

## SS Peter & Paul Church Mass Intentions

Saturday 26th November to Sunday 4th December

<b>Saturday</b> 26th November	9.30 am 6.30 pm Vigil	<b>(IS) Public Mass Also Live Streamed</b> Jack & Maura Campbell & their son John <b>(JD) Public Mass Also Live Streamed</b> Amanda Edwards Sloane (1st Anniversary) Nancy Goode (Months Mind)
<b>Sunday</b> 27th November	9.00 am 12.00 noon	<b>(MH) Public Mass Also Live Streamed</b> People of the Parish <b>(MH) Public Mass Also Live Streamed</b> John, Margaret, Doris Kenny & deceased family members, Pat & Babs Treacy, Robbie & Maura McManus, Annie & Paddy Kenny
<b>Monday</b> 28th November	9.30 am	<b>(IS) Public Mass Also Live Streamed</b> <b>Followed by Novena &amp; Benediction</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> 29th November	9.30 am	<b>(IS) Public Mass Also Live Streamed</b> Thanksgiving Mass
<b>Wednesday</b> 30th November	9.30 am 6.00 pm	<b>(IS) Public Mass Also Live Streamed</b> Malachy, William & Mathew Ward <b>(JD) Blessed Sacrament Chapel</b>
<b>Thursday</b> 1st December	9.30 am	<b>(JD) Public Mass Also Live Streamed</b> Private Intention
<b>Friday</b> 2nd December	9.30 am 7.30 pm	<b>(JD) Public Mass Also Live Streamed</b> Bridie McConnell, Margaret & Joseph Moore <b>(IS) Public Mass Also Live Streamed</b> Joseph & Margaret Norton, Thomas & George Norton Mary Vaughan,
<b>Saturday</b> 3rd December	9.30 am 6.30 pm Vigil	<b>(JD) Public Mass Also Live Streamed</b> Hubert Carberry <b>(IS) Public Mass Also Live Streamed</b> Patricia (Patsy) Gibson (1st Anniversary)
<b>Sunday</b> 4th December	9.00 am 12.00 noon	<b>(JD) Public Mass Also Live Streamed</b> People of the Parish <b>(JD) Public Mass Also Live Streamed</b> Catherine Lyons & Patrick & Mary Maughan Ultan & Marie Shanahan

### 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

27th November 2022

## First Sunday of Advent



### Parish Contact Details

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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

**A thought as we begin our Advent journey ...**

- Let's imagine ourselves in that stable on the first Christmas night. See there a girl from Nazareth with her quiet husband and a new baby. Then go up to Jerusalem and tell the priests what you saw. Say **that helpless, new-born baby is the Anointed One**, the long awaited Messiah, the Son of God. They would think you were out of your mind; they would accuse you of blasphemy; they would tell you that God is not like that. They have studied the scriptures and they know God cannot be small and vulnerable like that. But the Son of God has chosen to come among us just like that.
- **That is the great, joyful surprise of our faith. The presence of God among us is not what we expect, not where we expect. That's how we miss it.**
- As we begin Advent, we are invited not to miss the amazing gift of God. **Be awake** and look for God in the most unlikely places. **Find God's call** to our goodwill in the doorway where the homeless sleep. **Look for God's presence** where refugees are corralled. Grace is present not only in comfortable places and spaces! God is looking out from the wrinkled faces of senior citizens.
- It's great to be alive and wide-eyed like a child, at the beginning of our new year of grace.
- **We can welcome this time of Advent with a heartfelt céad míle fáilte.**

**St Vincent De Paul**

The Annual fundraising collection for the Society of St Vincent De Paul takes place at the Athlone town churches, weekend 3rd & 4th December. Please support.

**Fundraising Concert for Ss. Peter & Paul's Church  
A perfect early Christmas Present**

Simon Casey will perform his **"Songs of Inspiration at Christmas Time"** concert in Ss. Peter & Paul's Church, Athlone on Thursday December 15th.

**Tickets will go on sale from Monday November 14th at €20 each and will be available for purchase online from the parish website or from the Parish offices, Mulligans, Roscommon Road; The Liturgical Centre, Castle Street and the Shamrock Lodge Hotel.**

[www.saintpeterandpaulsparishathlone.com](http://www.saintpeterandpaulsparishathlone.com)

**Proceeds from this concert will be used to support Ss. Peter & Paul's Church.**

**Time-out with Our Lady Adult Retreat Day** (11 – 4 pm) taking place in Donamon Castle on Thursday 8th December. More details @ [www.elphindiocese.ie/our-lady](http://www.elphindiocese.ie/our-lady) 40 places. All welcome. Pre-booking encouraged.

**Weekly Envelopes**

- The weekly envelopes for the next year are in the process of being delivered to your homes. **I take this opportunity to thank the many area distributors who deliver them, your role is a very important one in the life of the parish, Thank you.**
- We are conscious of the increased pressure everyone is under at this time with the cost of living.
- We too are finding it extremely difficult to make ends meet in the running of the parish. We thank all who have and do give so generously.
- As the baskets are not currently passed around at Masses we ask that you please place your contributions in the baskets near the entrance to the churches when you come to Mass.

**Thank you again for your kindness, support and generosity.**

**Fr. John**

**Sunday Collection for the support of the parish.  
Ss. Peter & Paul's Church Weekly Offertory Collection 20th November €1105  
We thank you for your contributions and generosity.**

**Drum Mass Intentions for November 26th – December 4th**

Sat. 26 <sup>th</sup> . at 8 p.m.	-	Colm Shine, KIELTY.
Sun. 27 <sup>th</sup> . at 10 a.m.	-	Seán Coyle, Ardkeenán.
Tues. 29 <sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.	-	No Intention.
Thurs. 1 <sup>st</sup> . at 7 p.m.	-	No Intention.
Sat. 3 <sup>rd</sup> . at 8 p.m.	-	Bea and Edmund McManus, Ardnanure. Also, son Martin.
Sun. 4 <sup>th</sup> . at 10 a.m.	-	Mary Macken, Lisdillure.

**Clonown Mass Intentions for November 27th – December 4th**

Nov. 27 <sup>th</sup> . at 11.15 a.m.-	-	Mary and Johnny Flynn, Creggane, Clonown. Also, Sonny Egan.
Dec. 2 <sup>nd</sup> . at 8 p.m.	-	John Fallon, Buggane, Month's Mind. Also, his parents Annie and Stephen Fallon and his brothers Michael and Stephen.
Dec. 4 <sup>th</sup> . at 11.15 a.m.	-	Johnny Shine, Currnaboll.

**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.
2253037	Cleaner/Caretaker	Monksland Community Centre
2253032	Caretaker/Grounds-person	Gentex Football Club.
2253044	Caretaker/Grounds-person	Monksland Community Centre.
2253048	Caretaker/Grounds-person	St. Francis Football Club.
2249925	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."

**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 already donated money and flowers.*

**Athlone Little Theatre**

Athlone Little Theatre presents the hilarious comedy 'The Two Loves of Gabriel Foley' by Westmeath native Jimmy Keary from Wednesday, November 23 to Wednesday, November 30 nightly at 8pm. A night of laughter is guaranteed with an all-star cast! Go to Eventbrite or [www.athlonelittletheatre.ie](http://www.athlonelittletheatre.ie) to book your tickets.

**St Peters Active Retirement**

meet every Wednesday 3.00-4.30pm at St Peters Parish Centre.  
**New members welcome.** Contact Mary 087 948 0441, Anne 086 200 9787

**Church Collectors**

**We urgently need collectors for ALL weekend Masses in the Parish. If you are interested please contact the sacristy 090 64 94150 (Mass times) or the parish office 090 64 92171 Monday - Thursday (9.30am to 1.00pm) .**

**Retreat for Men – 25th to 27th November**

An opportunity to discover and encounter the infinite love of the Father as he reveals His heart to you. Explore your identity as son of the King of Heaven. Receive healing through the Eucharist. Learn how to hear God's voice and explore your mission and calling. Open to all men of all ages or vocation. To book or enquire please contact: Louise or Frank at [staroftheseacentre@gmail.com](mailto:staroftheseacentre@gmail.com) or call on 071-9176722 Facilitator: Deacon Frank McGuinness.