

18TH OCTOBER 2026

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, ATHENRY

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WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, NEWCASTLE

Office Eircode: H65 H224

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

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

SATURDAY OCTOBER 24TH 2026— MASS AT 6:30PM
Bernard (Bernie) Hardiman, Park. (Month's Mind)
Grow in Love First Holy Communion Mass

SUNDAY OCTOBER 25TH, 2026 — MASS AT 11:00AM
Kathleen Gardner, Old Church St. (Month's Mind)

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION NEWCASTLE

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

SUNDAY OCTOBER 25TH, 2026 — MASS AT 10:00AM
Paddy & Nick Gannon, Mountgarrett
Grow in Love First Holy Communion Mass

RECENTLY DECEASED — Rest in Peace

Declan Kindregan, Carrowntober East

VERY LOW GLUTEN HOSTS

For those unable to receive full gluten hosts, very low gluten hosts are available from the [main celebrant in both churches](#).

BASKET COLLECTION LAST WEEKEND

ATHENRY & NEWCASTLE €3,050

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 BUÍOCHAS](#)

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

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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

During Sun. 11am Mass throughout school year. For children in Jr. Infants to 1st Class. If interested in volunteering: 091844076

READINGS: 25TH OCTOBER — 30TH SUNDAY, ORDINARY TIME

1ST READ: Ex 22:20-26

PSALM: 17:2-4, 47, 51

2ND READ: 1 Th 1:5-10

GOSPEL: Mt 22:34-40

WEEKLY INTENTIONS, 10:00AM: MON. 19th—24th OCTOBER

✠ Patrick & Sadie Keane & deceased members of the Keane family, Greethill & the Burke family, Cartymore

✠ Noel Martyn, Moyvilla

✠ Martin Higgins, Coshla.

✠ Ina & Noel Madden, Caheroyan & deceased members of the Gill & Madden families

✠ Mary Cox & deceased of the Cox & Madden families

✠ John & Peggie O'Sullivan & deceased members of the O'Sullivan, Williams & Gill families

✠ Tomás & Tom Ward & deceased members of the Ward & Mongan families, Cullairbaun

✠ John-Paul Redwood, Caheroyan Drive & Barna

✠ Ellen & James Murphy, Menlough

✠ Michael & Elizabeth Kelly, Cloran

✠ Eddie Kelly, Chicago

✠ Michael Kelly, Melbourne

✠ Michael & Bridie Rooney, Old Church St.,

✠ Patrick Farrell, Turloughalanger

✠ Bernard Ward, An Cheathrú Bhán

✠ Joan O'Donoghue, Knockbrack & Kerry

🎵 HYMNS — PLEASE JOIN IN 🎵

11AM MASS ATHENRY. ATHENRY CHOIR

Entrance: Lord for tomorrow

Offertory: Ag Críost an Síol

Communion: All People that on Earth do dwell

Recessional: O Purest of Creatures

All people that on earth do dwell, Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice; Him serve with fear, his praise forth tell, Come ye before him, & rejoice.

The Lord, ye know, is God indeed, Without our aid he did us make; We are his folk, he doth us feed, And for his sheep he doth us take.

10:00AM MASS NEWCASTLE

Here I am Lord

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will save.
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Go Tell Everyone

God's spirit is in my heart. He has called me and set me apart
This is what I have to do. What I have to do
He sent me to give good news to the poor
Tell prisoners that they are prisoners no more
Tell blind people that they can see, & set the downtrodden free
Go tell everyone, the news that the kingdom of God has come (x 2)

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY 18TH OCTOBER 2026

ONE IN CHRIST, UNITED IN MISSION

This weekend, we celebrate Mission Sunday, a special day when Catholics throughout the world come together in prayer & solidarity to support the Church's missionary work. This year marks the 100th anniversary of World Mission Sunday, established by Pope Pius XI in 1926. To mark this centenary, Pope Leo XIV has chosen the theme “One in Christ, United in Mission.” In his message for this special anniversary, Pope Leo reminds us that the mission of the Church belongs to all of us. Through Baptism, every Christian is called to share God's love & bring the message of the Gospel to others. World Mission Sunday is an opportunity to remember the many missionaries who dedicate their lives to serving communities throughout the world, often in places facing great poverty & hardship. Through our prayers, generosity & practical support, we can all play a part in their work. Mission begins in our own everyday lives, through simple acts of kindness, compassion & care for others. Together, we are one in Christ & united in mission.

ATHENRY SIMANJIRO PARTNERSHIP

Athenry-Simanjiro Partnership, first established in November 2005, is now in its 21st year. We are a registered charity. Over the years, with the incredible generosity of the people of Athenry & beyond, we've been able to support the community in Simanjiro, north-east Tanzania, in so many meaningful ways.

Celebrating Our Partnership: Last year, Fr. Lawrence from Simanjiro visited the parish. A wonderful display detailing the Partnership's work is available to view in the Church, a testament to Athenry's generosity.

Making a Real Difference: The Partnership directly connects with the local community to fund education & healthcare, with projects also including supplying fresh water & building the church. Electricity only arrived there in 2021. A few things that make our partnership unique are:
100% Direct Donation: Every single euro donated goes directly to Simanjiro.

Self-Funded Travel: All who travel there pay their own way – it's a core principle of the organisation.

Local Partnership: We work proudly alongside our on-the-ground partners, the Divine Word Missionaries, led by Fr. Bienvenue and Fr. Rex.

Support Our Future: Thank you all once again for your kindness, generosity and commitment over the past 20 years. We look forward to continuing this wonderful partnership into the future. Your support makes a real difference. If you would like to find out more, please see the board at the back of Athenry Church (which includes a donation box), contact us on **087 9273928**, or visit our Facebook page.

OCTOBER – MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY, PRAY FOR US.

As we continue through the month of the Holy Rosary, we are reminded to keep this beautiful prayer in mind & make a little space for it in our daily lives. Whether praying a full Rosary or one Decade, we can take a few quiet moments to reflect & bring our joys, worries & intentions to God. Let's make a special effort to find time for the Rosary, at home, with our families or whenever a quiet moment presents itself.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2027: GROW IN LOVE

A reminder to parents of children preparing for their First Holy Communion next May that our Registration Meeting for parents takes place on Tuesday 20th October. Details have been communicated to families through the schools. We look forward to meeting all the parents and beginning this special journey of preparation with the children and their families. Our monthly Grow in Love Masses will begin next weekend.

CANDLELIGHT HOLY HOUR

John 14:27
“Peace I leave with you,
my peace I give you.”

LOOKING FOR
PEACE?

CANDLELIGHT HOLY HOUR

Church of the Assumption, Athenry

First Friday of the month at 7pm - 8pm
Nov 6th, Dec 4th, Jan 1st, Feb 5th, Mar 5th

Come inside into the silence – Light a candle – Be still
Reflect – Bring your questions & burdens to God – Pray
Music – Encounter God's Love & Peace

ANNUAL NOVENA FOR DECEASED — ATHENRY CHURCH

The Annual Novena for the Deceased takes place from All Souls' Day Mon. 2nd — Wed. 11th November at 10:00am Masses. During this special time of prayer, we remember our deceased family members, friends & parishioners. Lists to write names of your deceased loved ones are now available in both churches. These can be returned before or during the Novena. During Mass times there will be a box available at the front of the altar. Daily intentions return Thursday 12th.

ITEMS FOR OUR CHURCH NEWSLETTER

Priority is always given to Church and Diocesan notices. Local community notices may be included where space permits. Inclusion cannot be guaranteed. Commercial advertising and notices promoting profit-making activities cannot be facilitated. The deadline for the submission of such notices and Mass intentions to the Parish Office is every Thursday at 11.30 a.m. THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION.

NEWCASTLE COMMUNITY CENTRE – OFFICIAL REOPENING

The official reopening of the upgraded Community Centre takes place following Mass this Sunday, 18th. Fr. Charlie will bless the Centre. We look forward to celebrating with you all!

LISHEENKYLE NS 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 SPORTS COMMITTEE AGM & PRESENTATION

Athenry Sports Committee holding their AGM this coming Monday 19th Oct. at 8pm in the Pastoral Centre. Presentation of cups will also take place. We are still trying to track down the Schools Memorial Cup. If you have it, or know where it is, please contact Stephanie on 087 6430139.

TUAM ARCHDIOCESAN MEN OF ST JOSEPH (MOSJ)

For men of all ages & backgrounds. Based on Faith, Formation & Fraternity. Scripture scholar Seán Pokall will present a workshop on numbers & symbols in the Bible at the next meeting on 25 October, 7pm in Tuam Parish Centre, H54T656. New members welcome. Info: frmarkquinn@tuamparish.com.