

**SS Peter & Paul Church Mass Intentions
Saturday 17th December to Sunday 25th December**

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 & John Grenham
Monday 19th December	9.30 am	(JD) Public Mass Also Live Streamed Followed by Novena & Benediction Mary Connolly
Tuesday 20th December	9.30 am	(JD) Public Mass Also Live Streamed Thanksgiving Mass
Wednesday 21st December	9.30 am	(JD) Public Mass Also Live Streamed Mary Maisie McGuire Gertie & Johnny Farrell Bridie, Freddy, William & Tony Warby
	6.00 pm	(IS) Blessed Sacrament Chapel
Thursday 22nd December	9.30 am	(IS) Public Mass Also Live Streamed Luke Duignan & Son Tom
Friday 23rd December	9.30 am	(IS) Public Mass Also Live Streamed John & Ann Walsh Martin Connolly
	7.30 pm	(JD) Public Mass Also Live Streamed
Saturday 24th December Christmas Eve	9.30 am	(IS) Public Mass Also Live Streamed Emer & Maisie Grenham, Josephine Murray
	6.00pm	(JD) Public Mass Also Live Streamed Children's Mass
Sunday 25th December Christmas Day	9.00 am	(IS) Public Mass Also Live Streamed People of the Parish
	10.30 am	(JD) Public Mass Also Live Streamed
	12.00 noon	(JD) Public Mass Also Live Streamed Tom & Teresa Flynn

They shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us."



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

Parish Newsletter

18th December 2022

Fourth Sunday of Advent

"Peace on Earth, Good Will To All."



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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

Something to ponder

Jesus shares our lot, our life-experience and our troubles.

- At Christmas we will concentrate on the simplicity and poverty of Our Lord's birth: how human he was, born of a young woman, not in luxurious comfort, but in the discomfort of a stable.
- That shows him as one of us, the human side of "Emmanuel."
- This gospel however mentions the divine origin of Jesus.
- Although he has a human mother, he has not a human father, but was conceived in Mary by the power of God.
- This unique way of coming into life, with God as father, and the virgin Mary as mother, underlines who Jesus truly is: both God and man, one of ourselves and yet one with the eternal God.

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 Vigil

Christmas Day 9am, 10.30am & 12 noon

Vigil Mass 8pm Christmas Day 10am & 11.30am

Vigil Mass 8pm & Christmas Day 11.15am

St. Brigid's Church, Drum

Our Lady of the Wayside, Clonown

Sincere Gratitude

On behalf of the Parish Pastoral Council and Parish Finance Committee, I take this opportunity to thank all who were involved in our successful Simon Casey, "Songs of Inspiration at Christmas Time" Concert on Thursday Last. To the ticket sellers, the prize sponsors, those who sold raffle tickets, helped on the night, to all who prepared the church and to all who came to enjoy the evening and support our church.

Thank you one and all.

Fr. John

2023 Calendar

The 2023 calendars and the Christmas envelope for the support of the clergy are being delivered to you homes in the coming days. **Thank you to the Local area distributors for their help in delivering them. Your work is very much appreciated.**

The image on this years calendar is a very simple one, it shows the letters **WWJD "What Would Jesus Do"** a very simple but profound reminder to each of us of our Christian values.

These four words have helped me at many difficult times and in challenging situations, I hope you find them helpful too.

A Helping Hand

Please be aware if anyone requires basic essentials such as children's clothes, men's and women's clothes, or any other 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.

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 lifetime 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

Sunday Collection for the support of the parish.

Ss. Peter & Paul's Church Weekly Offertory Collection 11th December €1090

We thank you for your contributions and generosity.

Drum Mass Intentions for December 17th – December 25th

- 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.
- Tues. 20th. at 7 p.m. - No Intention.
- Thurs. 22nd. at 7 p.m. - Pat, Bridie and Seán Caulfield, Summerhill. Also, deceased family members.
- Sat. 24th. at 8 p.m. - Christmas Eve - People of the Parish.
- Sun. 25th. at 10 a.m. - Christmas Day - People of the Parish.
- Sun. 25th. at 11.30 a.m. - Christmas Day - People of the Parish.

Clonown Mass Intentions for December 18th – December 25th

- Dec. 18th. at 11.15 a.m. - Seán Shine, Buggane.
- Dec. 24th. at 8 p.m. - Christmas Eve - People of the Parish.
- Dec. 25th. at 11.15 a.m. - Christmas Day - People of the Parish.

Recently Deceased

Pray for the repose of the soul Gerry Molloy, St. Paul's Terrace, Athlone, Westmeath, May he rest in peace and condolences to his bereaved family.

Christmas Tree in the Cemetery: Ribbons are available to place on the Christmas tree in the cemetery. They are 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.

Drum Community Care Committee:

Thank you for organising the Senior Citizens Party on Sunday 11th. December. A great day was had by all who attended.

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

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.

You are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins