

16TH AUGUST 2026 TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
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 &/or envelope no. if you have one).
Bank: AIB, Athenry; Account Name: St. Mary's Parish Athenry. IBAN:IE59 AIBK 9370 1013 1670 45. BIC:AIBKIE2D

✠ MASS TIMES ✠

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION ATHENRY

SATURDAY AUGUST 15TH, 2026— MASS AT 6:30PM
Bridget Higgins, Ballydavid (Month's Mind)

SUNDAY AUGUST 16TH, 2026 — MASS AT 11:00AM
Micheál Waldron, Newford / Ballygurrane S. (1st Anniversary)

SATURDAY AUGUST 22ND, 2026— MASS AT 6:30PM
Maurice Ruane, Athenry & Ennis (1st Anniversary)
& Christy Caulfield, Prospect (2nd Anniversary)

SUNDAY AUGUST 23RD, 2026 — MASS AT 11:00AM
Tommy Qualter, Knockbrack (1st Anniversary)

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION NEWCASTLE

SUNDAY AUGUST 16TH, 2026 — MASS AT 10:00AM
Intention

SUNDAY AUGUST 23RD 2026 — MASS AT 10:00AM
James & Annie O'Grady, Tiaquin

BASKET COLLECTION LAST WEEKEND
Athenry & Newcastle **€3,230**

WEEKLY CONFESSION TIMES
ATHENRY: Sat. 9.15am - 9.45am before 10am Mass / by appt.
NEWCASTLE: After 10.00am Mass on Sundays.

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
Monday 6:00pm — 9:00pm

MARY'S MEAL'S PRE-LOVED CDs, CASSETTE TAPES & BOOKS
Browse the selection of pre-loved Cds, Cassette Tapes & books in the foyer outside the Parish Office. Items are €1 each with all proceeds going to Mary's Meals. Please pay at the Parish Office.
YOUR €1 PROVIDES MEALS FOR A CHILD FOR APPROX. 2 SCHOOL WEEKS / 10 MEALS. Thanks for supporting this worthy charity.

Mary's Meals provides life-changing school meals to children in the world's poorest communities. The promise of a good meal brings hungry children into the classroom, where they can gain an education & better opportunities for the future. Mary's Meals make it possible for hungry children to come to school & give them the energy they need to concentrate & participate in class. It costs just €22 to provide a child with meals in a place of education for a whole school year.

READINGS: 23RD AUGUST — 21ST SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME
1ST READ: 1s 22:19-23 PSALM: 137:1-3, 6, 8
2ND READ: RM 11:33-36 GOSPEL: MT 16:13-20

WEEKLY INTENTIONS — 10:00 MON. 17TH — SAT. 22ND

✠ John Farrell, Rockfield Cross & Bolton, England
✠ Patrick Farrell, Turloughalanger
✠ Mary Small, Mountain North
✠ Rose & Hughie Slater
✠ Paddy Phillips
✠ Mary Madden, Cussane & the deceased of the Madden family
✠ Francis & Andy Waldron & the Waldron family, Craughwell
✠ Nora Ward, An Cheathrú Bán
✠ Paul Healy, Rockmore & Loughrea
✠ Ann & Bernard Gibbons, Newford / Ballygurrane South
✠ Micheál & Evelyn Higgins, Coshla
✠ Mary Teresa McNamara, Ballydavid
✠ Angela Burke & deceased of Egan & Burke families, Coshla
✠ Sinéad Brody, Swangate
✠ Greg, Joe & Frank Rabbitte & deceased of the Rabbitte family
✠ Mary B. & John Crosby & Maureen Cawthorne
✠ Thomas & Bridget Cheevers, Caheroyan Park
✠ Margaret & Thomas Treacy, Park
✠ Mattie & Bridget Kirwan & deceased of the family
✠ Paddy Joe Morrissey, Deerpark
✠ John Rabbitte, Fahy's Village
✠ Delia Hardiman & deceased of Nugent & Hardiman families

ANNIVERSARY MASS BOOKINGS
CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION ATHENRY

Saturday 6:30pm & Sunday 11:00am Masses in Athenry church are reserved for Month's Minds & 1st Anniversaries. 2nd Anniversaries onwards may be booked for the 10am weekday Masses (Monday-Saturday).

The newsletter DEADLINE for submission of Mass intentions is every THURSDAY AT 11:30AM. Mass intentions received after the deadline will try to be accommodated but we cannot guarantee they will be included.

Contact the Parish Office to book, or book through the parish website
Mass stipend donations can also be paid online

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION NEWCASTLE

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

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

THE 2027 DIARY IS NOW OPEN FOR BOOKINGS IN BOTH CHURCHES

PRAYER: A MHUIRE NA NGRÁS
A Mhuire na nGrás, a Mháthair Mhic Dé,
go gcuire tú ar mo leas mé. Go sabhála tú mé ar gach uile olc,
go sabhála tú mé idir anam is chorp.
Go sabhála tú mé ar muir is ar tír, Go sabhála tú mé ar lic na bpian
Gárda na n-aingeal os mo chionn, Dia romham agus Dia liom.



OUR LADY OF KNOCK HYMN
There were people of all ages, gathered 'round the gable wall
poor & humble men & women, little children that you called.
We are gathered here before you, our hearts are just the same
filled with joy at such a vision, as we praise your name
REFRAIN: Golden Rose, Queen of Ireland,
all my cares and troubles cease
as we kneel with love before you,
Lady of Knock, my Queen of Peace.

Though your message was unspoken, still truth in silence lies
as we gaze upon your vision, and the truth I try to find
here I stand with John the teacher, and with Joseph at your side
and I see the Lamb of God, on the Altar glorified. REFRAIN
CEMETERY MASSES & LADY DAY 2026 — MILE BUÍOCHAS!
A very sincere word of thanks to all who made the recent
CEMETERY MASSES and LADY DAY MASS ON AUGUST 15TH
such a resounding success.

It takes a lot of hard work by many people behind the scenes to maintain these beautiful and sacred places all year round and that doesn't go unnoticed. We are deeply grateful to each and every one of you, both those who give of their time voluntarily and those who part of schemes. It is really wonderful to see the fruit of so much effort, care & love and it is deeply appreciated. A special word also to all those who prepared the altars, set up sound and took part in the liturgies in the various locations, a very sincere thanks to you for the most valuable contribution you make. Thanks be to God for the fine weather and to the many people who turned out in devotion.
Again a sincere thanks to the Lady's Well Committee and all the various Cemetery Committees and individuals who do such Trojan work. May God bless you all for all you do.

OLD KILSKEAGH GRAVEYARD
MASS & BLESSING OF THE GRAVES 2026 & HERITAGE TALK
7pm, Thursday, 20th August. Access via H65 X290.
KILSKEAGH HERITAGE TALK LACKAGH PARISH CENTRE:
Wed. 19th August 7pm. Speakers: Donna Gilligan, archaeologist & Dr Breda Lynch, history researcher. All welcome.

ST JOSEPH MEN'S CAMINO — BOYNE VALLEY
Takes place in Drogheda, Co. Louth, Saturday, 12th Sept. This one-day 25km pilgrimage along the historic Boyne Valley route is open to men aged 18 & over. The day includes Holy Mass, Adoration, Confessions & fraternity. After-dinner speaker is Fr. Mark Quinn, founder of Men of St Joseph, Tuam Archdiocese. Cost: €65, including lunch & dinner. Students: €55.

ATHENRY CHRISTMAS LIGHTS GROUP
SEEK DONATIONS FOR CAR BOOT SALE
Athenry Christmas Lights Group will hold its annual Bric-a-Brac Stall at the Athenry Car Boot Sale. They are seeking donations of good-quality, saleable items. Please note: CDs, cassette tapes & clothing can't be accepted. Donations can be dropped off at the former Arch Filling Station 7pm — 8pm on: Tues. 11th & Wed. 12th; Tues. 18th & Wed. 19th & Tue. 25th & Wed. 26th August. A volunteer will be there during these times to accept donations. Please do not leave items unattended if no volunteer is present. Thank you for your generosity and support in helping this worthwhile community initiative.

ADULT EDUCATION FREE COURSES
FREE Part-time Courses in Word Processing, Spreadsheets/Excel, Business Admin, Work Experience, Payroll, Book-keeping & Microsoft Office Specialist (Word & Excel) at Further Education Athenry (FET), opposite railway Station, H65X051, Open morning: Wed 26th August 10am to 2pm. More info. / register Email annmarie.mchale@gretb.ie or 086-8619162.

NATIONAL NOVENA AT KNOCK SHRINE
AUGUST 13TH — 21ST
Daily ceremonies at 3pm & 8pm. Daily workshops 12.45pm. Details www.knockshrine.ie

Sun. 16th 3pm: Rebuilding the City of God-Pope Leo & New Technology, Bishop Kevin Doran
8pm: Faith in the Era of AI, Sandra Cullen

Mon. 17th: From Mass to Meadow: Living Our Faith Outdoors, Sheila Murphy

Tues. 18th: Faith in My Pocket, Mario Nunis

Wed. 19th: Enjoy Your Life-Make it Happen, David Wells

Thurs. 20th: A Church For Everyone, Deacon Mark Paine,

Fri. 21st 3pm: Healing Power of Love, Fr. Paul Murphy,
8pm: Sheltered in God's Love, Fr. Richard Gibbons,

THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY CELEBRATION OF THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE KNOCK APPARITION. More info: www.knockshrine.ie

KNOCK NOVENA PRAYER
In the name of the Father, & the Son, & the Holy Spirit. Amen.
Give praise to the Father Almighty, To His Son, Jesus Christ the Lord, To the Spirit who lives in our hearts, both now and forever. Amen.
Our Lady of Knock, Queen of Ireland, you gave hope to your people in a time of distress, and comforted them in sorrow. You have inspired countless pilgrims to pray with confidence to your divine Son, remembering His promise, "Ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find."
Help me to remember that we are all pilgrims on the road to heaven. Fill me with love and concern for my brothers and sisters in Christ, especially those who live with me. Comfort me when I am sick, lonely or depressed.
Teach me how to take part ever more reverently in the Holy Mass. Give me a greater love of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Pray for me now, and at the hour of my death. Amen.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;
Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
Have mercy of us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
Grant us peace.

St. Joseph
St. Joseph, Chosen by God to be The Husband of Mary, The Protector of the Holy Family, The Guardian of the Church. Protect our families, In their work and recreation And Guard us on our journey through life. (Repeat - Lamb of God, etc.)
St. John
St. John, Beloved Disciple of the Lord, Faithful priest, Teacher of the Word of God. Help us to hunger for the Word. To be loyal to the Mass And to love one another. (Repeat - Lamb of God, etc.)

Our Lady of Knock
Our Lady of Knock Pray for us
Refuge of Sinners Pray for us
Queen Assumed into Heaven Pray for us
Mother of Nazareth Pray for us
Queen of Virgins Pray for us
Help of Christians Pray for us
Health of the Sick Pray for us
Queen of Peace Pray for us
Our Lady, Queen and Mother Pray for us
Our Lady, Mother of the Church Pray for us
(Here mention your own special intentions)
With the Angels and Saints let us pray: Give praise to the Father Almighty, To His Son, Jesus Christ the Lord. To the Spirit who lives in our hearts, Both now & forever.
Amen.

