

SS Peter & Paul Church Mass Intentions

Saturday 27th January to Sunday 5th February 2023

ALL MASSES ARE LIVE-STREAMED on www.churchservices.tv/athlone

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	(MH) Also Live Streamed Dennis & Mai Kilfeather & their daughter Anita Paddy Kenny, Edward Egan Danny McCracken, Esme, Frank & Arron Fernandes Anne Cleary
Monday 30th January	9.30 am (JD) Also Live Streamed Followed by Novena & Benediction Stephen Quain & Mary Ganly
Tuesday 31st January	9.30 am (JD) Also Live Streamed Patrick & Kathleen Malone & deceased family members
Wednesday 1st February	9.30 am (JD) Also Live Streamed
6.00 pm	(IS) Blessed Sacrament Chapel
Thursday 2nd February	9.30 am (IS) Also Live Streamed Private Intention
Friday 3rd February	9.30 am (IS) Also Live Streamed Tom Henry & deceased family members
7.30 pm	(JD) Also Live Streamed Bridget Dolan Mary Bridget Stephens
Saturday 4th February	9.30 am (IS) Also Live Streamed
6.30 pm Vigil	(IS) Also Live Streamed Jackie Shine (Months Mind) Thomas (Tony) McHugh (1st Anniversary) P.J. (Poncho) Murray (1st Anniversary)
Sunday 5th February	9.00 am (JD) Live Streamed People of the Parish
12.00 noon	(JD) Also Live Streamed John McCormack Alfie Nally Jimmy & Breda Cunningham



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

Parish Newsletter

29th January 2023

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs

Parish Contact Details

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



www.sspeterandpaulsparishathlone.com

To Contact the Priest on Duty Call 085 870 5840

A condensed Gospel

The beatitudes offer a summary of Jesus' teaching. This gospel is Jesus' manifesto. It is a manifesto that he promises will bring us near to God.

People who are detached and show gentleness to others, are blessed. Even if they are rich, their money does not make them boastful or proud. Grief is the price we must eventually pay for having loved. If you are determined never to cry at a funeral, don't ever love anyone. The meek and the gentle are the most resilient of people. Good people deeply respect justice and fair play, and try to win them for others. As you treat others, so you will be treated. If we want to receive mercy and compassion, we must show mercy to others. A pure heart is not devious, deceitful, selfish or cunning. Jesus did not say we should be passive. Rather he urges us to build bridges of peace with others.

Jesus warns those who follow him will be treated as he was. There is a cost in Pentecost, and following him means sharing his cross. Right from the beginning when Simeon saw him in the temple, he said that Jesus would be a sign of contradiction. Everything he said and did was a challenge to this world's values. Those with power, prestige, and control felt undermined by his message. The religious leaders who were the arbiters of right and wrong, were so threatened by him that they planned his death.

There is a cleansing power in the beatitudes. They are about letting go of things that are not life-giving, and about becoming truly free. They offer guidelines for living, for inner peace and happiness. Spirituality is the work of the Holy Spirit. It is about letting go, so as to be free in God's sight

Monthly Holy Communion Calls

The Priests of the parish will call to the housebound and sick on Thursday and Friday of this coming week with Holy Communion. Should a member of your household wish to be included in the calls please contact the parish office in Forthill house or Drum with their details.

Please let us know if anyone is sick or in hospital so we can remember them in prayers.

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

Mini Retreat

First Friday 3rd February 2023, Chapel of Adoration,

8 Castle Street Athlone (09064 9227). 2.30pm - 5pm.

Come, bring your burdens to God!

Fr John Roche SPS will guide an afternoon of prayer and reflection in the Chapel of Adoration. During this month dedicated to praying for the sick (Our Lady of Lourdes) the focus will be on

Our Journey towards Healing and Wholeness.

Program: 2.30pm Talk: 3.15pm Guided Prayer: 4.00pm Mass and Anointing of the sick.

All welcome

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

Ss. Peter & Paul's Church Heating costs in January 2023 €4115.42.

Sunday Collection for the support of the parish.

Ss. Peter & Paul's Church Weekly Offertory Collection January 22nd €1265

We thank you for your contributions and generosity.

Drum Mass Intentions for January 28th – February 5th

Sat. 28 th . at 8 p.m.	- Mary and Michael Shine, Creggane.
Sun. 29 th . at 10 a.m.	- Alan Ledwith, formerly of Thomastown. Also, deceased family members.
Tues. 31 st . at 7 p.m.	- Pakie O'Neill, Summerhill. 1 st . Anniversary.
Thurs. 2 nd . at 7 p.m.	- Willie and Eileen Connaughton, Clonark. Also, deceased family members.
Sat. 4 th . at 8 p.m.	- Annette Durney, Cornafulla North. 1 st . Anniversary.
Sun. 5 th . at 10 a.m.	- Mary and Joe Duignan, Clonellan.

Clonown Mass Intentions for January 29th – February 5th

Jan. 29 th . at 11.15 a.m.	- Hugh Roche, late of Togher.
Feb. 3 rd . at 8 p.m.	- Paddy Joe and Rose Dunning, Newtown East.
Feb. 5 th . at 11.15 a.m.	- Willie and Kathleen Ward, Currnaboll.

Recently Deceased

Pray for the repose of the souls James (Jim) Killian College Park, Athlone, Westmeath, Rose Grehan, Arklow. Mother-in-law to Paudie Brennan, Clonark. Anne O'Carroll, Ard Rí. Aunt to Annmarie Durney, Cornafulla North. May they rest in peace and condolences to the bereaved families.

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.

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

Cornafulla N.S. Enrolment/Open Evening 2023/2024

Enrolment and Open evening in Cornafulla N.S. on Tuesday 31st January 2023 from 6pm-7pm. If you are unable to attend please contact the principal at 090 6437177 or Email: principal@cornafullans.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
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 number 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."