

30TH AUGUST 2026

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, ATHENRY

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OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday — Friday. 10:30am — 4:30pm. CLOSED: SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS, MONDAYS & HOLY DAYS.

TWENTY-SECOND 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).

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 29TH 2026— MASS AT 6:30PM

Eileen Flannery, Ard Aoibhinn (1st Anniversary Mass)

SUNDAY AUGUST 30TH, 2026 — MASS AT 11:00AM

Intention

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 5TH 2026— MASS AT 6:30PM

Gary Daly, Kingsland South & London, (Month's Mind Mass)

AND

Angela McGinley (née Ryan) Dublin & formerly of Abbey Row, (Memorial Mass)

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 6TH, 2026 — MASS AT 11:00AM

Intention

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION NEWCASTLE

SUNDAY AUGUST 30TH 2026 — MASS AT 10:00AM

Padraig Divilly and Anne Ruane Divilly and deceased of the Ruane and Divilly families, Cuddoo

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 6TH, 2026 — MASS AT 10:00AM

Malachy Ruane, Cuddoo

RECENTLY DECEASED — REST IN PEACE

Emily Masendeke, Zimbabwe, Mother of Miriam Chinhenzya, Caheroyan

BASKET COLLECTION LAST WEEKEND

ATHENRY & NEWCASTLE

€3,870

SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Anointing of the Sick takes place Saturday September 12th, 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

ATHENRY: Sat. 9.15 - 9.45am before 10am Mass / by appt.

NEWCASTLE: After 10.00am Mass on Sundays.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

The Children's Liturgy is back on Sun. Sept 6th & throughout the school year, during 11am Mass. It is for children enrolled in any school in Jr. Infants to 1st Class only. A new consent form is required for new & returning children, so please call in on your child's first day. If you are interested in volunteering (2 Sundays/term), please give your details to Parish Office.

READINGS: 6TH SEPTEMBER — 23RD SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

1st READING: Ez 33:7-9 PSALM: 94:1-2, 6-9

2nd READING: Rm 13:8-10 GOSPEL: Mt 18:15-20

WEEKLY INTENTIONS — 10:00AM

MONDAY 31ST AUGUST — SATURDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER

✠ Mary Ward, Ballydavid (1st Anniversary)

✠ Johnny & Mary Grealish, Lisheenkyle

✠ Christy Kelly, Newford

✠ Patrick Kennedy, Kingsland

✠ Joseph Hynes, Knockbrack

✠ Paddy Hession, Northgate St.

✠ Hugh & Helena Kelly, Lisheenkyle

✠ Margaret & Jack Grealish, Lisheenkyle

✠ Joseph & Brigid Waters & deceased members of the Waters & McMahon family

✠ Tommy & Mary Grealish, Lisheenkyle

✠ Maureen & Joseph Duddy, their daughter Clare & deceased of the Duddy & Flynn families

✠ Mary Brady, Moanbaun

✠ Frank & Delia Curran & their grand-daughter Katie

✠ Vincent Rohan, New Line

✠ Margaret Roach, Dysart, Roscommon & Boston

✠ Michael Mongan, Esker

FIRST FRIDAY CALLS

Fr. Charlie will do his house calls on Friday 4th September

Fr. Benny will do his calls on a later date in September

AUGUST BAPTISMS IN ATHENRY PARISH

We welcome into our Parish family:

IARLAITH THOMAS LILY WREN CHLOE ROBYN LILLIE MAE

MAY GOD BLESS THEM, GUIDE THEM ALWAYS, AND SURROUND THEIR FAMILIES WITH LOVE, FAITH, AND SUPPORT

♪ HYMNS — PLEASE SING ALONG ♪

Give me joy in my heart keep me praising

Give me joy in my heart, I pray

Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising

Keep me praising 'til the end of day



Sing Hosanna, sing Hosanna / Sing Hosanna to the King of Kings

Sing Hosanna, sing Hosanna / Sing Hosanna to the King

Give me peace in my heart, keep me resting

Give me peace in my heart, I pray

Give me peace in my heart, keep me resting

Keep me resting 'til the end of day

Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God & His righteousness;

& all these things shall be added unto you., Hallelu, Hallelujah!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!Hallelujah! Hallelu, hallelujah!

Ask, and it shall be given unto you; Seek, and you shall find.

Knock, and it shall be opened unto you. Hallelu, Hallelujah!

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Have you got one hour in the week to spare? Adoration Renewal for the parish will take place on the 12th and 13th September . A member from the Diocesan Apostolate will speak at all Masses that weekend.

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

DIOCESAN MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES MASS

Archbishop Francis will celebrate the Annual Diocesan Marriage Anniversaries Mass in Tuam Cathedral on Sunday, 11th October 2026, at 3.00 pm. Couples celebrating a marriage anniversary in 2026 are warmly invited, especially those marking a significant anniversary. Refreshments will be served afterwards in St Jarlath's College. Please send the names of the couples attending and the number of family members accompanying them to info@tuamparish.com or phone 09324250 by Wednesday, 7th October for catering purposes.

MONTHLY MINI VIGIL AT KNOCK SHRINE

Takes place on Friday, September 4th in the parish church. Confessions available from 8pm to 9pm. Vigil takes place from 9pm to Midnight. All are welcome.

POOR CLARES HALF DAY RETREAT

For women 18-40. With Women's spirituality speaker Louise McGuinness. An opportunity to encounter God's love & deepen your life of prayer & communion with God. The event will take place 2 — 6pm Sunday 6th September. For more information & to register: <https://cherisheddaughters.eventbrite.ie>

ST. JOSEPH MEN'S CAMINO — BOYNE VALLEY

Men's Pilgrimage Drogheda. Saturday, 12th September. Men 18+. 25km pilgrimage through the historic Boyne Valley, with Mass, Adoration, Confessions & fraternity. After-dinner speaker: Fr. Mark Quinn, founder of Men of St Joseph, Tuam Archdiocese. €65 (€55 students), including lunch & dinner.

ATHENRY AGRICULTURAL SHOW — STORAGE NEEDED

Athenry Agricultural Show: Due to circumstances beyond our control, we are currently looking for a storage area for our show equipment. We are seeking either long-term or short-term storage in Athenry or surrounding areas. If you have a suitable space available, or know of someone who might, please contact 0879971575. It would be greatly appreciated.

PRE-LOVED BOOKS, CDS & CASSETTES – €1 EACH

Browse our selection in the foyer outside the Parish Office. All proceeds go to Mary's Meals. Please pay at the Parish Office. Your €1 provides approximately 10 meals for a child. Thank you for your support! Please note, we are no longer accepting donations of CDS, cassettes or books as we have enough items..

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FOR PEOPLE WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS

ATHENRY PASTORAL CENTRE H65H224

First Fridays Sept–June 8–10pm

THE SEASON OF CREATION — LAUDATO SI

THE SEASON OF CREATION RUNS FROM:

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR CREATION ON SEPTEMBER 1ST TO

THE FEAST OF ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI ON OCTOBER 4TH.

POPE LEO XIV'S MESSAGE FOR SEASON OF CREATION 2026:

“THE WOUNDS OF WAR EXTEND BEYOND THE BATTLEFIELD”



This year Pope Leo XIV has chosen these words as his theme: *“They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks.” (Isaiah 2:4)*

Pope’ Leos full statement is available at: <https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/messages/creation/documents/20260815-messaggio-giornata-curacreato.html>

The following article (dated 20/08/2026) is based on a report of Pope Leo's message, by Deborah Castellano Lubov, Rome and Vatican Senior Correspondent for Vatican News.

Pope Leo reminds us that peace, human suffering & care for creation are deeply connected. The wounds caused by war reach far beyond the battlefield, affecting families, communities & the natural world. War destroys lives & relationships, damages ecosystems, contaminates land & water, threatens food security & can leave wounds that last for generations. He calls us to care for the many “ecosystems” entrusted to us: creation, human relationships & human heart.

CALLED TO COLLABORATE WITH GOD

Pope Leo sees the many crises facing our world as part of one wounded reality: *“These phenomena are not unrelated; they are a single plea for healing & peace arising from a wounded world.”* We are called to become collaborators with God in the work of healing and renewal, responding with humility, faith & love.

JESUS' GIFT OF PEACE

Jesus tells us: *“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you.” (John 14:27)*. The Pope reminds us: Christ's peace is more than absence of conflict. It is peace rooted in God's love. The true instruments of peace are not weapons, but *“truth, dialogue, patience, goodness, justice, mercy, understanding, care & love.”*

RENEWAL OF HEARTS

Pope Leo stresses that lasting peace requires more than changing structures and systems. Our hearts also need to be renewed. *“In order to build a peaceful society, there is the need not only to reform structures but also to renew our hearts.”* When hearts are changed, new possibilities for peace and care for creation begin to emerge.

TURNING DESTRUCTION TOWARDS LIFE

Perhaps the most powerful image in Pope Leo's message is that what has been used for destruction can instead be used to serve life: *“What has been used for destruction can be redirected toward life.”* This is the heart of ecological conversion: turning away from what damages & destroys, & choosing instead to care for people, protect creation, nourish the hungry & stand alongside those who suffer. As we journey through this Season of Creation, Pope Leo invites us to remember that peace begins in the heart and flows outward — to our families, communities, our world and all creation. *“May the Lord grant us the courage to walk along this path, so that in our time, swords may indeed be beaten into plowshares.”*

POPE LEO CONCLUDES WITH A PRAYER:

May the Lord grant us the courage to walk along this path, so that in our time, swords may indeed be beaten into plowshares, & the promise of the Gospel may take deeper root in our world, & the peace of Christ may reign over all of creation.