

11TH OCTOBER 2026

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, ATHENRY

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✠ MASS TIMES ✠

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION ATHENRY

SATURDAY OCTOBER 10TH 2026— MASS AT 6:30PM
Maeve Magill, The Glade (Month's Mind)

SUNDAY OCTOBER 11TH, 2026 — MASS AT 11:00AM
Sr. Bernadette Keating, Clonmel Convent & Caheroyan (1st Anniversary)

SATURDAY OCTOBER 17TH 2026— MASS AT 6:30PM
Intention

SUNDAY OCTOBER 18TH, 2026 — MASS AT 11:00AM
Noreen McNamara, Ard Aoibhinn, (Month's Mind)

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION NEWCASTLE

SUNDAY OCTOBER 11TH, 2026 — MASS AT 10:00AM
Ann Pomphrett, (1st Anniversary)
Peter Mahon & deceased of the Morris & Mahon families

SUNDAY OCTOBER 18TH, 2026 — MASS AT 10:00AM
Stephen Kelly & deceased of the Kelly & Kilroy families

RECENTLY DECEASED — Rest in Peace

Frank (Franco) Dunleavy, Prospect

Bernard (Bernie) Hardiman, Park

Séamus Brett, Bullaun, brother of Mary O'Neill, Clarke St.

BASKET COLLECTION LAST WEEKEND

ATHENRY & NEWCASTLE €3,370

REMINDER RE CHY 3 — CHARITABLE DONATION SCHEME

CHY 3 forms & Non-taxpayer forms can be returned via the church baskets or to Parish Office. *MÍLE BUIOCHAS*

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

ATHENRY

Mon — Wed. 10:30am — 6:00pm daily
Thurs. 10:30am — Sat. 6:00pm (perpetual)

NEWCASTLE

Sunday 12 noon — 6:00pm
Saturday 7:00pm — 8:00pm
Monday 6:00pm — 9:00pm

ATHENRY BIBLE STUDY GROUP

Tuesdays at 7.30pm in the Pastoral Centre. Join us as we delve into the history and mysteries of the Old & New Testaments. No previous knowledge required & questions are encouraged.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

During Sun. 11am Mass throughout school year. For children enrolled in any school, Jr. Infants — 1st Class. If interested in volunteering (2 Sundays/term), please contact Parish Office.

READINGS: 18TH OCTOBER — 29TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

1ST READ: Is 45:1, 4-6

2ND READ: 1 TH 1:1-5

PSALM: 95:1, 3-5, 7-10

GOSPEL: Mt 22:15-21

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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WEEKLY INTENTIONS, 10:00AM: MON. 12th—17th OCTOBER

✠ Michael Joe Morris, Tysaxon

✠ Ann Pomphrett, Newcastle

✠ Margaret Cahill & deceased of the Finn & Cahill families

✠ Joe & Nonie Higgins, Castlelambert

✠ Deceased of the extended Higgins family, Castlelambert

✠ Eileen & Willie Holian, Prospect

✠ Thomas & Nora Higgins, Lisheenkyle

✠ John & Davy Ward, Manchester

✠ Eddie Doherty, Ballydavid

✠ Tom & Kathleen Coyne, Park & deceased of their families

✠ Mike Hoade, Ballygurrane & deceased of the Hoade families

✠ Jim Ruane & the Healy, Ruane & Morrissey families

✠ Nora & Matthew Ruane & the Ruane family, Castlelambert

✠ The Fahy & Fitzpatrick families, Bridge St.

✠ Jane & Pat Glynn, Craughwell

✠ John & Mrs Loughlin, Caltra

✠ Mike & Nora Hession & extended families

✠ Archie Coyle, Monaghan & his grandson Kieran Glynn, Caheroyan Park

✠ Teresa Killeen, Pollagh & deceased of Killeen & Comer families

✠ Joan & Paddy Gardner, Northgate St. & deceased members of the Garrett & Gardner families

✠ Jim & Celia Rooney, Lisheenkyle & deceased of their families

✠ Mary O'Sullivan, Caheroyan Drive

✠ Teresa Kenny, Caheroyan Road

✠ Patrick, Mary, David & P.J. Jordan, Gort

✠ May & Mattie Forde, Duniry

✠ Michael & Bridie Forde, Galway

✠ Sonny Barrett, Monaghan

2027 CONFIRMATION

Confirmation is on SATURDAY 15TH MAY 2027. There will be two ceremonies, both in Athenry Church, as follows.
11:00am Carnaun, Gaelscoil, Lisheenkyle, Newcastle
2:00pm Athenry Primary School & Coldwood

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY 18TH OCTOBER

A day when Catholics worldwide together in prayer & support of the Church's missionary work. We are all called to share the Gospel through faith, kindness, service & example, everyday.

ANNUAL NOVENA FOR DECEASED — ATHENRY CHURCH

Takes place Monday 2nd to Wednesday 11th November at 10:00am Masses. Lists to write names of your deceased loved ones will be available in the coming weeks. These can be returned to both churches before or during the Novena. During Mass times there will be a box available at the front of the altar. Otherwise leave them in the silver box on the wall at side of altar. Daily intentions return Thursday 12th November.

HOW TO PRAY THE ROSARY

Following last week's reflection on the Rosary, this week we look at "How to Pray the Rosary". If you are new to it or returning to it after some time, there is no need to feel that you must begin by praying the whole Rosary. One decade prayed slowly & attentively is a good beginning. The Rosary is not a race or a test of memory. It is a way of keeping company with Jesus through Mary, one prayer & one mystery at a time. The Rosary is prayed before 10:00am Mass Monday to Saturday in Athenry Church, (also available through our webcam).



We begin the Rosary with the Apostles' Creed, followed by One Our Father, Three Hail Marys and the Glory Be. The next part consists of 5 full decades, with each decade centred on one mystery. At the beginning of each decade, state the Mystery to be contemplated, while reflecting on what that Mystery tells us. We reflect on key moments in the life of Jesus & in the life of Mary. These are known as the Mysteries of the Rosary. After a short pause for reflection, recite the decade (One Our Father, Ten Hail Marys & One Glory Be). At the end of the decade, say the Fatima Prayer "O My Jesus, forgive us our sins....." Repeat 5 decades & the Fatima Prayer for each of the mysteries. Then move on to the next mystery & repeat the pattern until the 5 decades are complete. Conclude with the Hail Holy Queen, followed by the concluding Prayer "O God, whose Only Begotten Son...." & finish with the Sign of the Cross. 4 sets of mysteries are traditionally prayed on different days: Joyful Mysteries — Monday & Saturday Sorrowful Mysteries — Tuesday & Friday Glorious Mysteries — Wednesday & Sunday Luminous Mysteries — Thursday

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH OF OCTOBER

SATURDAY 10TH MARKS WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY. Pope Leo XIV's October prayer intention is for Mental Health Ministry. He calls the Church to become a welcoming community for people facing mental-health challenges. He asks Christians to listen without judging, accompany people without excluding them, & help create safe spaces where all can find dignity, hope & support. The Pope also remembers those who care for people experiencing mental illness, including professionals, family members & volunteers, & prays that mental-health care will be embraced more fully in the life of the Church. His intention challenges us to recognise stigma & misunderstanding, & to respond with compassion & mercy.



🎵 HYMNS — PLEASE JOIN IN 🎵
11AM MASS ATHENRY. ATHENRY CHOIR
Entrance: Holy God We Praise thy Name
Offertory: Lead Me, Lord
Communion: God is Love
Recessional: O Purest of Creatures
Holy God, we praise thy name! Lord of all, we bow before thee
All on Earth thy sceptre claim, All in Heav'n above adore thee;
Infinite thy vast domain, Everlasting is thy reign.
Hark! the loud celestial hymn. Angel choirs above are raising!
Cherubim and seraphim, In unceasing chorus praising,
Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord; Holy, holy, holy, Lord!

10:00AM MASS NEWCASTLE
1. As I kneel before you: As I bow my head in prayer;
Take this day, make it yours; And fill me with your love.
Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum, benedicta tu.
All I have I give you; Every dream and wish are yours;
Mother of Christ, mother of mine, Present them to my Lord.
2. See Holy God we praise thy name! (See above)

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS 2023 — 2027
CHAIRPERSON: Bernie Ryan
CO-SECRETARIES: Eithne Moran & Patricia O'Farrell
Maria Byrne Mary Gannon Sr. Brid Kenny
Deirdre Rabbitte Eimear Seery Declan Tuffy
EX-OFFICIO:
Rev. Julian Drapiewski Mike Dunne
Fr. Charlie McDonnell Fr. Benny McHale

The Parish Pastoral Council resumed it's meetings this month following the summer break. This month's meeting marked the beginning of the fourth & final year of the Council's current term. A new Parish Pastoral Council will be formed this time next year. The Council looked at the parish calendar for the coming year & agreed that the Parish Mission would take place again during Lent, next February. Other items relating to the liturgy were also discussed. The Council continued to look at how pastoral care could be further developed within the parish & explored a number of possible initiatives in this area.

DIOCESAN FUNERAL MINISTRY

We ask those who have been nominated for this Ministry to please complete & return the forms sent to you by email. The Funeral Ministry Training Programme will take place in early 2027. If anyone else is interested in Funeral Ministry but hasn't yet registered, you are still very welcome to join. It's not too late! For more information, please contact the Parish Office on 091 844076.



THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING GALWAY HOSPICE

THE AMOUNT RAISED WAS €3,825



Sincere thanks to you all for your generous support for the Galway Hospice Coffee Morning, held in Athenry Pastoral Centre on the 22nd September.

NEWCASTLE COMMUNITY CENTRE - OFFICIAL REOPENING

The Newcastle Community Centre Committee is delighted to announce the official reopening of the newly upgraded Community Centre. Following Mass on Sunday, 18th October. Fr. Charlie will bless the Centre. Everyone is warmly invited to join us to view the upgraded facilities and enjoy some light refreshments. (If you would like to contribute baked goods, these can be dropped into the Centre on Saturday evening, 7pm-8pm, or Sunday from 9.30am before Mass.) We look forward to celebrating with the local community. All welcome!

LISHEENKYLE NATIONAL SCHOOL ENROLMENT 2027

Lisheenkyle NS is now accepting enrolments for September 2027. All details & enrolment forms are available on the website www.lisheenkylens.ie or by contacting the school office at 091 844901 or by emailing admin@lisheenkylens.ie.

ATHENRY PARISH SPORTS SCHOOL'S CUP



Athenry Sports Committee is trying to track down this cup, awarded each year. We're hoping it's safely tucked away in someone's home (maybe even your glass-case!). If you have it, or know where it is, please contact Stephanie on 087 6430139. Thanks so much for your help!

YOUNG MEN OF ST JOSEPH - Faith. Courage. Brotherhood.

What kind of man do you want to become? YMOSJ is a new monthly youth group for secondary students (13–17) to build real friendships, understand life, & find the courage to stand up for what matters. With St Joseph as our guide, we'll explore what it means to live with strength, purpose & responsibility. Pizza & plenty of craic! Friday 16th October, 8–9pm Tuam Parish Centre. Come along. Bring a friend. Discover what you're made for. To register & obtain parental consent forms, please contact: frmarkquinn@tuamparish.com