

**29TH MARCH 2026**  
**CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, ATHENRY**  
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**✠ MASS TIMES ✠**  
**CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION ATHENRY**  
**SATURDAY MARCH 28TH, 2026 — MASS AT 6:30PM**  
 Pro Populo & Grow In Love – First Holy Communion Mass  
**SUNDAY MARCH 29TH, 2026 — MASS AT 11:00AM**  
 Teresa Loughnane, Cahertubber, (1st Anniversary)  
**SATURDAY APRIL 4TH, 2026 — MASS AT 9:00PM**  
 The Easter Vigil  
**SUNDAY APRIL 5TH, 2026 — MASS AT 11:00AM**  
 Easter Day of the Lord's Resurrection

**CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION NEWCASTLE**  
**SUNDAY MARCH 29TH, 2026 — MASS AT 10:00AM**  
 Agnes Keady, Ballyboggan  
 Grow In Love – First Holy Communion Mass  
**SUNDAY APRIL 5TH, 2026 — MASS AT 10:00AM**  
 Seán Corbett, Boyhill

**RECENTLY DECEASED — MAY THEY REST IN PEACE**  
**BRIDIE SHEEHAN**, Moanbaun  
**THOMAS CHEEVERS**, Caheroyan Park  
**JULIE MAY CONCANNAN**, Belleville & Furbo  
**CAROL CONWAY CLOUGH**, Florida, sister of Richard Conway, Cahertubber & Colm Conway & David Conway, Galway

**BASKET COLLECTION LAST WEEKEND**  
 ATHENRY & NEWCASTLE **€3,480**

**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](mailto:musicgracekelly@gmail.com).

**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 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**  
 The Bible Study group is on break for Easter and will return on Tuesday, 14th April. Takes place in the room beside the Parish Office. New members are always welcome.

**READINGS: 5TH APRIL — EASTER SUNDAY**  
**1st READ:** ACTS 10:34, 37-43. **PSALM:** 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23.  
**2nd READ:** COL 3-14. or 1 COR 5:6-8. **GOSPEL:** JN 20:1-9.

**PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION**  
**CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, NEWCASTLE**  
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**DAILY INTENTIONS 10:00AM.**  
**MON. 30TH, TUES. 31ST MARCH & WED. 1ST APRIL**  
**THERE IS NO 10:00AM MASS**  
**HOLY THURSDAY, GOOD FRIDAY OR HOLY SATURDAY**

✠John Ward Ballygurrane  
 ✠Joe Varley, Castle Ellen & deceased of Varley & Killeen families  
 ✠Mattie & Joy McNamara & deceased of the McGuinness & McNamara families  
 ✠Mary Kindregan, Mountpelier & deceased of the Kindregan & Duffy families  
 ✠Maria Puc, Poland  
 ✠Alice Coyle, Monaghan & Kieran Glynn, Caheroyan  
 ✠Liam Heffernan, Mountain West  
 ✠Birdie Greaney, Dublin Rd.  
 ✠Tess Tee, England & deceased of the Connor family  
 ✠Pat Costello, Castle Ellen & deceased of the Costello family  
 ✠Eddie Madden & parents Patrick & Annie Madden, Baunmore  
 ✠John (Moc) & Ellen Kelly, Caherbriskau

**HOLY WEEK / APRIL "FIRST FRIDAY" CALLS**  
**Fr. Charlie:** Wednesday April 1st  
**Fr. Benny:** Good Friday April 3rd

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED ON GOOD FRIDAY**  
 Closed Good Friday 3rd April.  
 Reopens again Tuesday 7th April 10:30am.  
 Deadline for newsletter items for the Easter newsletter is 11:00am Wednesday 1st April.

**SHOWING OF A FILM ON THE PASSION**  
 A special showing of a film on the Passion will be held in the Pastoral Centre, on Monday March 30th at 8:00p.m.

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

**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.

🎵 **HYMNS 11:00AM SUNDAY MASS ATHENRY** 🎵

**Entrance:** *Lauda Jerusalem Dominium*  
**Offertory:** Cruz Fidelis  
**Communion:** Father if this Cup  
**Recessional:** O Sacred Head Surrounded  
*Lauda Jerusalem Dominum, Lauda Deum tuum Sion. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna Filio David.*  
 (O praise the Lord, Jerusalem, Zion praise your God. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna to the Son of David)

**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 & the institution of the priesthood. Good Friday: we remember the passion & death of Jesus — his sacrifice for us. 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 & 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 (Confessions) 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

**CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION NEWCASTLE**

**PALM SUNDAY MARCH 29TH**  
 Mass 10:00am

**HOLY THURSDAY APRIL 2ND**  
 Commemoration of the Last Supper 6:30pm *changed from 7pm*

**GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 3RD**  
 Stations of the Cross 3:00pm  
 Commemoration of the Passion 7:00pm

**EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 5TH**  
 Mass 10:00am

**CONSIDER CONFESSIONS FOR EASTER**  
 Maybe it's been a while – maybe it's been too long – perhaps the last time was a bad experience – perhaps it's something you feel to be unnecessary in your life, or you simply want to 'cut out the middle man', yet the Sacrament of Reconciliation is one of the greatest gifts & graces the Church has to offer. It's not that we're bad, it's that we're LOVED, but perhaps something bad has happened or we've done something that has affected our relationship with ourselves, with others or with God. We are coming to experience the love, mercy & forgiveness of God so that we can begin again. Examine whether the Sacrament of reconciliation is like that in your life. You are not coming to be judged, but to be healed, before Christ in the person of another broken individual, who too knows love, mercy & forgiveness of God in their own lives. Please give close consideration to Easter Confessions. You will be most welcome!

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

**MEDJUGORJE WITH FR. BRENDAN KILCOYNE**  
**MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE: 7 NIGHTS. 9TH—16TH APRIL**  
 Spiritual Director: Fr. Brendan Kilcoyne. Enquiries to: Mick / Carmel Summerville 087207194 / 0871339668.



**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.*

**ANNUAL DIVINE MERCY NOVENA**  
 Begins Good Friday & concludes Divine Mercy Sunday, April 12th, (2nd Sunday of Easter). Novena leaflets are available in the churches. We strongly encourage the Divine Mercy devotion, however, we remind you that Easter is the most important week of the Church's year & while entering into this devotion we should never lose sight of Holy Week & Easter.

**Divine Mercy Mass — Sunday 12th Athenry Church**  
**Guided Holy Hour** 2:00pm  
**Devotional Prayers** 3:00pm  
**Holy Mass** 3:15pm

**OCIA – ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS**  
 There continues to be a growing number of adults across the Diocese who wish to begin or complete their journey to membership of the Catholic Church. The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) programme is available for Adults:

- Who have not been baptised & wish to become Catholic;
- Baptised in another Christian denomination who wish to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church;
- Baptised Catholic who have not yet received the Sacraments of Eucharist or Confirmation and would now like to do so.

Anyone interested in the OCIA programme is warmly invited to make contact. Email: [OCIA@knockshrine.ie](mailto:OCIA@knockshrine.ie).

**TUAM ARCHDIOCESE MEN OF ST. JOSEPH (MOSJ)**  
 Next meeting: Sun. 19th April, 7pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel Tuam (H54 T656). Guest speaker: Fr. Chris Hayden. New members welcome. Enq: [frmarkquinn@tuamparish.com](mailto:frmarkquinn@tuamparish.com).

**'CALMING YOUR ANXIETY' PROGRAMME**  
 Knock Counselling Centre is running a 'Calming Your Anxiety' Programme to support participants better understand & manage their anxiety & move towards creating some ease in life. The programme commences Tuesday 7th April, 6—8pm & will run over 7 Tuesday evenings. More info. & to register Tel: 09493-75032; Email: [counsellingoffice@knockshrine.ie](mailto:counsellingoffice@knockshrine.ie).

**TUAM CANCER CARE PROGRAMME FOR CHILDREN**  
 The CLIMB programme (starts Tues. 21st April, 5—6.30pm) in Tuam Cancer Care Centre, Dunmore Rd., Tuam, H54A318, This 6 week programme is for children aged 5-12, experiencing the impact of a parent's cancer diagnosis. Enquiries: 09328522.

**NEWCASTLE ROADS SPRING CLEAN**  
 Newcastle Community Centre Committee with National Spring Clean have organised some bags, gloves etc. to help clean up Newcastle roads from 28th March - 11th April. Supplies available outside the Community Centre after Mass on Sunday.

**PUBLIC MEETING ON PROPOSED ATHENRY PEAKER PLANT**  
 This meeting on the proposed Peaker Plant will take place at 8:00pm Monday 30th March in the Raheen Woods Hotel.

**APRIL SOILSE DISCO CANCELLED**  
 It WILL NOT TAKE PLACE as the first Friday falls on Good Friday.

**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](http://Youth2000.ie) or ✉ [connaught@youth2000.ie](mailto:connaught@youth2000.ie).