

**17TH MAY 2026**  
**CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, ATHENRY**  
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**✠ MASS TIMES ✠**  
**CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION ATHENRY**  
**SATURDAY MAY 16TH, 2026 — MASS AT 6:30PM**  
 Paul Reynolds, Chicago & Moorpark, (1st Anniversary)  
**SUNDAY MAY 17TH, 2026 — MASS AT 11:00AM**  
 Mary Keary, Cloran, (1st Anniversary)  
**SATURDAY MAY 23RD, 2026 — MASS AT 6:30PM**  
 Bridie Sheehan, Moanbaun, (Month's Mind)  
**SUNDAY MAY 24TH, 2026 — MASS AT 11:00AM**  
 Ann (Nancy) Delaney, Park, (Month's Mind)

**CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION NEWCASTLE**  
**SUNDAY MAY 17TH, 2026 — MASS AT 10:00AM**  
 John & Breege McDonagh, their sons Michael John, Frank, Patsy & Martin, daughters Mary Lally & Noreen McVeigh & deceased of the McDonagh family  
**SUNDAY MAY 24TH, 2026 — MASS AT 10:00AM**  
 Mattie & Nonie Byrne & deceased of Byrne & Gilligan families

**VERY LOW GLUTEN HOSTS**  
 At all Masses the main celebrant will have low gluten hosts available for anyone who is coeliac or has gluten intolerances.

**RECENTLY DECEASED — MAY THEY REST IN PEACE**  
**Very Rev. Canon Seamus Flannery**, Milltown. Brother of Fr. John D. Flannery, former C.C., Athenry & ex New Line.  
**Brendan King**, Bawnmore & Toronto.  
**Mary (May) Whelan**, Athenry, Wexford & Waterford, sister of Eileen Donohue

**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

**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.

**BASKET COLLECTION LAST WEEKEND**  
 ATHENRY & NEWCASTLE **€3,340**

**READINGS: 24TH MAY — PENTECOST**  
**1st READ:** ACTS 2:1-11; **PSALM:** 103:1, 24, 29-31, 34  
**2nd READ:** 1 COR 12:3-7, 12, 13; **GOSPEL:** JN 20:19-23

**ASCENSION OF THE LORD**  
**CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, NEWCASTLE**  
**Office Eircode: H65 H224**

**DAILY INTENTIONS. 10:00AM. MON. 18TH — SAT. 23RD MAY**

✠ Eamon, Christina & Myra Whelan, Ballygurrane  
 ✠ The Commins family, Ballygurrane  
 ✠ Bridie & Roddy Dempsey, Abbey Row & deceased members of the Costello & Dempsey families  
 ✠ Shane Farragher, Raheen  
 ✠ Gill & John Ruane, Clorane  
 ✠ Bernard Mongan, & deceased members of the Ward family  
 ✠ Anne & Seamus Cullinane, Raheen  
 ✠ Kathleen & Michael Kenny & daughter Kathleen, Woodford  
 ✠ Bridie & Mark Igoe & deceased members of the Igoe & Connor families, Ballyglunin  
 ✠ Joseph & Bridget Waters & deceased of the Waters & McMahon families  
 ✠ Miko, Michelle & Tommy Morrissey, Deerpark  
 ✠ Martin & Bridie Gannon, Newline  
 ✠ Mary & Willie Curran, Boyhill  
 ✠ Riona Finn Naughton & daughters Tara & Alice Naughton  
 ✠ Thomas & Mary Holland, Craughwell & deceased of the Holland & Duffy families

🎵 **HYMNS 11:00AM SUNDAY MASS ATHENRY** 🎵  
 Entrance: **Alleluia Sing to Jesus**  
 Offertory: Thine be the Glory  
 Communion: Be Still for the Presence of the Lord  
 Recessional: **Queen of the May** (see third column)

1. **Alleluia! Sing to Jesus**, his the sceptre, his the throne; Alleluia, his the triumph, his the victory alone.  
 Hark, the songs of mighty Sion thunder like a mighty flood: "Jesus out of ev'ry nation hath redeemed us by his blood".  
 2. Alleluia! King eternal, you the Lord of lords we own; Alleluia, born of Mary, earth your footstool, heav'n your throne: You within the veil have entered robed in flesh, our great high priest You on earth both priest and victim in the Eucharistic feast.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026**  
 Congratulations to the children of Athenry Primary School who received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion this weekend. We wish God's blessing on you & your families, & thank all involved in their preparation. We also remember the children of the two remaining schools preparing for their First Holy Communion next week. The ceremonies are available via the church webcam links on [www.athenryparish.ie](http://www.athenryparish.ie).

**HOLY WATER**  
 Holy water is a very important Sacramental in the life of the Church. We strongly encourage it's use as a form of blessing & protection in homes, in cars & on the land. Holy water is available to take home from Athenry & Newcastle churches.



**THE REGINA CAELI**  
 Throughout the year we pray the Angelus, however during the Easter Season we pray the Regina Caeli daily at 12 & 6 pm.

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.

**QUEEN OF THE MAY**  
 Bring flowers of the rarest, bring blossoms the fairest,  
 From garden and woodland and hillside and dale;  
 Our full hearts are swelling, our glad voices telling  
 The praise of the loveliest flower of the vale!

**Chorus: O Mary, we crown thee with blossoms today!**  
**Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May.**  
**O Mary, we crown thee with blossoms today,**  
**Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May.**

Their lady, they name thee, their mistress, proclaim thee,  
 Ah, grant that thy children on earth be as true.  
 As long as the bowers are radiant with flowers,  
 As long as the azure shall keep its bright hue.  
**Repeat Chorus: O Mary, we crown thee....**



**ST. MARY'S ATHENRY MASS CARDS**  
 Mass Cards signed by Fr. Charlie / Fr. Benny. Available in the Parish Office. Choose from:

- ✠ **SYMPATHY** MASS CARD
- ✠ **GENERAL** MASS BOUQUET
- ✠ **EXAM** MASS BOUQUET
- ✠ **GET WELL** MASS BOUQUET
- ✠ **THANK YOU** MASS BOUQUET



**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.

**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 programme is available for those interested. If you would like to learn more, you are warmly invited to make contact. Email: [OCIA@knockshrine.ie](mailto:OCIA@knockshrine.ie)

**TOWARDS HEALING ([www.towardshealing.ie](http://www.towardshealing.ie))**  
 This free confidential helpline & counselling referral service, for survivors of institutional, clerical & religious abuse provides support & counselling through lay, independent & fully accredited therapists. **Freephone** 1800 303416 (Ire.). **Mobile:** 0894556422. **Email:** [info@towardshealing.ie](mailto:info@towardshealing.ie).

**KNOCK YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME**  
 In partnership with Youth Link & Redemptorist Youth Ministry. Applications are now open for this course which starts in September. Application deadline is May 22nd. This 2-year, part-time course is for those involved / interested in youth ministry. It equips participants with skills & confidence to support young people in their faith journey. Open to compassionate & approachable applicants. It offers a valuable opportunity to grow as a leader while serving your parish community. Accredited by Queen's University Belfast.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
 Takes place  
**MONDAY 18TH MAY AT 7:00PM**  
 IN THE PAROCHIAL HOUSE.

**CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION**  
**SUNDAY JUNE 7TH AFTER 11:00AM MASS**

Thanks to all who came along to the meeting after Mass last Sunday to help organise the Corpus Christi Procession. There will be more about it in next week's newsletter.

The Procession will depart from Athenry church, travel along Church Street & Davis Street with **Benediction at The Square**. It will return to the church for conclusion with final prayers, returning via Cross Street, Clarke Street, Old Church Street & Church Street. The children who made their First Holy Communion along with their parents are particularly welcome to participate. We invite & encourage you to keep this tradition alive. We are deeply grateful to all who make the effort to attend & are especially grateful to those who take the time & effort to decorate homes & businesses.



**LEGION OF MARY**  
 The Legion of Mary is looking to establish an Athenry branch. Our 2nd meeting will take place in the Pastoral Centre, Wednesday 20th May at 7.00pm. All are welcome to attend. Info: [www.legionofmary.com](http://www.legionofmary.com). Tel: Margaret on 0872204772.

**ATHENRY AGRICULTURAL SHOW**  
 Every blessing to all involved in the Athenry Agricultural Show which takes place Sunday 24th May 2026 at Teagasc Mellows Campus, Athenry. Here's praying for a great day for all!

**THANK YOU — COLM FITZGERALD MEMORIAL WALK**  
 The Athenry Simanjiro Tanzania parish partnership wish to thank everyone for their very generous support.

**2 DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGES (FATIMA & LOURDES)**  
**FATIMA AND LISBON COAST:** 7 nights (4+3); June 25th; Ex Dublin. limited availability. Led by John B. McLoughlin.  
**LOURDES:** August 28th (6 nights); Led by Archbishop Duffy; ex Ireland West Airport. **CONTACT: 012410800 RE BOTH**

**MASS AT KNOCK FOR ORGAN DONORS & FAMILIES**  
 The annual Mass for Organ Donors & their families takes place Sunday, May 17th at 12pm in Knock Basilica. All are welcome.

**GRÁSTA MARRIAGE RELATED COURSES**  
 Grásta, has facilitated Catholic Pre-Marriage Courses for over 25 years (formerly at Esker Monastery). They are holding weekend residential courses on the dates below. For details visit [www.grasta.org](http://www.grasta.org) or email [info@grasta.org](mailto:info@grasta.org).  
**Pre-Marriage:** 13 - 15 Nov. 2026 26 - 28 Feb. 2027  
**Married Couples:** 14 - 15 Nov. 2026 27 - 28 Feb. 2027

**LOUGH DERG THREE DAY PILGRIMAGE**  
 Friday 19th to Sunday 21st June 2026. A bus departs Renmore Church car park at 7:00am. Other pickup points can be arranged en-route. More info: contact Anne at 0868381633.

**CAMP VERITAS 2026 ([www.campveritasireland.org](http://www.campveritasireland.org))**  
 The 2026 residential Faith & Fun Camp takes place in Clongowes Wood College, Clane, Co. Kildare. June 23rd – 28th. This is a one week sleep away pilgrimage experience serving up to 200 young people between the ages of 12 — 17 years & supported by up to 100 volunteers. The recipe is 'play & pray', with a full immersion in the Catholic Faith through sacraments & fun activities. A bus will run from the West with collection points at Westport, Castlebar, Claremorris, Tuam & Athenry. Contact: Fr. Mark 09324250, [frmarkquinn@tuamparish.com](mailto:frmarkquinn@tuamparish.com).