

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

Saturday 10th December	9.30 am	(IS) Public Mass Also Live Streamed Agnes Hanley Sr Lourdes Hynes
	6.30 pm Vigil	(MH) Public Mass Also Live Streamed
Sunday 11th December	9.00 am	(IS) Public Mass Also Live Streamed People of the Parish
	12.00 noon	(IS) Public Mass Also Live Streamed Tony Moriarty (Months Mind) Gerald Holohan Snr & Jnr Bill Tone
Monday 12th December	9.30 am	(IS) Public Mass Also Live Streamed Followed by Novena & Benediction
Tuesday 13th December	9.30 am	(IS) Public Mass Also Live Streamed Leo Turpin & deceased of Byrne family
Wednesday 14th December	9.30 am	(IS) Public Mass Also Live Streamed Michael, Sally, Basil, Marie & Michael (Jnr) Casserly
	6.00 pm	(JD) Blessed Sacrament Chapel
Thursday 15th December	9.30 am	(JD) Public Mass Also Live Streamed Private Intention
Friday 16th December	9.30 am	(JD) Public Mass Also Live Streamed
	7.30 pm	(ID) Public Mass Also Live Streamed Michael & Richard Bertles & deceased of Bertles family Paddy & Kathleen Reilly & their great granddaughter Robin Hill Peter & Mary Fallon, Michael Hynes Bernard, Maureen & James Dully & decease of Dully & Durney Families Larry Watson
Saturday 17th December	9.30 am	(JD) Public Mass Also Live Streamed Tony Downey Mary & Michael Kelly & sons Bernard & Micheál and Phyllis Macken
	6.30 pm Vigil	(JD) Public Mass Also Live Streamed Karen Harkins & her mother Kathy
Sunday 18th December	9.00 am	(MH) Public Mass Also Live Streamed People of the Parish
	12.00 noon	(MH) Public Mass Also Live Streamed Breda Grenham



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

Parish Newsletter



11th December 2022

Gaudete Sunday

Lord, come and save us.

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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

Could John the Baptist have doubted?

Why did the Baptist send from his prison cell that urgent question to Jesus: "Are you He that is to come?" Hadn't John recognised our Lord as the Messiah several months previously, at the Jordan, when he proclaimed Him publicly as the Lamb of God? Did John, faced with almost certain death under Herod, have doubts or second thoughts about Jesus? Some say no, John only asked the question for the sake of his followers, who needed confirmation of their faith from Christ himself. But if John did have doubts, it was because of the peaceful way that Jesus behaved, not at all like the violent revolutionary the Jews expected as their Messiah. The answer to his question came when Jesus told him what God's messenger would be like: healer of the sick, consoler of the suffering, preacher of freedom and truth to the poor. In this way, John's faith in Jesus was made strong, giving him courage to protest against Herod, and accept a martyr's death.

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. **Doors open @ 7pm**
Tickets are on sale at €20 each and are available for purchase online from the parish website or from the Sacristy: Parish offices: Mulligans, Roscommon Road; The Liturgical Centre, Castle Street and the Shamrock Lodge Hotel.

www.sspeterandpaulsparishathlone.com

TICKETS ON SALE AFTER MASSES TODAY

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

Christmas Raffle

The Christmas Raffle will take place on the night of the Concert On December 15th .

Tickets will be **€5 per line** and can be bought at the Parish Office or Sacristy in advance of the night. They will be on sale on the night at the door as well.

We thank the very generous sponsors for the following prizes.

- **A Night for two B&B in Hyatt Hotel, Dublin (Thanks to the Hodson Bay Group)**
- **Dinner for two in the Famous Pullman Restaurant, Glenlo Abbey, Galway (Thanks to the Glenlo Abbey)**
- **50" Smart TV (Thanks to Ganly's, Athlone)**
- **€100, Cash (Thanks to Tormey Solicitors)**
- **€50 voucher & bottle of house wine for il Colosseo (Thanks to il Colosseo)**
- **Dinner for two in the Shamrock Lodge (Thanks to Paddy & Alan)**

Christmas Confessions & Mass Times 2022

Confessions Ss. Peter & Paul's Church

Christmas Eve 10am to 2pm

Masses

Ss. Peter & Paul's Church

Christmas eve **6pm Children's Mass** & 9pm

Christmas Day 9am, 10.30am & 12 noon

St. Brigid's Church, Drum

Vigil Mass 8pm Christmas Day 10am & 11.30am

Our Lady of the Wayside, Clonown

Vigil Mass 8pm & Christmas Day 11.15am

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) .

Sunday Collection for the support of the parish.

Ss. Peter & Paul's Church Weekly Offerory Collection 4th December €1080

We thank you for your contributions and generosity.

Drum Mass Intentions for December 10 – December 18

Sat. 10th. at 8 p.m. - Eamon, Ned and Annie Griffin. Ardkeenan.
Sun. 11th. at 10 a.m. - Paddy and Elizabeth Halligan, Crannaghbeg.
Tues. 13th. at 7 p.m. - Mai Glynn, Crannaghmore.
Thurs. 15th. at 7 p.m. - No Intention.
Sat. 17th. at 8 p.m. - Nora and Denis Minogue, St Peter's Tce.
Also, John, Bridie and Thomas Harney, Curraghaleen.
Sun. 18th. at 10 a.m. - Pake and Agnes O'Brien, Creggane. Also, deceased family members.

Clonown Mass Intentions for December 11 – December 18

Dec. 11th. at 11.15 a.m.- Roddy and Bridget Hardiman, Drumlosh.
Also, deceased members of the Hardiman and Dunning families and Norma Shine.
Dec. 18th. at 11.15 a.m.- Seán Shine, Buggane.

Recently Deceased

Pray for the repose of the souls of Kathleen (Cáit) Byrne (née Rabbite) (formerly Craughwell, Co. Galway) Baylough, Athlone, Jim Shannon Drogheda Road, Mornington, Meath / Athlone, Westmeath. May they rest in peace and condolences to the bereaved families.

Christmas Tree in the Drum Cemetery: Ribbons will be available to place on the Christmas tree from Dec 10th and will be left at the back of the church. You may wish to put a name on a ribbon and place it in the box provided or bring it home with you. All donations will be presented to Mayo/Roscommon Hospice. Thank you for your support.

World Youth Day 2023

Pilgrimage to Lisbon, Portugal **31 July - 8 August 2023**. The pilgrimage is open to **18 -35 year olds**. The cost is €850 per person sharing and this includes flights, coach transfers, WYD registration, city centre hotel accommodation for six nights plus two nights in Fatima. Please support young adults from your parish to be part of this once in a life-time experience with millions of young Catholics from across the world. All the details and how to register are available at www.elphindiocese.ie/wyd2023. or email youth@elphindiocese.ie

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."

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

I would like to inform any member of the parish that if any person requires basic essentials such as children's clothes, men's and women's clothes, or any need regarding children such as prams, cots blankets etc., Many people have offered these items in great condition just looking for a new home. Please contact Helen 087-3134012, in the strictest confidence.