

24TH MAY 2026

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, ATHENRY

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Tommy Cheevers, Caheroyan, (Month's Mind)

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION NEWCASTLE

SUNDAY MAY 24TH, 2026 — MASS AT 10:00AM
Mattie & Nonie Byrne & deceased of Byrne & Gilligan families

SUNDAY MAY 31ST, 2026 — MASS AT 10:00AM
Sinéad Morris, Joey Geary & the
deceased of the Morris & Fahy families

RECENTLY DECEASED — MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Anne Quirke Monatigue, Craughwell
sister of Maura Gannon Cloonbrusk & Peter Fahy Cartymore.
Liz Kavanagh O'Malley, Galway & Cortoon,
niece of Teresa Hann, Shudane

VERY LOW GLUTEN HOSTS

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READINGS: 31ST MAY — THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

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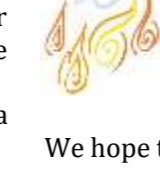
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Pentecost Sunday, observed fifty days after Easter, marks the foundational event for the Christian Church. As recounted in Acts 2, the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles & other disciples with the sound of wind & visible "tongues of fire," enabling them to speak in diverse languages. This miraculous outpouring empowered them to share the Gospel, overcoming linguistic barriers & initiating the Church's global mission. Pentecost signifies the living presence & transformative power of the Holy Spirit, empowering believers to live by faith, witness God's truth, & actively participate in building His Kingdom on Earth. It is a joyful celebration of the Holy Spirit's continuous work within individuals & the entire Body of Christ.

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!



*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....*

EXAM PRAYER SERVICE

TUESDAY JUNE 2ND AT 9:00PM IN ATHENRY CHURCH

EXAM PRAYER SERVICE

DATE: Tuesday 2nd June
TIME: 9:00pm - 9.20pm
LOCATION: Church of the Assumption Athenry

EVERYBODY IS WELCOME

A PRAYER SERVICE FOR ALL JUNIOR AND LEAVING CERT EXAM STUDENTS.

GATHER TOGETHER FOR GOD'S BLESSING FOR YOUR EXAMS.

- Light a candle
- Reflection
- Pray together

We invite young people sitting State examinations to join us for a prayer service on the evening before their exams. Held later to allow time for study, it offers students calm & supportive space to relax, pray, unwind & connect with friends & classmates away from books & screens. We hope it provides a deeper sense of peace & encouragement before exams begin.

ST. MARY'S ATHENRY MASS CARDS

Signed by Fr. Charlie / Fr. Benny. Available in the Parish Office.

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



PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

The next Pastoral Council Meeting takes place on Monday next 25th May at 8:30pm in the Pastoral Centre.

PRAY FOR LIFE NOVENA

The Pray for Life Novena is an invitation to join thousands of people across Ireland to pray for the protection and dignity of all human life, especially the unborn, the elderly, and the vulnerable. This year it takes place from Saturday, 23 May to Sunday, 31 May (Trinity Sunday). Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life in Ireland. This is an initiative of the Council for Life of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference. Prayer cards are available in the church. Also visit <https://prayforlife.ie/> to get the daily novena prayers.

Church of The Assumption Athenry

SUNDAY JUNE 7th
Starts outside after 11am Mass

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

Children who made their 1st Communion are welcome to wear their 1st Communion clothes and process up front with their parents, the priest and Jesus in the Eucharist. We invite & encourage you to keep this tradition alive.

LEGION OF MARY MEETING

The Legion of Mary is looking to establish an Athenry branch. Their 3rd meeting will take place at the Pastoral Centre, Wednesday 27th May at 7.00pm. All are welcome to attend. Info: www.legionofmary.com or call Margaret on 0872204772

CONGRATULATIONS TO NEWCASTLE N.S.

Congrats to Newcastle N.S who were runners up in the Walton RTÉ Lyric FM Music Competition at the National Concert Hall on 19th May. The talented pupils proudly represented their school at the finals where they performed their original song "A Chuisle Mo Chroí" live on stage. Congratulations to all the pupils and staff of Newcastle NS on this fantastic success.

ATHENRY AGRICULTURAL SHOW THIS SUNDAY MAY 24th

At Teagasc, Mellows Campus. It promises to be a fun-filled family day out for all, with competition classes, games, activities, food trucks, variety of stalls & entertainment for all. *Every blessing to all involved in the Athenry Agricultural Show. Here's praying for a great day for all! Beir bua agus beannacht*

CHURCHGATE COLLECTION — SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Support 4 Athenry athletes representing Team Connaught at the Special Olympics Ireland Summer Games (18-21 June) : Conor Egan, James O'Callaghan, Jessica Howard & Chloe Lewis Loughane. We are very proud of you all & wish you every success. A Churchgate collection takes place outside Athenry Church May 30 & 31 to support athlete & chaperone costs. Also donate via 0860684209 or IBAN: IE84AIBK93722344124158.