

Mass intentions this Week in Ss. Peter & Paul's Church  
 All Masses are streamed on [www.churchservices.tv/athlone](http://www.churchservices.tv/athlone).  
 All booked intentions on weekdays will be included in the Mass from  
 Ss. Peter & Paul's Church each day.

**For the duration of the current Covid-19 restrictions Masses will be said in public on Monday, Wednesday & Friday, Saturday vigil Masses in town and Drum and Sunday Masses in all three Churches. Morning Mass on Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday will be said in Private & Live Streamed.**

**To conform with Government Policy & for the protection of health it is now mandatory to wear a facemask when attending Mass.**

**Sunday 29th November to Sunday 5th December**

**Sunday 29th November (JD) (Mass in Private, streamed live on Webcam)**

**First Sunday of Advent**

**12 Noon** Paddy, Molly, Brendan & Dermot Lennon,  
 Miriam Lenehan, Gerry Holohan Snr & Jnr Bridie,  
 Paddy and Mary Moore  
 Laurence, Rose & Sonny Shine, Currnaboll. &, dec. family.  
 Annie, Stephen, and Patrick Fallon, Clonown. &, dec. family.  
 John & Eithne Higgins and dec. members of the Higgins Family  
**(BN)**

**Monday 9:30 am**  
**(Mass in Private, streamed live on Webcam Novena Prayers & Benediction)**

John Kearney (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)  
 Joan Kearney, Kevin, Martin & Anne Devaney

**Tuesday 9:30 am**  
**(BN) (Mass in Private, streamed live on Webcam)**

No Intention

**Wednesday 9:30 am**  
**(JD) (Public Mass, also streamed live on Webcam)**

Thanksgiving Mass  
 Bridie McConnell

**Thursday 9:30 am**  
**(MH) (Mass in Private, streamed live on Webcam)**

No Intention

**Friday 9:30 am**  
**(MH) (Public Mass, also streamed live on Webcam)**

Catherine Lyons, Mary Vaughan;  
 Patrick and Mary Maughan, Shay Naughton, Donal Kelly  
 Marie & Ultan Shanahan, Joe & Peggy Moore,  
 Margaret, Joseph, Thomas & George Norton,  
 Mike, Bridie & Michael Naughton,  
 Hardiman and Dunning families, Drumlosh.

**Saturday 9:30 am**  
**(RM) (Mass in Private, streamed live on Webcam)**

Helen Kelleher (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary) Mona Fennell (Months Mind)  
 Willie & Rosie Milton, Nancy & Frank Kearney,

**Vigil 6.30pm**  
**(MH) (Public Mass, also streamed live on Webcam)**

**Sunday 6th December**

**9am** **Mass will resume when we have enough stewards.**

**12 Noon** **(BN) (Public Mass, also streamed live on Webcam)**

**Second Sunday of Advent**

Brendan Golden, Larry & Kay Watson,

**Public Masses Resume from Wednesday at 9.30am**



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 Athlone, Drum & Clonown

**Parish Newsletter**



**November 29th 2020**  
**First Sunday in Advent**

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**Baptism, Confirmation & Marriage Certificates are issued from the Sacristy**

**The Parish Offices in Forthill House & Drum are closed to the public  
 for the foreseeable future**

**Mass times this coming week**

**Ss. Peter & Paul's Church**

**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday at 9.30am**

Mass said in **private** and livestreamed.

**Wednesday & Friday at 9.30pm**

Mass **open** to the Public and livestreamed.

**Saturday / Sunday 6.30pm Vigil and 12 noon**

Mass **open** to the Public and livestreamed.

**St. Brigid's Drum**

**Saturday / Sunday 8pm Vigil & 10am** Masses open to the Public

**Our Lady of the Wayside, Clonown**

**Sunday 11.15am** Mass open to the Public

**Return to Public Masses**

- I was happy to hear the government announce that we can return to Public Mass from this coming week. There are however similar restrictions to what we had last time we were allowed to hold public Masses.
- Churches are restricted to a Maximum of 50 people once socially distanced or in defined Pods
- This means Ss. Peter & Paul's church can hold up to 130 people for Mass
- Drum about 45 & Clonown about 40. Where families come together and sit together the Maximum number is 50.

**STEWARDS AND CLEANERS**

- The same requirements as before regarding stewards & cleaners for all Masses are still in place.
- I take this opportunity to thank our existing volunteers for the great work and commitment they have given.

**NO MASS CAN GO AHEAD UNLESS WE HAVE STEWARDS & CLEANERS.**

- We still require stewards for the 9am Sunday Mass in Ss. Peter & Paul's Church. This Mass can not be restored until we have enough Volunteers. I thank those who have already volunteered.

**FUNERALS & WEDDINGS**

- Are currently restricted to 25 people. This number has been challenged with the government, but we have no response yet.

**BAPTISMS**

Can go ahead with a maximum of 12 people. The office will contact those who have left in applications.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION DATES ARE UNDER REVIEW**

We will be in contact early this coming week.

**CHRISTMAS MASSES**

We do not know what numbers will be allowed to attend Masses for Christmas yet but Masses will be held in all three churches on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

**Drum Masses next weekend**

Sat Dec. 5th 8pm Mary Macken, Lisdillure.

Sun Dec. 6th 10am Sr. Margaret Lennon, Curryroe.

**Area Boxes are ready for distribution and can be collected at the parish office. Could you please contact the parish office to arrange collection.**

**Thank you for your ongoing support.**

**Clonown Mass next weekend**

Sun 6th. Dec 11.15am Mary and Johnny Flynn. Also, Sonny Egan.

**Weekly Collection Envelopes for 2021**

The new boxes of envelopes for 2021 are currently being delivered to the homes of those who use them. Should you be expecting a box and not receive it during the coming week please contact the Parish office ideally by email [stpetersparishathlone@gmail.com](mailto:stpetersparishathlone@gmail.com)

I take this opportunity to thank those who support our parish financially and to our area distributors who generously give of their time to deliver these and other parish literature.

**Prayers at Home For Advent in a Time of Pandemic**

As the commercial world about us readies itself for the Christmas season, we are invited to take a step back and view the bigger picture. The Dioceses of Elphin and Clonfert have produced a booklet to help us pray at home during the season of Advent. Download the booklet from [www.elphindiocese.ie](http://www.elphindiocese.ie)

**"How Long, O Lord"?**

Join us for Four online Advent Reflections each Sunday of Advent at 6.30pm on [www.elphindiocese.ie](http://www.elphindiocese.ie) First Sunday of Advent 29 November: Sr Moya Hegarty OSU: *"By the Rivers of Babylon" The exile as a time sadness and a time of growth and conversion.*

**FoodCloud Charities**

Are you a registered charity that uses food or provides food to people in need in the community?

Are you interested in collecting good surplus food from your local retailer?

Get in touch with the FoodCloud support team 01 5313478 or by emailing [charities@foodcloud.ie](mailto:charities@foodcloud.ie)

**Community Employment Vacancies with St. Peter's Parish CE Project.**

- Caretaker/Cleaner with St. Peters Parish Centre Job Ref:2164506.
- Environmental Worker Monksland Tidy Towns Job Ref:2149005.
- Caretaker/ Cleaner with Drum Community Centre Job Ref:2162020.
- Caretaker with Monksland Community Centre Job Ref: 2164509.

Eligibility to participate on CE is generally linked to those who are 21 years or over and in receipt of a qualifying social welfare payment for 1 year or more or 18 years and over for certain disadvantaged groups.

If you are interested in any of the above positions please ring on 09064 93270 or email: [petersparishce@gmail.com](mailto:petersparishce@gmail.com)