

20TH SEPTEMBER 2026

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, ATHENRY

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PRIEST ON DUTY THIS WEEK:

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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

WEEKLY INTENTIONS, 10AM. MON. 21st — SAT. 26th SEPT.

✠ Margaret Mitchell, Ballydavid

✠ Nora & Thomas Gill, Mountain North

✠ Michael Finn, & deceased of the Finn Family, Moorpark

✠ Julia & Martin Caulfield, Moorpark

✠ Martin & Jane Somers & deceased of the Somers family

✠ Maud & Michael Tully, Slievruie

✠ Tom, Katie & Seán Forde, Carnaun

✠ Mary Conway, Claremorris

✠ Tom & Jimmy Rooney Coldwood & all the deceased of the Rooney, Broderick & Shiels family

✠ Eddie & Rhoda Somers, North Gate St & Cluain Lara

✠ Tom & Vera, Dessie, Dominick, Tommy Doyle

✠ Mary & Patrick Biard, Ganty Craughwell

✠ Maud D'Arcy, Currantarmuid

✠ Patrick Devaney & his daughter Margaret O'Sullivan

✠ Teresa (Doreen) & John Bane, & their sons William & Tommy

2026 CONFIRMATION & COMMUNION DATES

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation takes place in Athenry on SATURDAY 15TH MAY 2027. There will be 2 ceremonies, both in Athenry Church. Times & school groupings will be finalised during the week.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

All First Holy Communion Ceremonies for the children in all of the schools will be Athenry Church with the exception of Newcastle NS which will be in Newcastle Church. The dates for the various national schools are as follows.

First Holy Communion Ceremonies 2027

APRIL 24TH

2:30PM

Gaelscoil Ríada

MAY 8TH

12:30pm

Carnaun & Coldwood

MAY 8TH

2:30pm

Lisheenkyle

MAY 22ND

12:30PM

Newcastle

MAY 22ND

2:30PM

Athenry Primary School

'Grow In Love' Masses 2026/2027

6:30PM SATURDAY: ATHENRY; 10:00AM SUNDAY: NEWCASTLE

1) October 23rd/24th

2) November 13th / 14th

3) December 12th /13th

4) January 9th / 10th

5) February 13th / 14th

6) March 6th / 7th

First Confessions 2027: Time & venue TBC for each school

March 8th

Gaelscoil Ríada;

March 8th

Coldwood

March 9th

Carnaun

March 9th

Lisheenkyle

March 10th

Newcastle

March 11th

Athenry Primary School

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 this Sunday 20th September. 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 takes place this 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.

TUAM ARCHDIOCESE MEN OF ST JOSEPH

MOSJ (centred on Catholic Faith, Formation & Fraternity for men)meeting Sunday 20th September @ 7pm in the Tuam Parish Centre, H54 T656. Guest speaker: actor, director, & podcaster John Connors. New members always welcome.

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 CHOIR HYMNS — PLEASE JOIN IN

Entrance:

Praise my Soul

Offertory:

To Jesus Christ our Sovereign King

Communion:

The King of Love

Recessional:

O Mary of Graces

1. O MARY OF GRACES, and mother of Christ,

O may you direct me and guide me aright.

O may you protect me from Satan's control,

And may you protect me in body and soul.

2. O may you protect me by land and by sea,

And may you protect me from sorrows to be;

A strong guard of angels above me provide;

May God be before me and God at my side.

NEWCASTLE HYMNS — PLEASE SING ALONG

THE LORD'S MY SHEPHERD

I'll not want / He makes me down to lie

In pastures green: he leadeth me / the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again; / and me to walk doth make

Within the paths of righteousness, / ev'n for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, / yet will I fear no ill:

For thou art with me; and thy rod / and staff me comfort still.

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

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

GALWAY HOSPICE COFFEE MORNING

Tuesday 22nd September

10:30am



EVERY CUP COUNTS!

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

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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ATHENRY ACTIVE TRAVEL SCHEME FEEDBACK

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 / submit feedback <https://consult.galway.ie/en/browse> or email: activetravel@galwaycoco.ie or 091 509000.

OCTOBER SOILSE DISCO

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The next Disco takes place in Athenry Pastoral Centre Friday, 2nd October. 8.00-10.00pm.

SOILSE Discos, for people with additional needs, take place on the first Friday of each month from September to June.

KNOCK COUNSELLING CENTRE COURSE

Knock Counselling Centre will run an Anger Management Programme on Fri 9th & Sat 10th October. Contact: Peter Devers, 0949375032 / visit: www.knockshrine.ie/counselling.

LATIN MASS KNOCK

The next Latin Mass takes place Sunday October 11th at 6pm. in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel Knock.

POSITIVE AGEING & COMMUNITY SAFETY EVENT

Galway County Local Community Safety Partnership (LCSP) invites you to this FREE event, Friday, 25 Sept. 10:30am-2:30pm at the Ard Ri Hotel, Tuam. This will be an informative & engaging day focused on community safety, wellbeing & social connection. Register: communitysafety@galwaycoco.ie.