

**SS Peter & Paul Church Mass Intentions
Saturday 10th September to Sunday 18th September**

Saturday	9.30 am	(BN) Public Mass Also Live Streamed
10th September		
	6.30 pm Vigil	(BN) Public Mass Also Live Streamed
Sunday	9.00 am	(MH) Public Mass Also Live Streamed
11th September		People of the Parish
	12.00 noon	(IS) Public Mass Also Live Streamed
		Danny Wall, Gerry Doherty Esther Egan & deceased of the Egan Family
Monday	9.30 am	(BN) Public Mass Also Live Streamed
12th September		
Tuesday	9.30 am	(BN) Public Mass Also Live Streamed
13th September		Private Intention Ann Egan (nee Seery)
Wednesday	9.30 am	(IS) Public Mass Also Live Streamed
14th September		Jack Rigney
	6.00pm	(BN) Blessed Sacrament Chapel
Thursday	9.30 am	(IS) Public Mass Also Live Streamed
15th September		Josie O'Neill & Hugh O'Neill & deceased of Milton and O'Neill Families
Friday	9.30 am	(JD) Public Mass Also Live Streamed
16th September		
	7.30 pm	(BN) Public Mass Also Live Streamed
		Carmel, Damien & Michelle Lahart
Saturday	9.30 am	(JD) Public Mass Also Live Streamed
17th September		Mary & James Finneran
	6.30 pm Vigil	(IS) Public Mass Also Live Streamed
		Mark Cox (Months Mind) Martin Lennon (Months Mind)
Sunday	9.00 am	(JD) Public Mass Also Live Streamed
18th September		People of the Parish
	12.00 noon	(MH) Public Mass Also Live Streamed
		Vera O'Keefe, Harry & Peg Murray & deceased of McManus family Kutch & Paddy O'Rourke

Car Parking at SS. Peter & Paul's Church

Parking in the Church grounds is reserved for those visiting the church. We ask your co-operation especially at Mass times and on days when we have Funerals or Weddings.



PARISH OF
SS. PETER & PAUL
Athlone, Drum & Clonown

Parish Newsletter

11th September 2022
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time C



“he was lost and has been found.”

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**Baptism, Confirmation & Marriage Certificates
are issued from the Sacristy (090 64 94 150)**



To Contact the Priest on Duty Call 085 870 5840

A thought on todays Gospel...

Forgiveness is fine when we ask for it for ourselves. But what about letting others be forgiven? The father in the parable throws such a huge party that the noise is heard out in the fields. Are we also willing to celebrate, if peace can be reached without revenge or punishment? Or are we like the sullen elder brother who resents celebrating the return of his lazy, irresponsible younger brother? Can we accept that God offers mercy to everyone, no matter what they have done? If we are to be truly Christian, we have to change our view of other people, and to see them as God does, with understanding and of mercy. The Prodigal Son story has no clear ending. We don't know if the elder brother eventually went in to join in the celebrations, or stayed outside, seething with self-righteousness.

**There is no ending, because it is not just a story, it is a challenge to each of us.
How would you end the story? Would you go in or stay outside?**

Monksland Community Mass

Will be held in the Monksland Community Centre on the Old Tuam Road on Thursday next September 15th at 8pm. September is Childhood Cancer awareness Month, in our Mass we will remember all Children and their families who are sick at this time. Tea / scones and friendly chat afterwards. **ALL ARE WELCOME**

Holy Communion to the Housebound and Sick

If anyone in your family or household would like to be included in the Priests monthly Holy Communion calls please contact the parish office on 090 64 92171.

Sick or in Hospital

If a member of your family is sick or in hospital and would like to meet with one of the priests, please contact the parish office on 090 64 92171.

Weekly Collection Envelopes

We are currently in the process of reviewing the weekly envelope boxes for distribution in November 2022. Should you wish to receive a box and not already do so. Please contact the parish office on 090 64 92171 or email stpetersparishathlone@gmail.com.

Church Collectors

We currently looking for collectors for Drum church for Saturday evening at 8:00 and Sunday at 10:00 am masses. And also for St Peter and Pauls church for Saturday evening (6.30pm) and Sunday (9.00am and 12 noon). If you are interested please contact the sacristy 090 64 94150 or the parish office 090 64 92171 for more details.

One Day Retreats at Lough Derg

One Day Retreats have resumed on Lough Derg, and continue on selected dates until the end of September: Booking is essential. Boats available from 9.15am on the day; retreat begins at 10.30am until 4.30pm. For booking and further information: by phone +353 (0)71 9861518 online: www.loughderg.org or email: info@loughderg.org

Hail Mary, full of grace ...Do you have an interest in or devotion to Our Lady? Like to explore her mission in the Church? True Devotion to Mary Study Group forming in September in Roscommon. See www.elphindiocese.ie/mary for details. All welcome but places limited.

"Pro Life Campaign March Dublin Sat 17th Sep 2:30pm (St Stephen's Green to Leinster Hse) Bus from Athlone B&Q car park 9:15am Fare 20 euro. Book with Siobhan 0830254809"

"Pro Life talk - Tuesday September 13th at Hannon's Hotel, Roscommon at 7:30pm. All welcome!"

Sunday Collection for the support of the parish.

We thank those who continue to give generously and regularly towards the upkeep of the parish. We also wish to thank those who contribute regularly via bank transfer. Thank you.

**Ss. Peter & Paul's Church Weekly Offertory Collection 4th September €1040
We thank you for your contributions and generosity.**

Drum Mass Intentions for Sept 10– Sept 18

Sat. 10th. at 8 p.m. - Bridie and Miko McManus, Cornafulla South.
Sun. 11th. at 10 a.m. - **Cemetery Mass - Deceased of the Parish. Weather permitting.**
Tues. 13th. at 7 p.m. - No Intention.
Thurs. 15th. at 7 p.m. - No Intention.
Sat. 17th. at 8 p.m. - Tom Griffin, Rooskey.
Sun. 18th. at 10 a.m. - John and Mary Naughton, Clonellan. Also, deceased family members.

The diary for 2023 is now available. If you wish to book a mass for Drum or Clonown Church please contact 6437125 or email: drumparish1@gmail.com

Clonown Mass Intentions for Sept 11 – Sept 18

Sun. 11th. at 11.15 a.m. - Paddy Dunning, Ballinaculla.
Sun. 18th. at 11.15 a.m. - Catherine and Ned Shine, Cappamore. Also, Joe Fahy.

Recently Deceased

Pray for the repose of the soul of Teresa (Tessie) Ganly (née Scanlon) St. Coman's Park, Athlone, Westmeath/Crusheen, Clare. May she rest in peace and condolences to the bereaved family.

Flowers for Church Altars

If you would like to donate flowers for the use on the altars in the churches within the parish. Please contact the sacristy or the office. Thank you.

Community Employment Vacancies

**St. Peter's Parish C.E. Project CLG., St. Peter's Parish Centre, Chapel Street, Athlone. N37YX27
Tel: 090 6493270**

The Following Community Employment Positions are available on our Project.

Job Ref:	Position	Project Area
2216030	Caretaker/Grounds-person	St. Francis Football Club.
2234473	Cleaner/Caretaker	Monksland Community Centre
2234467	Caretaker/Grounds-person	Gentex Football Club.
2237152	Caretaker/Grounds-person	Monksland Community Centre.
2237154	Caretaker/Grounds-person	St. Francis Football Club

Please note that you must be eligible for Community Employment in order to apply for the above positions. For more information please contact the above telephone no Monday to Friday between 9am To 1pm. A video on CE can be seen in the 'What's Going On' section of the Jobsireland website, at end of the homepage."

Baptisms

A minimum of two weeks notice is required in advance of a baptism. Baptisms are held on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month at 2pm and 3pm. Application forms are available from the parish office and on the parish website. This should be completed and returned to the parish office with a copy of the birth cert by post or email. The office will be in contact to confirm details once the booking form is received.

Season of Creation

The Season of Creation has a special significance for the Catholic Church, particularly since Pope Francis established 1 September as an annual World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. The Season of Creation is marked throughout the Christian world from 1 September to 4 October (Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi) and celebrates the joy of creation as well as encouraging awareness-raising initiatives to protect the natural environment. The theme for the Season of Creation 2022 is "Listen to the Voice of Creation". "I have heard their cry...I know their sufferings...Come, now! I will send you...I will be with you" (Ex 3: 1-12). To learn more about the Season of Creation, visit www.elphindiocese.ie

Day of Prayer for Ukraine

The European Bishops' Conferences have invited the faithful throughout Europe to participate in a day of prayer for Ukraine, as a moment of closeness and solidarity from the Church in Europe, on Wednesday 14th September, the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross.