

Mass intentions this Week in Ss. Peter & Paul's Church
There are NO daily Masses in Drum or Clonown Churches for the time being.

*All booked intentions on weekdays will be included in the Mass from
 Ss. Peter & Paul's Church at the 9.30am Mass each day.*

**Please note that Public Masses on weekdays will be celebrated on Monday,
 Wednesday & Friday. Masses on Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday will be said in private.**

All Masses are streamed live on www.churchservices.tv/athlone.

Sunday 20th September to Sunday 27th September

Saturday	9:30 pm	(BN) (Mass in Private, streamed live on Webcam) No Intention Booked
Saturday	6.30pm	(JD) (Public Mass) Jackie McLoughlin (1st Anniversary)
Sunday 20th September	12 Noon	(JD) (Public Mass) People of the Parish. Mattie Kirwan (months Mind) Thomas Ward, Paddy & Lily Farrell, Paddy Farrell Jnr, Dan & Lizzie Hynes, Michael & Maura Durney & deceased family members.
Monday	9:30 am	(JD) (Public Mass followed by Novena Prayers & Benediction) Aidan Lynch
Tuesday	9:30 am	(JD) (Mass in Private, streamed live on Webcam) No Intention Booked
Wednesday	9:30 am	(BN) (Public Mass) No Intention booked
Thursday	9:30 am	(BN) (Mass in Private, streamed live on Webcam) Tessie, Jackie & Noel Gribbin
Friday	9:30 am	(MH) (Public Mass) Marie Tobin, John Healy, Maura O'Meara, Thomas Lacey, Canon Paddy Murray, Charlie & Ollie Francis
Saturday	9:30 pm	(MH) (Mass in Private, streamed live on Webcam) Bernard & Nora Cloono, Noel Mulcahy (Middleton)
Saturday	6.30pm	(MH) (Public Mass) Josie Carberry (1st Anniversary)
Sunday 20th September	12 Noon	(MH) (Public Mass) Michael Hogan, William Carty, Eileen & James Hogan Thomas & Phoebe Milton, Johnny & Annie Murray

The Season of Creation

The Season of Creation or Creation Time, is marked throughout the Christian world from 1 September to 4 October (Feast of St. Francis of Assisi) and celebrates the joy of creation as well as encouraging awareness-raising initiatives to protect the natural environment. Resources are available on: <https://www.elphindiocese.ie/the-season-of-creation/>

Parish Newsletter



September 20th 2020
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Our Parish on-line

Email: stpetersparishathlone@gmail.com
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Live Camera Feed

www.churchservices.tv/athlone

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Sacristy Ss. Peter & Paul's Church (attended at Mass times only)	090 -6494150
Sacristans'	Christine Kenny & Tom O'Neill

Baptism, Confirmation & Marriage Certificates are issued from the Sacristy

WE RECOMMEND THE WEARING OF FACEMASKS WHEN ATTENDING MASS

Please note, the parish office on Battery Road is now open each weekday morning

Drum office is open Monday thru Thursday mornings

To book a Baptism or for a general enquiry please email if you can.

To book a Mass in ss. Peter & Pauls Church

Please call the Sacristy on 0906494150 Monday—Saturday 8.30am—10.15am

Mass Times This Week

Ss. Peter & Paul's Saturday Vigil Mass 6.30pm

Sunday Mass 12 noon

Drum Saturday Vigil Mass 8pm; **Clonown** Sunday 11.15am

Weekday Masses Ss. Peter & Paul's Church

Monday, Wednesday & Friday Public Mass at 9.30

Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday Mass at 9.30am in Private broadcast live on Webcam.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions we are limited in the numbers we can allow into the churches for Masses. We apologise to anyone who arrives after the limits have been met and ask for your patience and understanding.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Congratulations to the young people from the parish who received the Sacrament of Confirmation in the last week. May the Holy Spirit be a constant guide and inspiration in your lives.

I take this opportunity to thank the Confirmation Preparation Team The Volunteer Stewards & Cleaners for their generosity and time in helping with all six ceremonies.

First Confessions

First Confessions will be heard during school time in preparation for First Holy Communion.

First Holy Communion

(All will be held in Ss. Peter & Paul's Church this year.)

Ardkeen & Clonown

Friday October 9th, 2pm

Cornafulla

Friday October 9th, 4pm

St Peter's & Dean Kelly

Saturday October 10th, 2pm

Summerhill

Saturday October 10th, 4pm

Clonakilla Group 1

Friday October 16th, 2pm

Clonakilla Group 2

Friday October 16th, 4pm

Unfortunately because of the restricted numbers, due to Government protocols it is only possible for the parents and the candidate to attend the ceremony.

(3 people in total including the candidate).

Additional Masses in Ss. Peter & Paul's Parish

It is our hope to have a second weekend Mass and a mid-week Mass in St. Brigid's Church Drum and another Sunday Mass in Ss. Peter & Paul's Church in the coming weeks.

To allow us to proceed with this plan we will need additional Volunteers.

We already have a lot of volunteers involved in the existing Masses, but it is not fair to expect people to help at more than one Mass at the weekend.

Please contact either of the Parish offices or email the following details to stpetersparishathlone@gmail.com

Name, Address, Church you wish to Volunteer in, and the Mass you are free to help at.

Without additional Volunteers we can not put on any more Masses as all Masses MUST have a dedicated team of Stewards and Cleaners to comply with Government Covid-19 Regulations.

Fundraiser for South Westmeath Hospice

TAKE AWAY COFFEE MORNING on the 24th September from 10am to 2pm in McNeill's Bar, Connaught Street, Take away due to restrictions in place for Covid 19

Our Lady of the Wayside Chapel, Clonown

Sun 20th 11.15 a.m. **(BN)** Joe Fahey, Cappamore. 1st. Anniversary.

Sun. 27th 11.15 a.m. **(JD)** Sonny & Kathleen Cunningham, Oldtown. Also, deceased family members.

St. Brigid's Church Drum

Sat. Sept 19th 8 p.m. **(MH)** Teresa & Frank Naughton, Doohan

Annie Brennan, Crannaghbeg

Sat. Sept 26th 8 p.m. **(BN)** John & Mary Naughton, Clonellan & Dec family members.
Patrick & Mary Egan, Clonark & daughters Noreen and Maureen and Maureen's husband Michael.

Face Coverings:

Along with other Christian church leaders all over this island, Bishop Kevin has formally recommended the use of face coverings at all Masses and other liturgical celebrations, along with the ongoing maintenance of 2 metre physical distancing. Some people, for good reasons, are exempted from the wearing of face coverings, even in contexts where it is normally mandatory. Those same reasons apply when people come to Mass and should, of course, be respected.

Harvest Envelopes

The envelopes are left at the back of Drum church for distribution. Town and Clonown areas will be distributed over the coming week

Thank you to the distributors and parishioners for your continued support towards the priests of the parish. If anybody would like to help to distribute envelopes in their street or townland your help would be greatly appreciated.

Drum Cemetery Voluntary Group would like to thank everyone for their support. Unfortunately due to Covid19 there will be no public mass in the cemetery this year. Mass was celebrated in the Cemetery by the priests of the Parish and the Graves Blessed on June 2nd of this year.

"All vocations are intended by God to manifest His love in the world." –Thomas Merton

Community Employment Vacancies (CE Scheme)

- Caretaker with St. Peter's Parish Centre Job Ref: 2149006
- Caretaker with Drum Church/Parish Hall Job Ref: 2153724
- Caretaker with Drum Community Centre Job Ref: 2149038
- Environmental Worker Monksland Tidy Towns Job Ref: 2149005
- Cleaner/Caretaker Monksland CC Job Ref: 2156828.

Anyone who would like to apply for the above positions must be eligible to participate in Community Employment.

For more information contact Parish Centre on 090 6493270 or 0861020278 Mon to Fri.

Alzheimer's Memory Walk – Virtual Event

During World Alzheimer's month on Sunday, September 20th we are asking you to join us for our first virtual Alzheimer's Memory Walk event. There are over 500,000 families affected by dementia in Ireland and we wanted to hold an event that was accessible to everyone, from granny and grandchildren to our four legged friends. All details at www.alzheimer.ie

Special intention Candle

You can now light a white seven day candle for a special intention at our lady's altar or the Sacred Heart altar in Ss. Peter & Paul's Church.

The candles can be organised through the sacristy at a cost of €10. each.

This will be limited to three candles on each altar at a time, for safety reasons.