

26TH APRIL 2026 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER. DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS / GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, ATHENRY

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, NEWCASTLE

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Bank Details for Weekly Church Offerings: (Please include your name and/or envelope number if you have one)

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THE REGINA CAELI

THROUGHOUT THE YEAR WE PRAY THE ANGELUS, HOWEVER DURING EASTER SEASON WE PRAY THE REGINA COELI DAILY AT 12PM & 6PM.

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.

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY / DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS SUNDAY

This weekend we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday. While we celebrate all vocations & give thanks for them, we encourage, in a special way, those who may be contemplating vocations to the priesthood. Should anyone in our parish be contemplating this calling, you are most welcome to contact one of the local priests or the Diocesan Vocations Director: Fr. Francis Mitchell Tel: 093 24166. Email: admin@tuamarchdiocese.org.

CONFIRMATION 2026

Heartiest congratulations to all 166 young people who received the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend. Sincere thanks to Archbishop Francis Duffy who confirmed them & to all involved in their preparation. EVERY BLESSING TO YOU ALL AND TO YOUR FAMILIES.

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.

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 / 086-8619162.

CHURCH ST. TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE

There will be resurfacing works on Church St., from Monday 27 April to Friday 1 May. To facilitate this, a section of Church St. (between Old Church St. & the Church) will be temporarily closed daily from 9am—5pm. Temporary traffic management & signed diversion routes will be in place. Motorists & road users should expect delays & allow extra time for journeys. John Madden & Sons Ltd & Galway Co. Council thank the public for their cooperation & apologise for any inconvenience caused.



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FRIDAY MAY 1ST

ATHENRY PASTORAL CENTRE

UPCOMING PARISH MEETINGS

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Monday April 27th at 4:30pm

PASTORAL COUNCIL: Monday April 27th at 8:00pm

Both meetings are being held in the Pastoral Centre.

WELCOME & BEST WISHES TO ARCHBISHOP FRANCIS

We welcome Archbishop Francis, who was in our parish this weekend to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. We wish him every blessing as he is installed as Bishop of Killala this weekend. The Diocese of Killala includes portions of Counties Mayo & Sligo. From this day forward the Diocese of Killala & the Archdiocese of Tuam will be united as one, brought together in the person of the bishop, in persona episcopi, as we continue along the path of further amalgamation.

MULTOS ANNOS, ARCHBISHOP FRANCIS.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SUNDAY, 3RD MAY

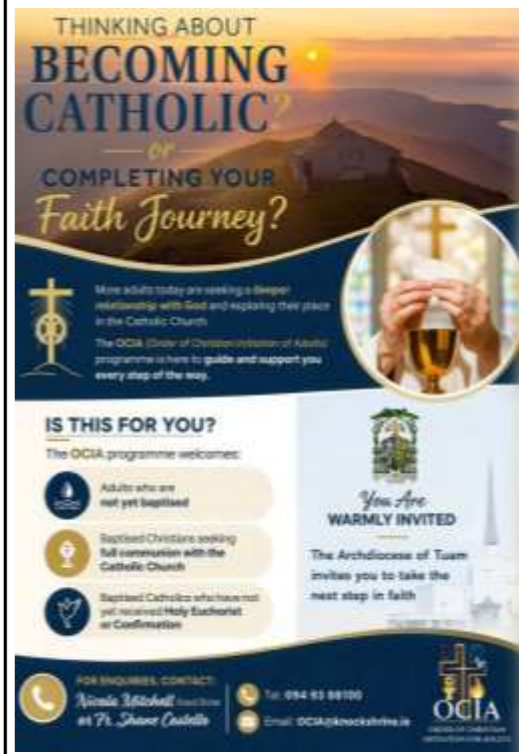
(LED BY ARCHBISHOP FRANCIS)

WE ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE

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



OCIA - ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS



There is a growing number of adults across the Diocese wishing to begin or complete their journey into the Catholic Church.

The OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) programme is available for those interested.

If you would like to learn more, you are warmly invited to make contact.

Email: OCIA@knockshrine.ie

✠ MASS TIMES ✠

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION ATHENRY

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)

SATURDAY MAY 2ND, 2026 — MASS AT 6:30PM

Tony Coffey, Caheroyan (1st Anniversary)

SUNDAY MAY 3RD, 2026 — MASS AT 11:00AM

Christy O'Dowd, Gort Mhaoilir (1st Anniversary)

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION NEWCASTLE

SUNDAY APRIL 26TH, 2026 — MASS AT 10:00AM

Kathleen & Jimmy Gannon & deceased of the Gannon & Mannion families

SUNDAY MAY 3RD, 2026 — MASS AT 10:00AM

Larry & Tessie Kennedy, Gloves & their son Tom, daughter Maria Fahy & deceased of the Kennedy family

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 7:00pm — 8:00pm (time change)
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.

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: 3RD MAY — 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

1st READ: Acts 6:1-7 PSALM: 32:1-2, 4-5, 18-19

2nd READ: 1 Pt 2:4-9 GOSPEL: Jn 14:1-12

DAILY INTENTIONS 10:00AM 27TH APRIL — 2ND MAY

- ✠ Con Courtney, Castlelambert
- ✠ Martin & Annie Healy, Mountain North & their son Michael
- ✠ Susan Francis nee Cunniffe, Rathgorgin
- ✠ Malachy & Ursula Kearney, Old Church St.
- ✠ Christy & Mary Kennedy, Caherfinsker
- ✠ Betty Ryan, Rockmore & deceased of the Waldron family
- ✠ Noel & Ina Madden, & deceased of the Madden & Gill family
- ✠ Mary & Tommy Whelan, Old Church St.
- ✠ Martin & Delia O'Grady
- ✠ Bart & Delia McGinnell
- ✠ Mai Wilson, Old Church St.

BOOKING ANNIVERSARY MASSES

ATHENRY MONTHS MINDS AND 1ST ANNIVERSARIES Months Minds & 1st Anniversaries take place at weekend Masses & may be booked for Saturday at 6:30pm or Sunday at 11:00am. We encourage you to book these as early as possible so we can best accommodate your preference.

ATHENRY WEEKLY INTENTIONS

Anniversary Masses after the 1st Anniversary — 2nd & subsequent Anniversaries are included in the weekly intentions at the 10:00am daily Masses, Monday to Saturday. If your loved one's Anniversary falls on a Sunday, please indicate your preferred week:

(1) During the week leading up to the Anniversary (Monday to Saturday, ending the day before the Anniversary), or

(2) During the week following the Anniversary (Monday to Saturday, beginning the day after the Anniversary)

NEWCASTLE MONTHS MINDS AND ALL ANNIVERSARIES

All Masses for Newcastle church can be booked by contacting Mary Gannon, Sacristan.

(PARISH OFFICE NUMBER & MARY GANNON'S NUMBER ABOVE).

BASKET COLLECTION LAST WEEKEND

ATHENRY & NEWCASTLE €3,365

FIRST FRIDAY CALLS — FRIDAY MAY 1ST

Both Fr. Charlie & Fr. Benny are doing their First Friday visits on Friday 1st May

♪ HYMNS 11:00AM SUNDAY MASS ATHENRY ♪

Entrance: Alleluia, Sing to Jesus
Offertory: Now the Green Blade Rises
Communion: Rejoice Queen of Heaven
Recessional: Regina Caeli (Chant)
Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; / His the scepter, His the throne.
Alleluia! His the triumph, / His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion / thunder like a mighty flood
Jesus out of every nation / has redeemed us by His blood.