

5TH APRIL 2026
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EASTER DAY OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION
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✠ MASS TIMES ✠
CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION ATHENRY
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
SATURDAY APRIL 11TH, 2026 — MASS AT 6:30PM
 Kitty Rooney, Rahard, (1st Anniversary)
SUNDAY APRIL 12TH, 2026 — MASS AT 11:00AM
 Francis O'Shea, Cahertubber (1st Anniversary)
SUNDAY APRIL 12TH, 2026 — MASS AT 3:15PM
 Divine Mercy Mass
 Preceded by 2pm Guided Holy Hour at 2:00pm
 Devotional Prayers at 3:00pm

DAILY INTENTIONS — MASSES AT 10:00AM DAILY
MONDAY 6TH — SATURDAY 11TH APRIL

- ✠ Louis Garvey, Headford
- ✠ Marion Rooney & her husband Michael, Blain
- ✠ Michael Quinn, Old Church St.
- ✠ Julia Quinn & deceased of the Quinn family, Old Church St.
- ✠ Mattie Fitzpatrick, New Line
- ✠ Mary, Tony, Mark & Martin Ollerenshaw
- ✠ Fred & Ellen White, Barrack St.
- ✠ Brian Atkinson, Slí an Clarín
- ✠ Eddie & Tess Brady, Church St.
- ✠ James, Bridget & Pat O'Malley & deceased of the O'Malley family, Galway
- ✠ Thomas & Agnes Molloy & their son John & deceased of the Molloy family, Ballygurrane

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION NEWCASTLE
SUNDAY APRIL 5TH, 2026 — MASS AT 10:00AM
 Seán Corbett, Boyhill
SUNDAY APRIL 12TH, 2026 — MASS AT 10:00AM
 Bertie Burns, his daughter Claire & deceased of the Burns & O'Mahoney families

RECENTLY DECEASED — REST IN PEACE
Ann (Nancy) Delaney, Park.

EASTER HOLY WATER
 Holy water is a very important Sacramental in the life of the Church. We strongly encourage its use as a form of blessing and protection in homes, in cars and on the land. Small bottles of Holy water blessed this Easter, are available to take home from Athenry & Newcastle churches.

ST. MARY'S PARISH ATHENRY
EASTER 2026

BASKET COLLECTION LAST WEEKEND
 ATHENRY & NEWCASTLE **€3,550**

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.

TRÓCAIRE LENTEN CAMPAIGN
 Each year the people of Athenry parish gives generously to Trócaire's Lenten Campaign. Trócaire are deeply grateful for this. **PLEASE RETURN TRÓCAIRE BOXES AT YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE**

♪ **HYMNS 11:00AM EASTER SUNDAY MASS ATHENRY** ♪
Entrance: Jesus Christ is risen today
Offertory: Regina Caeli (C. Gounod)
Communion: Surrexit Christus Dominus (E. Poston / J. O'Keefe)
Recessional: Regina Caeli (Plainchant)

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.

1. **Jesus Christ is ris'n today**, Alleluia, Our triumphant, holy day, Alleluia, Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia, Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia.
 2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia, Unto Christ our heav'nly king, Alleluia, Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia, Sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia.
 3. But the pain which he endured, Alleluia, Our salvation has procured, Alleluia, Now above he reigns as King, Alleluia, Where the angels ever sing, Alleluia.

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.

ATHENRY PEAKER PLANT — APRIL INFO. CLINICS
LISHEENKYLE NS — COMMUNITY INFORMATION CLINICS
Wednesday 8th 6-8pm; Friday 10th 5-7pm; Saturday 18th 5-7pm
ATHENRY TOWN HALL — COMMUNITY INFORMATION CLINIC
Friday 17th 5-7pm

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.

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.

READINGS: 12TH APRIL — 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER
1st READ: ACTS 2:42-47. **PSALM:** 117:2-4, 13-15, 22-24.
2nd READ: 1 PT 1:3-9. **GOSPEL:** JN 20:19-31.

EASTER BLESSINGS & GRATITUDE
 A very sincere word of thanks to all who participated in the Holy Week ceremonies and to all who planned them, to the choirs and to all our parish staff and volunteers, a very sincere word of thanks. May God bless you all.

As we have now journeyed through Lent and Holy Week, arriving at this great Easter day, we pray every blessing on you all during this season of hope and new life. May it be a time of growth and renewal when you experience the risen Christ walking with you. Happy Easter and thanks for all your support to the parish throughout the past year. It is appreciated more than you will ever know!!

TUAM DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK
 Takes place **Sunday, May 3rd 2026**. It will commence with the Sacrament of Anointing at 2.30 pm.

TUAM DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGES
FATIMA AND LISBON COAST;
 7 nights (4+3); June 25th; Ex Dublin. limited availability. Led by John B. McLoughlin. Contact: 012410800.

TUAM AND KILLALA DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES;
 August 28th (6 nights); Led by Archbishop Duffy; ex Ireland West Airport. Contact: 012410800.

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

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

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.

OCIA - ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS
 More adults in the Diocese are seeking to begin or complete their journey into the Catholic Church. OCIA is open to the unbaptised, those baptised in other Christian denominations, and baptised Catholics who have not yet received Eucharist or Confirmation. To learn more: ✉ OCIA@knockshrine.ie.

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION PILGRIMAGE
 At Knock Shrine, **Sun. 19 April 2026: 10:30am-5pm**. Includes Adoration, Confessions, a keynote on Eucharistic Adoration by Fr Nicholas Grace, Anointing of the Sick, & Mass with Bishop Alphonsus Cullinan, followed by Benediction & procession. **Evening session: Sat. 18 April (6-9pm) in Baslica.** All welcome.

BECOME A LAUDATO SI' ANIMATOR
 The Laudato Si' Animators Program teaches people how to take care of our planet. It is inspired by a letter called Laudato Si', written by the late Pope Francis. It says we should love & protect the Earth, just like we care for our home. This free online course beginning April 15th explores environmental & social challenges in a practical & hopeful way. You'll also join a supportive network across Ireland, guided by Trócaire. Info: <https://laudatosianimators.org>; ✉ roisin.pye@trocaire.org

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EASTER COLLECTION FOR THE PRIESTS
 The Easter Collection for the Priests of the Parish will be taken up at **all Masses this Easter weekend (Saturday & Sunday)**. This is one of 4 collections in the year that goes towards the priest's salaries. You can also transfer your contribution electronically:
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.

AN EASTER MESSAGE FROM ARCHBISHOP FRANCIS

Archdiocese of Tuam
 Archbishop's House, Tuam, Co. Galway, H54 HP37
 093 24166 email: admin@tuamarchdiocese.org www: www.tuamarchdiocese.org

EASTER 2026
A Message from Archbishop Francis Duffy

Easter proclaims and celebrates the living hope we have in Christ, for, as the Scriptures remind us, God "has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead" (1 Peter 1:3). In the Risen Lord, who reminds us, "I am with you always" (Matthew 28:20), we find the strength to live as his disciples in the midst of our daily lives.

When the Risen Jesus stood among his disciples, his first words were, "Peace be with you" (John 20:19). He speaks these same words to us today, calling us to be bearers of his peace, hope and love in a world that so clearly longs for healing.

May the light of the Resurrection shine in every place of darkness, and may hope and peace take root and flourish, especially where there is conflict, despair and war.

I wish you a blessed and peaceful Easter.

Francis Duffy

ANNUAL DIVINE MERCY NOVENA & MASS
 Novena began Good Friday & concludes Divine Mercy Sunday, April 12th, (2nd Sunday of Easter) with Holy Hour, Devotional Prayers & Mass. Novena leaflets available in both churches.

ATHENRY PARISH

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY MASS

Athenry Church
April 12th

2pm - Guided Holy Hour
3pm - Devotional Prayers
3.15pm - Holy Mass

** Confession will be available during the Holy Hour.*
** Musicians and singing will accompany the Holy Hour.*

JESUS I TRUST IN YOU

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