

SS Peter & Paul Church Mass Intentions
Saturday 3rd December to Sunday 11th December

Saturday 3rd December	9.30 am 6.30 pm Vigil	(JD) Public Mass Also Live Streamed Hubert Carberry (IS) Public Mass Also Live Streamed Patricia (Patsy) Gibson (1st Anniversary)
Sunday 4th December	9.00 am 12.00 noon	(JD) Public Mass Also Live Streamed People of the Parish (JD) Public Mass Also Live Streamed Catherine Lyons & Patrick & Mary Maughan Ultan & Marie Shanahan
Monday 5th December	9.30 am	(JD) Public Mass Also Live Streamed Followed by Novena & Benediction
Tuesday 6th December	9.30 am	(JD) Public Mass Also Live Streamed Private Intention
Wednesday 7th December	9.30 am 6.00 pm 6.30 pm Vigil	(JD) Public Mass Also Live Streamed Patrick & Rose Kirby Patrick & Veronica O'Hanlon (IS) Blessed Sacrament Chapel (IS) Public Mass Also Live Streamed
Thursday 8th December	9.30 am 12.00 noon	(JD) Public Mass Also Live Streamed Jack & Mary Laffan Katty Brennan (JD) Public Mass Also Live Streamed
Friday 9th December	9.30 am 7.30 pm	(IS) Public Mass Also Live Streamed Tommy, Rose, Seamus & Mary Reynolds Maureen & Sean Brennan Michael Brennan (JD) Public Mass Also Live Streamed Kevin, Martin, & Anne Devaney Willie & Rosie Milton Patrick & Elizabeth Hynes
Saturday 10th December	9.30 am 6.30 pm Vigil	(IS) Public Mass Also Live Streamed Agnes Hanley Sr Lourdes Hynes (MH) Public Mass Also Live Streamed
Sunday 11th December	9.00 am 12.00 noon	(IS) Public Mass Also Live Streamed People of the Parish (IS) Public Mass Also Live Streamed Tony Moriarty (Months Mind) Gerald Holohan Snr & Jnr Bill Tone



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

Parish Newsletter

4th December 2022

Second Sunday of advent

A voice cries in the wilderness, Prepare a way for the Lord...

THE SECOND SUNDAY
 IN ADVENT:

PEACE



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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

Just a thought ...

We can all imagine John the Baptist calling people to repent. Somewhat wild. Unusually clad. Why were people drawn to such a seemingly eccentric man?

John did not fear standing up to the religious leaders of the day. John tells the people, if you produce good fruit, if you do good works, then you are not held back by your ancestry or your lack of scriptural schooling. This viewpoint is not popular with the religious leaders of the day.

John calls all to repentance. God will separate the good from the bad. It will happen at the end times, or when we die. Are we ready? And who will lead us? Isaiah tells us that leaders must be ready to promote peace and justice. Are the leaders we are following doing that? If not, then perhaps we are following the wrong people.

Some questions to reflect on this week.

- ⇒ **Am I ready to change?**
- ⇒ **Am I complacent and comfortable the way I am?**
- ⇒ **Am I ready to ask God for help?**
- ⇒ **Who am I following?**

December Monksland Community Mass

Monksland Community Centre Christmas Mass Celebrating 20 years Serving the Community
Please join our celebrations at the centre
On Thursday 8th December

Mass at 7pm

Followed by seasonal refreshments and raffle

PLEASE NOTE THE EARLIER TIME FOR MASS

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

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

Weekly Envelopes

- The weekly envelopes for 2023 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

Drum Mass Intentions for December 3 – December 11

Sat. 3 rd . at 8 p.m.	-	Bea and Edmund McManus, Ardnanure. Also, son Martin.
Sun. 4 th . at 10 a.m.	-	Mary Macken, Lisdillure.
Tues. 6 th . at 7 p.m.	-	No Intention.
Wed. 7 th . at 8 p.m.	-	Joe Berrigan, Clonark. Also, deceased family members.
Thurs. 8 th . at 10 a.m.	-	Johnny (Farmer) and Margaret Murray, Creggane. Also, deceased family members.
Sat. 10 th . at 8 p.m.	-	Eamon, Ned and Annie Griffin. Ardkeenan.
Sun. 11 th . at 10 a.m.	-	Paddy and Elizabeth Halligan, Crannaghbeg.

Clonown Mass Intentions for December 4 – December 11

Dec. 4 th . at 11.15 a.m.	-	Johnny Shine, Currnaboll.
Dec. 8 th . at 8 p.m.	-	Feast of the Immaculate Conception.
Dec. 11 th . at 11.15 a.m.-	-	Roddy and Bridget Hardiman, Drumlosh. Also, deceased members of the Hardiman and Dunning families and Norma Shine.

Recently Deceased

Pray for the repose of the souls of Patrick (Paddy) Connor, Athlone, John O'Brien, Arcadia, Athlone. Father of Seán O'Brien, Gorrynagowna, Margaret Harney (nee Moore, Meehambee) Canada. Sister of George Moore, Meehambee. May they rest in peace and condolences to the bereaved families.

Senior Citizens Christmas Party will take place in the Athlone Springs Hotel on Sunday 11th December commencing with mass at 3pm.

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

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 40 places. All welcome. Pre-booking encouraged.

Athlone Flower and Garden Club

Christmas floral demonstration by Mary McKee (Clare) in the Bounty Rugby Club, Athlone at 8pm Tuesday 6th December 2022. Non Members €10.00, Members Free. All welcome.

WESTMEATH ARTISTS' AWARDS EXHIBITION OPENS AT LUAN GALLERY

ON THURSDAY 1ST DECEMBER

Luan Gallery in collaboration with Westmeath Arts Office presents [Westmeath Artists' Awards, a group exhibition](#) featuring works by 30 Westmeath artists. The exhibition will be officially opened by An Cathaoirleach of Westmeath County Council, Councillor Aengus O' Rourke on Thursday 1st December at 6pm with guest speakers, Selector, Sarah Searson and the Chief Executive of Westmeath County Council, Pat Gallagher. All welcome.

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.

Sunday Collection for the support of the parish.

Ss. Peter & Paul's Church Weekly Offertory Collection 27th November €1000

We thank you for your contributions and generosity.

"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!"