

## SS Peter & Paul Church Mass Intentions

Saturday 21st January to Sunday 29th January

ALL MASSES ARE LIVE-STREAMED on [www.churchservices.tv/athlone](http://www.churchservices.tv/athlone)

Saturday 21st January	9.30 am	(IS) Also Live Streamed
	6.30 pm Vigil	(MH) Also Live Streamed Michael Hanley
Sunday 22nd January	9.00 am	(IS) Live Streamed People of the Parish
	12.00 noon	(IS) Also Live Streamed Denis Hannon (1st Anniversary) & his wife Marie & their daughter Anne-Marie Anne Devine (1st Anniversary) & her husband Jack
Monday 23rd January	9.30 am	(IS) Also Live Streamed <i>Followed by Novena &amp; Benediction</i>
Tuesday 24th January	9.30 am	(IS) Also Live Streamed Norah & John McGrath and deceased of McGrath, Dunleavy & Brilly Families
Wednesday 25th January	9.30 am	(IS) Also Live Streamed
	6.00 pm	(JD) Blessed Sacrament Chapel
Thursday 26th January	9.30 am	(JD) Also Live Streamed Thanksgiving Mass
Friday 27th January	9.30 am	(JD) Also Live Streamed
	7.30 pm	(IS) Also Live Streamed Brendan Egan (Months Mind) Michael, Elizabeth & Paul Egan Brian Johnson, Mary Kate Woods, Willie Harney, Mattie & Una Grehan, Dessie Conway
Saturday 28th January	9.30 am	(JD) Also Live Streamed Peggy Brown-Tone & Tony Browne Pat & Bridie Carty
	6.30 pm Vigil	(JD) Also Live Streamed Bridget Carty (Months Mind) Patricia Duffy (nee Harte Months Mind)
Sunday 29th January	9.00 am	(MH) Live Streamed People of the Parish
	12.00 noon	(JD) Also Live Streamed Dennis & Mai Kilfeather & their daughter Anita Paddy Kenny, Edward Egan Danny McCracken, Esme, Frank & Arron Fernandes Anne Cleary



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

# Parish Newsletter

**22nd January 2023**

**3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Sunday of the Word of God**



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**Baptism, Confirmation & Marriage Certificates  
are issued from the Sacristy (090 64 94 150)**



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

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

### Can we change our way of living?

- When Jesus began his public ministry of preaching and healing, John the Baptist had already been arrested, putting and end to his movement of religious revival. At that point, instead of going back to Nazareth (i.e. instead of going home) , Jesus went to Capernaum. This marked a new beginning, whose purpose is described in a verse of prophecy: "The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who lived in the land of the shadow of death, light has dawned." Jesus would later refer to himself as the light of the world; and, in commissioning his disciples, he would tell send us out also, to be light to the world. His vocation is our vocation too.
- In times past the idea of "vocation" was focussed mainly on doctors, nurses, priests and religious. But now it has been restored to its original, wider application, and all our baptised people are invited to experience their calling from God. There is nothing dramatic about this. It just means that I don't just stumble into the Christian way by default, but that God has chosen me: "I have called you by name; you are mine." "You didn't choose me; no, I chose you, and I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that would remain." If the gospel is now, and I am every person in the gospel, then, through the gospel of today, I am being called again.

### Revenue Tax Rebate Scheme

As you are aware our parish, as an approved Charity is eligible to recover some of the tax from the Revenue Commissioners on the contributions made to the church.

Parishioners **whether Self-Employed or PAYE Tax Payers**, who have **contributed €250** or more to the church via weekly Offertory Collection, or Dues Collections (Christmas, Easter, Pentecost, November, Stations etc.) and all other donations made to the parish, are eligible to qualify for the Tax Rebate Scheme. Relevant paperwork will be left at the back of all churches or please contact Drum Office on 090 64 37125 or Forthill Office on 090 64 92171

### Heating In Our Churches

We are all victims of the energy price crisis. This will in the coming months have a huge affect on our churches. Drum and Clonown due to their size should be able to weather the storm, however in Ss. Peter & Paul's with current oil and electricity prices it is estimated that the cost of heating and lighting the church for all Masses will be in the regions of €2,000 per week, yes, per week. We will endeavour to keep as much heat in the church as we can but beg your understanding on the days it might feel cold. *We thank you for your contributions and generosity.*

### Lay Ministries in our Parish

As we begin the new year it is a good time to look at ways you might be able to help out in the Parish. We welcome enquiries about becoming Eucharistic Ministers, Readers & Collectors for all three Church areas. Please consider if you would like to help with one of the ministries and let the office or one of the priests know. Training will be provided for everyone who volunteers before you would be asked to start.

### St Peters Active Retirement Group

meet every Wednesday 3.00-4.30pm at St Peters Parish Centre.

**New members welcome.** Contact Mary 087 948 0441, Anne 086 200 9787

### Sunday Collection for the support of the parish.

**Ss. Peter & Paul's Church Weekly Offertory Collection January 15th 2023 €2655**

*We thank you for your contributions and generosity.*

### Drum Mass Intentions for January 21 – January 29

Sat. 21 <sup>st</sup> . at 8 p.m.	- John, Bridget and Tom Duignan, Clonellan.
Sun. 22 <sup>nd</sup> . at 10 a.m.	- Martin and Nancy Mulvey, Johnstown, Also, son Marty and grandson Alan.
Tues. 24 <sup>th</sup> . at 7 p.m.	- No Intention.
Thurs. 26 <sup>th</sup> . at 7 p.m.	- No Intention.
Sat. 28 <sup>th</sup> . at 8 p.m.	- Mary and Michael Shine, Creggane.
Sun. 29 <sup>th</sup> . at 10 a.m.	- Alan Ledwith, formerly of Thomastown. Also, deceased family members.

### Clonown Mass Intentions for January 22 – January 29

Jan. 22 <sup>nd</sup> . at 11.15 a.m.	- No Intention.
Jan. 29 <sup>th</sup> . at 11.15 a.m.	- Hugh Roche, late of Togher.

### Recently Deceased

Pray for the repose of the souls Barbara Quigley, Iona Park, Athlone. Kathleen Callinan (née Byrne) St. Ruth's Park, Athlone. Norrie Egan, Athlone, Sister-in-law to Kay Egan, Summerhill and Maureen Egan, Kilty. Chris Tarallo (nee Cuniffe, Monksland) New York, Sister of Martin Cuniffe, Monksland. Pat Dollery, Newtown, Clonown. Rev. Denis Gavin C.S.Sp. Kimmage Manor and formerly from Ballinaculla, Clonown. May they rest in peace and condolences to the bereaved families.

### Pilgrimage to Medjugorje

7th - 14th June 2023, €745 sharing + €150 single supplement.

€100 Deposit. €50 discount if paid before 1st February.

If interested or for more information please contact Mary 087293 6933

**Study Theology**, is this for you? The Priory Institute provides online Theology courses to degree level. Attend Saturday lectures in Tallaght or from the comfort of your own home. Register before February 8. Find out more on our website, [prioryinstitute.com](http://prioryinstitute.com)

### 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. Application forms are available from the parish office/ sacristy 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.

### 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
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.
2258047	Environmental Worker	Monksland Tidy Towns

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."

**The Lord is my light and my salvation**