

13TH SEPTEMBER 2026

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, ATHENRY

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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 SEPTEMBER 12TH 2026— MASS AT 6:30PM

Intention

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 13TH, 2026 — MASS AT 11:00AM

Richard Finn, Coshla (1st Anniversary)

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 19TH, 2026 — MASS AT 11:00AM

Aggie Courtney, Castlelambert (Month's Mind)

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 20TH 2026— MASS AT 6:30PM

Bernie Kelly, Lisheenkyle and Dublin (1st Anniversary)

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION NEWCASTLE

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 13TH, 2026 — MASS AT 10:00AM

Michael & Mary Harte & deceased of the Harte & Ryan families

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 20TH, 2026 — MASS AT 10:00AM

Peggy Keane, Tiaquin

RECENTLY DECEASED — Rest in Peace

Noreen McNamara, Ard Aoibhinn

BASKET COLLECTION LAST WEEKEND

ATHENRY & NEWCASTLE €3,800

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

FR BENNY'S FIRST FRIDAY SEPTEMBER CALLS

Fr. Benny will do his September calls

on 18th September

ATHENRY BIBLE STUDY GROUP

Resumes Tuesday 8th September at 7.30pm in the Pastoral Centre. Join us as we delve into the history and mysteries of the Old and New Testaments. No previous knowledge required and questions are encouraged. "Come and see!" (John 1:39).

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: 20TH SEPT. — 25TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

1st READ: Is 55:6-9 PSALM: 144:2-3, 8-9, 17-18

2nd READ: PHIL 1:20-24, 27 GOSPEL: Mt 20:1-16

✠ WEEKLY INTENTIONS, 10AM. MON. 14th — SAT. 19th SEPT. ✠

✠ John McCarthy, Ballintubber

✠ Ned Waldron, New Line & deceased of the Waldron family

✠ Oliver Torpey, New Line

✠ Michael & Chrissie Dempsey, Park

✠ Seán & Margaret Connolly, Ard Aoibhinn

✠ Seán & Christina Heneghan, Tobberroe

✠ Seán Farrell, Ard Aoibhinn & deceased of the Farrell family, Boyhill & deceased of the Clarke Family, Dundalk

✠ Michael Maunsell, Coldwood

✠ Brenda Ruane, Cullairbaun House (6th Anniversary)

✠ Joe Corbett & deceased of the Corbett family, Newcastle

✠ Stasia Kehoe, Wexford

✠ Michael John & Evelyn Quinn & their son Jimmy, Caheroyan

✠ James & Kate Quinn, Caheroyan

✠ Thomas Brannelly, Belleville

✠ Mick Scully, Kingsland

CONFIRMATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2027

The Diocesan Office is working hard to arrange the 2027 Confirmation dates for all the parishes in the Diocese. We hope to have the date for Athenry finalised in the next few weeks. As we look ahead to Confirmation, we encourage families to think & pray about this important Sacrament & before beginning the preparation process. We look forward to supporting our young people & their families on this special journey. We are also currently discussing May 2027 First Holy Communion dates with each school. Once the Confirmation date is decided, we will then be able to agree First Holy Communion dates. Families will be informed once all dates have been finalised, & will e published in the newsletter.

CHY 3 — CHARITABLE DONATION SCHEME

First and foremost we wish to thank you all for your generous support to the Parish which is deeply and genuinely appreciated. The CHY 3 Tax Contribution Scheme, is a tax relief programme. It allows us claim a tax refund on donations received from taxpaying parishioners. It is an important source of revenue to the Church. Please note that this scheme costs you nothing. It applies to individual donations of €250+ in a single tax year through the envelope system or bank donations. Parishioners who contributed over €250, in 2025 & who we don't have an up-to-date CHY3 Form will receive forms from us during the week. A signed form is valid for 5 years. If you receive one &:

1) Pay tax — please sign it & return it to us

2) Not paying tax — please complete the box on the accompanying form & return it to us

You can return the forms by leaving them in the church basket at Mass or to Parish Office by post or by hand.

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting of the Pastoral Council will be held in the Pastoral Centre on Monday 21st September at 7:00pm

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Finance Committee will be held in the Parochial House on Monday 28th September at 7:00pm

ATHENRY PADRE PIO PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

The Padre Pio Pilgrimage to Knock takes place Sunday 20th September 2026. A bus will leave The Arch Car Park at 10.30am sharp. For more information contact: Assumpta: 0872706061 or Vincent: 0872939367

ANNUAL MARY'S MEALS CHURCHGATE COLLECTION

The annual Mary's Meals Churchgate collection will take place next weekend Sat 19th/Sun 20th September at all Masses in Athenry & Newcastle. Mary's Meals is a simple solution to world hunger, offering school feeding programmes to children in 16 of the world's poorest countries; School + Food = Hope. It costs €22 to feed a child each day for an entire school year. More info: marysmeals.ie.

POOR CLARES GALWAY – MONASTIC EXPERIENCE DAY

For women 18 – 35 who would like to explore & experience Poor Clare life & spirituality. Saturday, 19 September. 10am–5pm. More info: poorclares.ie/monastic-experience-days and <https://poorclaresmonasticday.eventbrite.ie>

TUAM ARCHDIOCESE MEN OF ST JOSEPH

This group returns Sunday 20th September @ 7pm in the Tuam Parish Centre, H54 T656. This month's guest speaker is actor, director, & podcaster John Connors. MOSJ is a group for men of all ages & backgrounds basing our gatherings on Faith, Formation & Fraternity. New members always welcome.

ANNUAL NOVENA TO OUR LADY UNTIER OF KNOTS

This novena takes place in St. Mary's Church, Headford, H91C9W8 20th – 28th September 2026 at 7pm. Each evening begin with Rosary, Novena Prayers & concludes with Mass. All welcome as we ask Our Lady to untie the knots in our lives.

ATHENRY CHOIR HYMNS — PLEASE JOIN IN

Entrance: Hail Redeemer, King Divine

Offertory: Come Adore His Wondrous Presence

Communion: Ave Verum

Recessional: I'll Sing a Hymn to Mary

Hail, Redeemer, King Divine.

Priest and Lamb, the throne is thine

King whose reign shall never cease,

Prince of everlasting peace!

Angels, saints and nations sing

"Praise be Jesus Christ, our King;

Lord of life, earth, sky and sea;

King of love on Calvary."

NEWCASTLE HYMNS — PLEASE SING ALONG

Amazing Grace how sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me

I once was lost, but now I'm found Was blind, but now I see

Twas grace that taught my heart to fear & grace, my fear relieved

How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares We have already come

Twas grace that brought us safe thus far & grace will lead us home

I watch the sunrise lighting the sky. Casting it's shadows near

& on this morning, bright though it be

I feel those shadows near me

Chorus: But you are always close to me. Following all my ways

May I be always close to you. Following all your ways Lord.

I watch the sunlight shine through the clouds

Warming the earth below.

And at the midday life seems to say

I feel your brightness near me

PRIESTS' AUTUMN COLLECTION

The Autumn Collection for the priests of the Parish will be taken up at all Masses on the weekend Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th of September. This is one of the 4 collections in the year that goes towards the salaries of the priests. Again we are deeply grateful for your generosity and support towards the priests of the Parish throughout the year. You can also transfer your contribution electronically through the following account:

IBAN: IE33 AIBK 9370 1000 1550 60 BIC: AIBKIE2D

DIOCESAN MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES MASS

Archbishop Francis will celebrate the Annual Marriage Anniversaries Mass at Tuam Cathedral on Sunday, 11 October 2026, at 3pm. Please send names of anyone attending to info@tuamparish.com or 09324250 by Wednesday, 7 October.

AN TOBAR NUA SCRIPTURE COURSE

Join Emmaus Scripture School for a 5-week study of Paul's Letter to the Philippians, starts 22nd September on Tuesdays, 6:-7:30 pm at An Tobar Nua, Lower Dominick St, Galway (Zoom available). Register: <https://philippians.eventbrite.ie>

ATHENRY ACTIVE TRAVEL SCHEME

Galway County Council is seeking public feedback on proposed improvements from Church St. to Tuam Rd. via Station Rd. The plans include upgraded walking & cycling facilities, new pedestrian crossings, traffic-calming measures, bus-stop improvements & changes to traffic flow on part of Church St. The public consultation is open from 11–25 September 2026. More info available at <https://consult.galway.ie/en/browse>. You can submit feedback through this website or: Email: activetravel@galwaycoco.ie or Phone: 091 509000.

BUS ESCORT REQUIRED: ATHENRY — CARRABANE N.S.

Bus Escort required to accompany an 8 year old child with special needs from Athenry town to Carrabane.

FREE CLIMATE ACTION COURSE

This 6-week course starts 17th Sept. @ 7.30pm in Amicitia, Athenry. Learn practical ways to protect biodiversity & take climate action in the community. Info: Emily. 087413248 or ehughes@grd.ie Book: athenrycommunityclimate.eventbrite.ie

RORY'S MILES TO MAYO – COMING THROUGH ATHENRY

On Saturday, 19th September, Rory Best & other walkers will be passing through Athenry on Day 8 of Rory's Miles to Mayo – The Trilogy. They are walking over 235 miles — 9 marathons in 9 days to raise vital funds for children & young people affected by cancer. The funds will help support families through Daisy Lodge, with a second Daisy Lodge currently being built on the shores of Lough Corrib in Cong, Co. Mayo, allowing even more families to benefit from restorative breaks. Let's get behind them as they pass through our town & help support this great cause. Every donation, makes a difference.

GALWAY HOSPICE COFFEE MORNING

EVERY CUP COUNTS!

Come along, donate whatever you can and help your local hospice make a life a little brighter.

IRELAND'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING FOR HOSPICE

Recyclable

Venue: Athenry Pastoral Centre

Time: 10:30am - 2:30pm September 22nd

Every euro raised locally stays locally in aid of: Galway Hospice

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