILY INTENTIONS 10AM. 23RD — 28TH MARCH
✠Michael Gibbons, Mallow & formerly Clamper Pk. (1st Anniv.)
✠Fred & Josephine Caulfield, Prospect
✠Mary Murphy, Boyhill
✠Michael Sheehan, Moanbaun
✠Kathleen & Michael McGrath, Prospect & deceased members of the Keane & McGrath families
✠JJ Duane, Cahertubber & deceased of Duane & Melia families
✠Martin Coady & deceased of the Cody family, Belville
✠Nóra Coffey, Ballybacka & deceased of the Fox family
✠Nan Hardiman, Cross St. & deceased of the Hardiman family
✠Ena & Eddie King, Boyhill
✠Paddy & Tereasa Rooney, Rahard & Julia Rooney, Cahercrin
✠Patrick & Bride Monaghan Kingsland & Joe Howley AbbeyRow
✠Kevin, Rita, Cora & Paul Whelan & deceased members of the Whelan family, The Square

RECENTLY DECEASED — MAY THEY REST IN PEACE
Richard Koczorowski, Wroclaw, Poland,
father of Maja Drapiewski and father-in-law of Rev. Julian
Kathleen Meehan, Donegal,
sister of Anne Kelly, Castlelambert & Caheroyan

BASKET COLLECTION LAST WEEKEND
ATHENRY & NEWCASTLE
€3,585

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK
Takes place Saturday, March 28, after 10:00 am Mass.
Recommended no more than once per month, unless needed,
& should ideally be accompanied by Confession for full effect.

♪ HYMNS 11:00AM SUNDAY MASS ATHENRY ♪
Entrance: O SACRED HEAD SURROUNDED
Offertory: Attende Domine
Communion: By the Rivers of Babylon
Recessional: Ave Regina Caelorum

WEEKLY CONFESSION TIMES
ATHENRY: Saturdays before 10:00am Mass, or by appt.
NEWCASTLE: After 10.00am Mass on Sundays.

1. **O SACRED HEAD SURROUNDED** by crown of piercing thorn.
O bleeding head, so wounded, reviled and put to scorn.
Our sins have marred the glory of thy most holy face,
Yet angel hosts adore thee, and tremble as they gaze.
2. The Lord of ev'ry nation was hung upon a tree;
His death was our salvation, our sins, his agony.
O Jesus, by thy Passion, thy life in us increase;
Thy death for us did fashion our pardon and our peace.

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 4:00pm in the Pastoral Centre. All new members are warmly welcome. For further info. please contact Grace: musicgracekelly@gmail.com.

♪ HYMN 10:00AM SUNDAY MASS NEWCASTLE ♪
BE THOU MY VISION
Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart,
Naught be all else to me save that Thou art;
Thou my best thought by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.
Be Thou my wisdom, be Thou my true Word,
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, and I thy true son,
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

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.

READINGS: 28TH & 29TH MARCH — PALM SUNDAY
1st READ: Is 50:4-7 **PSALM:** 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24,
2nd READ: Phil 2:6-11 **GOSPEL:** Mt 26:14-27:66

YOUNG CHILDREN AT WEEKEND MASSES
Children too young for Children's Liturgy can avail of colours & religious colouring sheets available at rear of both churches.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP — TUESDAYS AT 7:30PM
Takes place in the room beside the Parish Office. For young people 18 — 35 especially. New members are always welcome.

ST. MARY'S PARISH — HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Week is the most sacred week in the life of the Church, beginning with Palm or Passion Sunday which commemorates the Lord's triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Holy Thursday commemorates the First Mass and the institution of the priesthood. On Good Friday we remember the passion and death of Jesus — his sacrifice for us. On Holy Saturday night we celebrate the high point of our faith — the Resurrection of Jesus — where He has gone, we hope to follow. Please join us and encourage others to join us during Holy Week.

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION ATHENRY

PALM SUNDAY MARCH 29TH
Saturday March 28th Vigil Mass 6:30pm
Sunday March 29th Mass 11:00am
(11:00am Mass will begin with blessing of the Palm on the concourse of the church weather permitting)



MONDAY MARCH 30TH
Showing of a Film on the Passion 8:00pm

TUESDAY MARCH 31ST
Penance Service 7:00pm

HOLY THURSDAY APRIL 2ND
Commemoration of the Last Supper 8:00pm

GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 3RD
Stations of the Cross 3:00pm
Commemoration of the Passion 8:00pm

HOLY SATURDAY APRIL 4TH
Easter Blessing of Food 10:30am
Confessions 11:00 - 11:45am
Easter Vigil 9:00pm

EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 5TH
Mass 11:00am

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✠ STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT ✠
Takes place every Friday during Lent
at 7:00pm in Athenry Church

TRÓCAIRE LENTEN CAMPAIGN
Each year the people of the parish have given generously to Trócaire who are deeply grateful for this. Your donations help provide food, clean water, education, & vital support to families who need it most. Even a small contribution makes a big difference. PLEASE RETURN TRÓCAIRE BOXES AT EASTER.

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.

EASTER COLLECTION FOR THE PRIESTS
The Easter Collection for the Priests of the Parish will be taken up at all Easter Masses (Saturday 4th & Sunday 5th April). This is one of the four collections in the year that goes towards the priest's salaries. You can also contribute electronically via: IBAN: IE33 AIBK 9370 1000 1550 60. BIC: (AIBKIE2D).
WE ARE DEEPLY GRATEFUL FOR THE WAY YOU SO GENEROUSLY SUPPORT US THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. GOD BLESS YOU ALL.

CATECHUMEN PREPARATION — NEWCASTLE CHURCH

The last number of months we've been praying for two people in our parish who are preparing to become full members of the church on Holy Saturday night in Galway Cathedral. This weekend in Newcastle Church they complete their Third Scrutiny in preparation for this. The Third Scrutiny is the final liturgical rite of purification & strengthening for catechumens, focusing on repentance & God's healing grace before they are fully received at the Easter Vigil. We continue to keep them in our prayers as they journey towards Easter. We welcome them as full members of our Christian family.

TUAM DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK
Takes place Sunday, May 3rd 2026.

TUAM ARCHDIOCESE MEN OF ST. JOSEPH (MOSJ)
The next meeting takes place Sunday 19th April, 7pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel Tuam (H54 T656). Guest speaker will be Fr. Chris Hayden. MOSJ promotes Faith, Formation, & Fraternity among Christian men in the Archdiocese. Enquiries frmarkquinn@tuamparish.com. New members welcome.

NEWCASTLE ROADS SPRING CLEAN
Newcastle Community Centre committee with National Spring Clean have organised some bags, gloves etc. to help clean up the roads around Newcastle, during the dates of 28th March - 11th April. Supplies will be available outside the Community Centre on Sundays 22nd & 29th March after Mass.

ESKER NS FUN DAY / OPEN DAY
Esker NS (H65HY10). March 22nd 12 — 3:00pm. All welcome!

WHISPER OF GOD PRAYER RETREAT AT KNOCK SHRINE
'Whisper of God' One Day Silent Retreat takes place in Knock Prayer Centre Saturday, March 28th 2026 from 10am to 5pm. Enq.: 086 0108623 or prayerguidance@knockshrine.ie.

PILGRIMAGES 2026
MEDJUGORJE: 7 NIGHTS. 9TH—16TH APRIL
Spiritual Director: Fr. Brendan Kilcoyne. Enquiries to: Mick / Carmel Summerville 087207194/ 0871339668 .

DIOCESAN FATIMA & LISBON COAST: 25TH JUNE — 2ND JULY
Ex Dublin. Led by John B. McLoughlin. Religious programme & guided tours, per itinerary. Enq: Joe Walsh Tours 01 2410800.

COME & SEE DAY — A DAY TO EXPLORE PRIESTHOOD
Talks, Prayer, Q & A, discerning a vocation. Saturday 28th March 2026. 11am - 4:30pm. (Includes Eucharist). Knock House Hotel, F12R6Y5. Enquiries: carol.king@vocations.ie.

PIONEER ASSOCIATION PRAYER AFTERNOON
Takes place this Sunday 22nd March in the Blessed Sacrament Church Knock. Starting at 3pm. All welcome.

LATIN MASS IN KNOCK
Monday April 12th. 6pm, in Blessed Sacrament Chapel Knock.

YOUTH 2000 DAY RETREAT
Takes place Saturday April 25th at Knock Shrine. Youth 2000 provides an opportunity for young people (16-35) to develop their relationship with God, learn more about the Catholic faith & meet other young people through a structured retreat programme. Talks, testimonies & games. Donation only. Enq. / to register: visit Youth2000.ie or connaught@youth2000.ie.