

## SS Peter & Paul Church Mass Intentions

### Saturday 24th September to Sunday 2nd October

<b>Saturday</b> <b>24th September</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>(IS) Public Mass Also Live Streamed</b> Kathleen & Jim Carr, John Carr and deceased of Brady & Carr Families
	<b>6.30 pm Vigil</b>	<b>(MH) Public Mass Also Live Streamed</b> Patrick (Pak) Naughton (1st Anniversary) Anita Burke (1st Anniversary) Paula Behan (1st Anniversary) Patrick & Teresa Murray
<b>Sunday</b> <b>25th September</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	<b>(BN) Public Mass Also Live Streamed</b> People of the Parish
	<b>12.00 noon</b>	<b>(JD) Public Mass Also Live Streamed</b> Paddy & Lily Farrell & Paddy Farrell (Jnr) Maureen Byrne, Frank & Nora O'Kane David, Thomas & Martin Joe Egan
<b>Monday</b> <b>26th September</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>(JD) Public Mass Also Live Streamed</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>27th September</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>(JD) Public Mass Also Live Streamed</b> Michael Hogan, William Carty Eileen & James Hogan
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>28th September</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>(BN) Public Mass Also Live Streamed</b>
	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>(JD) Blessed Sacrament Chapel</b>
<b>Thursday</b> <b>29th September</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>(JD) Public Mass Also Live Streamed</b> Thanksgiving Mass
<b>Friday</b> <b>30th September</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>(BN) Public Mass Also Live Streamed</b>
	<b>7.30 pm</b>	<b>(IS) Public Mass Also Live Streamed</b> Evelyn Mulvey, Tommy & Mai McEnroe Marie Tobin, Angela Tymon
<b>Saturday</b> <b>1st October</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>(BN) Public Mass Also Live Streamed</b>
	<b>6.30 pm Vigil</b>	<b>(JD) Public Mass Also Live Streamed</b> Siobhan McCallon nee Francis (1st Anniversary) David Hassett (Months Mind) Shane Kelly, Fran Murphy
<b>Sunday</b> <b>2nd October</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	<b>(IS) Public Mass Also Live Streamed</b> People of the Parish
	<b>12.00 noon</b>	<b>(BN) Public Mass Also Live Streamed</b> Johnny Lennon (Summerhill) (1st Anniversary) Margaret, Michael & Mary McManus

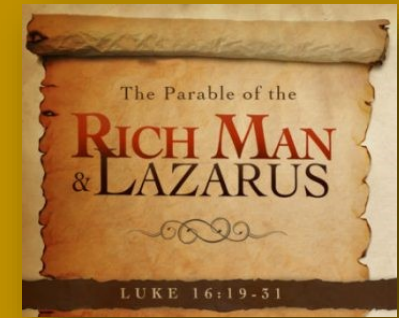


PARISH OF  
**SS. PETER & PAUL**  
Athlone, Drum & Clonown

# Parish Newsletter

**25th September 2022**

**26th Sunday in Ordinary Time C**



**"Neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead..."**

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**Sacristans'**

Christine Kenny & Tom O'Neill

**Baptism, Confirmation & Marriage Certificates**

**are issued from the Sacristy (090 64 94 150)**



**To Contact the Priest on Duty Call 085 870 5840**

If when we listen to today's gospel about Lazarus and the rich man, we tend to identify with Lazarus, we miss the whole point of the story. We, collectively, are the rich man. In Europe we have a mountain of beef, a mountain of cereals, a mountain of butter, a lake of wine and a lake of milk, that cost us a fortune to maintain. These are only the crumbs that fall from our table. Amos' warning is aimed directly at us: "Woe to those ensconced snugly in Zion." The problem about being collectively responsible for the world's starving masses is that we can so easily shrug off our personal responsibility. You may be living in a bed-sitter with few comforts or struggling to meet the mortgage repayments on your home. Yet all the services we benefit from, our public transport system, our education, our health services etc. derive from the rich man's club to which we belong. We dine at the rich man's table.

#### Harvest Collection

The Harvest Collection for the support of the Priests in the parish will be taken up on Saturday & Sunday October 1st & 2nd. Envelopes will be delivered over the next week. You can contribute to this collection using any envelope and writing "Harvest Collection" on it and if you wish, your name address and parish envelope number. We take this opportunity to thank the area distributors for delivering the envelopes and to you all for your ongoing support and encouragement.

*The salaries of the priests are made up from the Christmas / Easter / Pentecost & Harvest collections.*

#### 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 to those who have donated money and flowers. Fr. John.

#### Ss. Peter & Paul's Clocks

Many have asked are the two clocks in the east tower of Ss. Peter and Paul's Church going to be fixed? The answer thankfully is Yes. The clock engineer has already been on site and has to return to replace the two clock motors. The cost to repair both clocks will be in the regions of €2,000. A mixture of covid followed by the huge cost of living increases have negatively affected the income of the parish and will continue to do so over the winter months due to the very high cost of heating oil and electricity. Should anyone wish to make a contribution towards the cost of the repairs to the clocks you can place an envelope in the collection box, drop it into the Sacristy or office or to one of the priests, marked "Donation towards Clocks" Thanking you for your ongoing support and encouragement in the running of the parish.

#### 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.

#### Dean Kelly N.S.

Would you like to help with our breakfast club? We are looking for people who enjoy spending time with children and would like to create a welcoming environment in our breakfast club. The time commitment for the breakfast club is 8.30 to 9.15 on whichever day suits the volunteer. If you would like to find out more, please contact the school on 0906492000 or [deankellyboysns@hotmail.com](mailto:deankellyboysns@hotmail.com).

#### Sacraments 2023

Dates for First Holy Communion & Confirmation 2023 will be announced next weekend.

#### 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](http://www.loughderg.org) or email: [info@loughderg.org](mailto:info@loughderg.org)

#### 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 18th September €970**

**We thank you for your contributions and generosity.**

#### Drum Mass Intentions for Sept 24– Oct 2

Sat. 24<sup>th</sup>. at 8 p.m. - Padraig Grenham, parents Johnny and Bridie, Clonellan.  
 Sun. 25<sup>th</sup>. at 10 a.m. - John Murray, Creggane. 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary.  
 Also, his sister Ellen Murray, USA.  
 Tues. 27<sup>th</sup>. at 7 p.m. - No Intention.  
 Thurs. 29<sup>th</sup>. at 7 p.m. - No Intention.  
 Sat. 1<sup>st</sup>. at 8 p.m. - Patrick and Annie Cuniffe, Thomastown.  
 Sun. 2<sup>nd</sup>. at 10 a.m. - Mary Ann and Tommy Lennon, Meehambee.

#### Clonown Mass Intentions for Sept 25 – Oct 2

Sun. 25<sup>th</sup>. at 11.15 a.m. - Kathleen and Sonny Cunningham, Oldtown.  
 Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>. at 11.15 a.m. - Margaret and John Dunning. Newrow.

#### Recently Deceased

Pray for the repose of the soul of Tony Rock, Croydon, England and formerly of Cornafulla. Brother of Dermot and Declan Rock, Cornafulla. May he rest in peace and condolences to the bereaved family.

**Coffee Morning** in aid of East Galway & Midlands Cancer Centre and LPI (Little People of Ireland) hosted by Kevin and Mary Flynn in their home in Ballydangan on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022 from 10am.

**Athlone branch of Irish Guide Dogs** for the Blind are holding a Pet Blessing on Sunday, October 2nd, 2022 at the Franciscan Friary garden at 3pm. All pets welcome. light refreshment afterwards.

#### 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
2243033	Caretaker/Grounds-person	Drum Community Centre

**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.elphindioocese.ie](http://www.elphindioocese.ie)

#### Youth Club Taster Night.

Are you living in Drum, Summerhill, Cloonakilla, Ardkeen, Clonown and Cornafulla areas? A Registration Night will take place for young people aged 12 years and older on Wednesday, 28 September 2022 from 7-8pm in Drum Community Centre, N37 T298. Parents/Guardians and all interested adults are welcome too. Further information from Eileen on 086 3294763 or Faustina on 087 1036592.