

26TH JULY 2026

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, ATHENRY

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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, NEWCASTLE

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BANK DETAILS FOR WEEKLY CHURCH OFFERINGS: (Please include your name &/or envelope no. if you have one).
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✠ MASS TIMES ✠

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION ATHENRY

SATURDAY JULY 25TH, 2026 — MASS AT 6:30PM
Seán Monaghan, Riversdale House, (1st Anniversary)

SUNDAY JULY 26TH, 2026 — MASS AT 11:00AM
Meg Hession, Clarin Crescent, (1st Anniversary)

SATURDAY AUGUST 1ST, 2026 — MASS AT 6:30PM
Intention

SUNDAY AUGUST 2ND, 2026 — MASS AT 11:00AM
Thomas (Tomsie) Walsh, Farnablake (Month's Mind)

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION NEWCASTLE

SUNDAY JULY 26TH, 2026 — MASS AT 10:00AM
Deceased of the Gannon & Healy families, Mountgarrett

SUNDAY AUGUST 2ND, 2026 — MASS AT 10:00AM
Martin Gannon, (Month's Mind)
& deceased of the Gannon family Shudane

Burial of Martin's Ashes after Mass
in Templemoyle Cemetery

SATURDAY AUGUST 8TH, 2026 — MASS AT 11:00AM
Billy Caulfield, Gloves, Newcastle & Cregmore
(Month's Mind)

RECENTLY DECEASED — MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Agnes, Courtney, Castlelambert

Gary Daly, Kingsland South & Essex

Angela McGinley, sister of Padraig Ryan, Mountgarrett

BASKET COLLECTION LAST WEEKEND

Athenry & Newcastle

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SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Takes place SATURDAY AUGUST 1ST. AFTER 10:00AM MASS.
It is recommended that this Sacrament be received
no more than once per month unless it is genuinely needed.
For the Sacrament to be effective is should really be
accompanied by the Sacrament of Confession.

WEEKLY CONFESSION TIMES

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, ATHENRY

Saturdays 9.15am - 9.45am before 10:00am Mass or by appt.

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, NEWCASTLE

After 10.00am Mass on Sundays.

READINGS: 2ND AUGUST — 18TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

1st READ: Is 55:1-3 PSALM: 144:8-9, 15-18

2nd READ: Rm 8:35, 37-39 GOSPEL: Mt 14:13-21

WEEKLY INTENTIONS — 10:00AM MASSES DAILY

MONDAY 27TH JULY — SATURDAY 1ST AUGUST

✠ Paddy Buckley, Rockfield

✠ Jim Kelly & his son Barry, Captain's Lodge, Ballydavid

✠ Ellie Rabbitte & her husband Tom & Fr. Martin Rabbitte

✠ Maureen Lee, Gort Mhaoilir

✠ Mark Ollernshaw & deceased of the Ollernshaw family

✠ Brendan Loughnane, Poul nabanny

✠ Brendan O'Sullivan, Caheroyan Drive

✠ James, Margaret & Kay Crotty

✠ Seán Ruane, Castlelambert

✠ Martin & Bridget Ruane & deceased of the family

✠ Gill Morrissey, Castlelambert

✠ Frank Coffey, Pat Kilkelly & deceased of the Coffey, Kilkelly & Doyle families

REEK SUNDAY 2026

Reek Sunday's National Pilgrimage to Croagh Patrick takes place this Sunday July 26th. It's still not too late to head off! Masses hourly on the summit, 8:00am to 2:00pm. Confessions 7:30am until 2:00pm. More info at westportparish.ie.

MARY'S MEALS ANNUAL STEP BY STEP WALK

Global school feeding charity Mary's Meals will hold their annual Step By Step to Feed the Next Child - Walk to Knock from 7th to 15th August. 

Walkers will leave Athenry at 8.30am on Tuesday 11th August, heading for Galway. Please come out and encourage the walkers, and if you're able to do so, donate in the buckets or visit marysmeals.ie to donate online. It costs just €22 to feed a child for a whole school year, and 11c provides one school meal. All donations, big or small, are very welcome.

PRE-LOVED CDs FOR MARY'S MEALS

Browse the collection of pre-loved CDs in the foyer outside the Parish Office. Stock is replenished regularly. A suggested donation of €1 per CD to Mary's Meals is appreciated; this may be made at the Parish Office. Thanks for your support.

VERY LOW GLUTEN HOSTS

The main celebrant in at all Masses in both Athenry and Newcastle churches has low gluten hosts available for anyone who is coeliac or has gluten intolerances.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

ATHENRYMon — Wed. 10:30am — 6:00pm daily
Thurs. 10:30am — Sat. 6:00pm (perpetual)
Sunday 12 noon — 6:00pm

NEWCASTLESaturday 7:00pm — 8:00pm
Monday 6:00pm — 9:00pm

DAY OF GRANDPARENTS & OLDER PEOPLE

This weekend the Church honours all grandparents and older members of our community.

The World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly is an opportunity to give. Since they have given us so much, we should give back to them. What we have to give to them is both simple and powerful: time, attention and love.

We give thanks for, and deeply value, all you have done and all you continue to do.

MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL.

PRAYER FOR WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS & THE ELDERLY

I thank You, Lord, for the comfort of Your presence: even in times of loneliness,
You are my hope and my confidence,
You have been my rock and my fortress since my youth!
I thank You for having given me a family and for having blessed me with a long life.
I thank You for moments of joy and difficulty, for the dreams that have already come true in my life and for those that are still ahead of me.
Thank You for this time of renewed fruitfulness to which You call me
Increase, O Lord, my faith, make me a channel of your peace, teach me to embrace those who suffer more than me, to never stop dreaming
and to tell of your wonders to new generations.
Protect and guide Pope Francis and the Church, that the light of the Gospel might reach the ends of the earth.
Send Your Spirit, O Lord, to renew the world, that the storm of the pandemic might be calmed, the poor consoled and wars ended.
Sustain me in weakness and help me to live life to the full in each moment that You give me, in the certainty that you are with me every day, even until the end of the age.

CHURCH GATE COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

There will be a Church Gate Collection next weekend Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd August for Rise and Shine Trust formerly Irish Pilgrimage Trust. Rise and Shine offers Volunteer supported Pilgrimage Holidays to young people with additional needs in Lourdes and in Clarinbridge. Please support. Thank you for your generosity in previous years

WEEK OF IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY, KNOCK

Takes place from Sunday, July 26th to Saturday, August 1st in the Prayer Centre at Knock Shrine. The theme for this year's retreat is 'Jesus, if people only knew You'. Welcome session takes place Sunday evening 7pm, with a full daily programme Monday to Saturday. More info: www.knockshrine.ie or contact John Farrelly at 086 0108623.

LATIN MASS KNOCK

The next Latin Mass will take place on Sunday August 10th at 6:00pm, in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel Knock.

ATHENRY PLAYGROUND FUNDRAISER

Athenry community playground are having the 'Big Day Out' on Saturday, August 8, 12-4pm. There will be stalls selling local handmade goods, music by local artists, food trucks and a wide range of fun activities for families to partake in. Funds raised will go straight into the playground for maintenance and repairs as they arise. €15/child and €5/adult with an option for a family ticket. There are also fab goodie bags available to buy with your tickets, while stocks last! Spread the word, share the link and get your tickets for a great day of family fun! Visit <https://athenryplayground.ie> for more info. & to buy tickets.

2026 CEMETERY MASSES IN AUGUST

ALL MASSES WILL BE AT 7.30PM.

✠	Monday 10th August	Moorpark Cemetery
✠	Tuesday 11th August	Templegeall Cemetery
✠	Wednesday 12th August	Willmount Cemetery
✠	Thursday 13th August	Templemoyle Cemetery
✠	Friday 14h August	Athenry New Cemetery

In the event of inclement weather: Moorpark, Templegeall, Willmount & Athenry New Cemetery Masses will be transferred to Athenry Church. Templemoyle Cemetery Mass will be transferred to Newcastle Church. All Masses will begin at the same time — 7:30pm. Any change of venues will be announced on parish radio & webcam on the evening.

The cemetery committees appeal to parishioners to attend to their family graves — tidy up, clear grass or weeds on the graves & to remove old discarded wreaths. Please do likewise for any neglected graves where there are no living relatives. Please do not dump any bags of rubbish in the Cemetery.

'LADY DAY' SATURDAY 15TH AUGUST 2026

MASS @ 3PM AT OUR LADY'S WELL.



ROSARY PROCESSION @ 2:15PM

FROM THE SQUARE TO LADY'S WELL

'Lady Day' is always a very important day in Athenry Parish. As a Parish Community it is a time of coming together. We pray it may also be a time of grace & blessing.

KILSKEAGH GRAVEYARD

Mass & Blessing of the Graves 2026

Mass & Blessing of Graves will take place in Old Kilskeagh Graveyard at 7pm, Thursday, 20th August. Access via H65 X290. Please allow extra time, as there is a 140-yard walk on rough, uneven ground. There will also be a short talk by archaeologist Donna Gilligan on the graveyard history. For weather updates, check Kilskeagh Church and Graveyard Custodians Facebook page. Any queries: John: 087 4175388.

Kilskeagh Heritage Talk

There will be a free talk on the Old Kilskeagh Church & Graveyard in Lackagh Parish Centre at 7pm, Wednesday, 19th August. Speakers are Donna Gilligan, archaeologist and Dr Breda Lynch, history researcher and author. All are welcome.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

28th August — 3rd September. Led by: Archbishop Francis Duffy. Direct return flights from Knock to Lourdes. For info. & bookings: Tel: 012410800. Email: info@joewalshtours.ie

YOUTH 2000 SUMMER FESTIVAL 13TH-16TH AUGUST

For ages 16–35: Join Youth 2000 at Newbridge College, Co. Kildare, 13–16 Aug. Donation-only, free buses, meals included. Talks, workshops, Mass, music, prayer & more. All welcome! youth2000.ie or follow @Youth2000Ireland.