

19TH APRIL 2026

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, ATHENRY

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**✠ MASS TIMES ✠**

**CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION ATHENRY**

**SATURDAY APRIL 18TH, 2026 — MASS AT 6:30PM**  
Grow in Love First Holy Communion Mass

**SUNDAY APRIL 19TH, 2026 — MASS AT 11:00AM**  
Leanne Gill, Caheroyan (Month's Mind)

& her father Tommy (Burton) Gill, Caheroyan (20th Anniv.)

**SATURDAY APRIL 25TH, 2026 — MASS AT 6:30PM**  
John Burke, Castleturvin & Abbey Row (1st Anniversary)

**SUNDAY APRIL 26TH, 2026 — MASS AT 11:00AM**  
Yvonne Williams, USA & formerly Carnaun (1st Anniversary)

**CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION NEWCASTLE**

**SUNDAY APRIL 19TH, 2026 — MASS AT 10:00AM**  
Johnny Brett & deceased of the Brett & O'Connor families  
Grow in Love First Holy Communion Mass

**SUNDAY APRIL 26TH, 2026 — MASS AT 10:00AM**  
Kathleen & Jimmy Gannon  
& deceased of the Gannon & Mannion families

**RECENTLY DECEASED — REST IN PEACE**

**Johnny Delaney (Sr.)**, Caheroyan Road  
**Brigid Curley**, Clonfert, mother of Michael Curley, Moyvilla

**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  
Monday 6:00pm — 9:00pm

**ST. MARY'S PARISH CHILDREN'S CHOIR**

The Children's Choir is seeking new members aged 7-13. They sing at one Saturday Vigil Mass each month. Practices are on Tuesdays at 4pm in the Pastoral Centre. More info: please contact Grace. Email: [musicgracekelly@gmail.com](mailto:musicgracekelly@gmail.com).

**BIBLE STUDY GROUP — TUESDAYS AT 7:30PM**

Weekly Bible Study continues Tuesdays 7.30pm in the Pastoral Centre with a special welcome to those aged 18-35.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

Children's Liturgy (during Sunday 11:00am Mass) continues for children entering Junior/Senior Infants and 1st Class.

**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.

**READINGS: 26TH APRIL — 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**1st READ:** ACTS 2:14, 36-41 **PSALM:** 22:1-6  
**2nd READ:** 1 Pt 2:20-25 **GOSPEL:** Jn 10:1-10

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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**DAILY INTENTIONS 10:00AM 20TH — 25TH APRIL**

- ✠ Carol Conway Clough, Florida (Month's Mind)
- ✠ Norah Killeen, Castle Ellen and deceased members of the Killeen, Varley and Copeland families
- ✠ John and Ellen Ward, New Inn and Cullairbaun and deceased members of the Ward and McDonagh families
- ✠ Anthony Laffey, Rocklodge
- ✠ Martin and Annie Loughnane, Station Road and deceased members of the Loughnane and King families
- ✠ Kathleen and Martin King, Ard Aoibhinn
- ✠ Mary Lally, Mountgarrett and her daughter-in-law Kathleen Lally, London
- ✠ The Moylan family, Castlelambert
- ✠ Patrick Keane and deceased members of all the Keane family, Tobberoe
- ✠ Andy and Jean Hannon, Ballydavid
- ✠ John Hegarty and deceased members of the Hegarty, Mahony and McCarthy families
- ✠ The deceased of the Cummins family, Coldwood

**♪ HYMNS 11:00AM EASTER SUNDAY MASS ATHENRY ♪**

Entrance: Battle is O'er  
Offertory: This Joyful Eastertide  
Communion: Song of the Resurrection (McDonagh)  
Recessional: Thine be the Glory

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won;  
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;  
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;  
let the Church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,  
for her Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting.  
Thine be the glory...

**BASKET COLLECTION LAST WEEKEND**

ATHENRY & NEWCASTLE €3,730

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SUNDAY, 3RD MAY**

(LED BY ARCHBISHOP FRANCIS)

We encourage people to make the Pilgrimage  
It will commence with The Sacrament of  
Anointing at 2.30 pm.

A bus will leave the Arch Car Park at 10.30am  
sharp on the day. To Book contact:  
Assumpta 0872706061 / Vincent 0872939367.



**THE BISHOPS PASTORAL LETTER**

We welcome the Pastoral Letter from Archbishop Francis and invite you to read it (see the column to the right). The Pastoral Council has not yet had the opportunity to consider and discuss the Ministry. It will be a priority at the next meeting.



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**EASTER COLLECTION — MÍLE BUÍÓCHAS**

A very sincere word of thanks to all who contributed to the Easter Collection for the priests of the Parish. As always your generosity is very deeply appreciated. God bless you all for your kindness towards the priests in so many ways.

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**THE REGINA CAELI**

**THROUGHOUT THE YEAR WE PRAY THE ANGELUS,  
HOWEVER DURING THE EASTER SEASON  
WE PRAY THE REGINA COELI DAILY AT 12:00PM AND 6:00PM.**

**THE REGINA CAELI (QUEEN OF HEAVEN) IN ENGLISH**

V. Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.

R. For He whom you did merit to bear, alleluia.

V. Has risen, as he said, alleluia.

R. Pray for us to God, alleluia.

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

R. For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray. O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

**CONFIRMATION 2026**

Confirmation takes place in the parish on Saturday 25th April. We wish every blessing to the young people receiving the Sacrament. Please keep them & their families in your prayers

**ARCHDIOCESE MEN OF ST. JOSEPH (MOSJ)**

A meeting takes place this Sunday 19th April at 7pm in the Blessed Sacrament chapel Tuam (H54 T656). Guest speaker is writer & spiritual director Fr. Chris Hayden, who will speak on the topic of the Churches teaching on sexuality. MOSJ was established to promote Faith, Formation, & Fraternity among Christian men in the Archdiocese. New members welcome each month. Enq: [frmarkquinn@tuamparish.com](mailto:frmarkquinn@tuamparish.com).

**ATHENRY CAMOGIE CLUB BAKE SALE**

Takes place in the Pastoral Centre this Sunday 19th April after 11am Mass. Please come along to support the Club Fundraiser & enjoy some tasty treats. Teas and Coffees available.

**NEWCASTLE NS CHURCH GATE COLLECTION**

The Parents Association of Newcastle N.S. are holding a church gate collection in both churches on April 25th & 26th. All monies raised go towards the Music Generation Project for the school. All children are being taught Ukulele this year. Without these funds, the Music Generation would not be possible.

**ATHENRY PARISH SPORTS & COMMUNITY GAMES**

Takes place this Sunday 19th April 2025. Competitions begin at 1.30pm at St. Mary's GAA Carnaun Pitch, Athenry.

**COLM FITZGERALD MEMORIAL MAY DAY WALK 2026**

The walk starts at 11:00am on Monday May 4th, at Athenry Social Service Centre, in aid of Athenry Simanjiro Partnership. Light refreshments afterwards.

**FET ATHENRY ADULT EDUCATION FREE CLASSES**

FREE Courses in Word Processing, Spreadsheets/Excel, Business Admin, Work Experience, Payroll, Book-keeping & Microsoft Office Specialist. opposite railway Station, H65X051. Open morning Wednesday 13th May 10 to 2pm). Enq. / Register: [annmarie.mchale@gretb.ie](mailto:annmarie.mchale@gretb.ie) / 086-8619162.

**WALKING WITH THE BEREAVED: A CALL TO SERVICE  
The Third Sunday of Easter 2026 19th April 2026**

Dear Parishioners,  
Each of us, by virtue of our Baptism, has been called to serve the Lord Jesus in some way or other. Some are called to visible service, others to quiet works of mercy and prayer. Yet all are joined together by the same Spirit, to live the mission of Christ by sharing the Good News with those around us.

In parishes this calling is lived out in liturgical ministries such as extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion and of the Word, through service to the most vulnerable in our communities by fulfilling safeguarding roles, through teaching the young, through care for the sick, and, for the majority, through participation in the worship of the Church. These ministries are not simply tasks; they are expressions of faith and love, offered for the good of all and in thanksgiving to God. One area where there is an emerging opportunity for greater service is in providing assistance to families at the time of a bereavement. The Church recommends that when no priest or deacon is available to lead the prayers at the funeral home or the home of the deceased, and graveside prayers in the cemetery, then a lay person may lead the appropriate rites. The Diocesan Funeral Ministry Team has been working with priests and parishes to pilot a training program to prepare for this possibility, and it has begun in two deaneries.

This ministry is not about taking over the role of the priest. There are aspects of Funeral Ministry, specifically the celebration of the Funeral Mass, that can only be carried out by a priest. In the context of Funeral Ministry in the Archdiocese of Tuam, it is envisaged that laypersons will work alongside their priest, who will serve as a mentor and guide. Eventually, having become familiar with the rites and competent in their celebration, they will be ready to assist in this way on behalf of the community, when required.

It is widely recognised that the Irish do funerals well. This developing ministry is intended to supplement what is already there. Like everything new, there can be a sense of both eagerness and trepidation. Let us walk together in faith, trusting that God will lead us in all that we do in His service and that of His people.

I ask all parishes to consider if this is a ministry which would be of assistance to you at this time. There are brochures available in your Church with more information about the ministry and what is involved in training. I invite Parish Pastoral Councils to discuss Funeral Ministry at their upcoming meeting and to begin to discern the needs of their parish in this context. I also encourage those who feel drawn to this work of compassion to consider offering their gifts through this ministry to the parish and to those who mourn.

Let us invoke the intercession of St. John Henry Newman on this important initiative as we allow his words to speak to us: Lord, may you support us all the day long, until the shadows lengthen, and the evening falls, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then, in your mercy, grant us a safe lodging, a holy rest, and peace at last. With every good wish and blessing,

*Most Reverend Francis Duffy*

Archbishop of Tuam  
Bishop Elect of Killala