

**SS Peter & Paul Church Mass Intentions
Saturday 18th February 2023 to Sunday 26th February 2023**

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

Saturday 18th Feb	9.30 am	(IS) Also Live Streamed Bernie Ward & Pat Ward
	6.30 pm Vigil	(JD) Also Live Streamed
<i>We welcome the First Holy Communion pupils from Cloonakilla, Dean Kelly & St. Peter's to this evenings Mass</i>		
		Maureen Cox (1st Anniversary) Christopher Walsh (1st Anniversary) Chrissie Healy (1st Anniversary)
Sunday 19th Feb	9.00 am	(MH) Live Streamed People of the Parish
	12.00 noon	(MH) Also Live Streamed Jimmy Lynch, Morgan Keena, Ann Ganly
Monday 20th Feb	9.30 am	(IS) Also Live Streamed Followed by Novena & Benediction Annie & Pat Fallon & deceased family
Tuesday 21st Feb	9.30 am	(IS) Also Live Streamed Patrick Anthony Lennon
Wednesday 22nd Feb	7.20 am	(IS) Early Mass for Lent (Also Live Streamed) Ash Wednesday No Intention Booked
	9.30 am	(IS) Also Live Streamed Ash Wednesday William O'Connor
	6.00 pm	(JD) Blessed Sacrament Chapel
Thursday 23rd Feb	7.20 am	(JD) Early Mass for Lent (Also Live Streamed) No Intention Booked
	9.30 am	(JD) Also Live Streamed Thanksgiving Mass
Friday 24th Feb	9.30 am	(JD) Also Live Streamed J.J. and Joe Glennon
	7.30 pm	(IS) Also Live Streamed Marie & Eamon Furey, Michael Furey Rose, Michael, Carmel & Sean Long Mary & Jason Gaffey and Patrick Dunning Kenneth Connor, Michael (Mike) O'Reilly Bill & Alice Fitzmaurice & their grandson Keith Kelly
Saturday 25th Feb	9.30 am	(JD) Also Live Streamed Michael & Bridget Galvin Mike & Winnie Farrell
	6.30 pm Vigil	(JD) Also Live Streamed
Sunday 26th Feb	9.00 am	(IS) Live Streamed People of the Parish
	12.00 noon	(JD) Also Live Streamed Gerry McCaul (1st Anniversary) Brian & Miriam Lenehan



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

19th February 2023
7th Sunday in Ordinary Time



**The Season of Lent begins on
Wednesday February 22nd**

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Sacristans' Christine Kenny & Tom O'Neill

www.churchservices.tv/athlone

**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

Weekly Newsletter

Ash Wednesday February 22nd.

Ashes will be distributed after all Masses

Ss. Peter and Paul's Church 7.20 am and 9.30 am Drum 7 pm
Blessed Sacrament Chapel 6 pm Clonown 8 pm

Early Morning Mass in Lent

Monday thru Thursday 7.20am.

The change from 7.30 to 7.20 is to facilitate people going to work for 8 am.

World Day of Prayer

Will take place on Friday March 3rd. An Ecumenical Service will take place in Ss. Peter and Paul's Church, Athlone at 11 am. A collection will be taken up on the day for needy causes.

Lenten Scripture Initiative

We are proposing to host a five-session Lenten Scripture Initiative in co-operation with Kiltoom Parish. The sessions will look at some of the writings of St. Paul. I am sure that those who take part will find it both enjoyable and useful in understanding scripture in prayer.

Full details on the dates etc next weekend.

Sick or Housebound

If a member of your family or household is sick or housebound and would like a visit from one of the priests or Holy Communion please contact the parish office in Battery Road or Drum.

Family / House Masses

If you would like to have a Mass in your home for your family or neighbours please contact the priest for your area who would be delighted to oblige.

House Masses can not be facilitated on Saturdays or Sundays.

(please give notice to allow for other events in the priests diary)

Volunteer Appeal

We are appealing for volunteers to assist in the following ministries in Ss. Peter & Paul's Church. While we have many very good and committed volunteers we always need more. We would welcome your participation in the life of the Church and give practical support to the celebration of liturgy.

Please consider volunteering for one of the following ministries. Full training and support will be provided to those who do put their names forward.

Eucharistic Ministers / Readers / Church Collectors / Altar Society / Altar Servers

**Contact the parish office on 090 64 92171 Monday – Thursday 9.30 to 12.30.
or email stpetersparishathlone@gmail.com**

ENERGY BILLS

Thank you to those who have made donations towards the heating, your help is very much appreciated. *Oil continues to be our biggest outlay each week.*

We received our **Electricity bill for January** in the last week, for St. Peters alone it was just over **€1,900 for one month.**

Our weekly collection does not come near to covering the costs of running the church at the moment. I appeal to those who are not currently contributing to please consider doing so. To those who have loyally supported the parish financially I once again say **Thank you.**

Church Collectors in Ss. Peter and Paul's Church.

We plan to return to passing the baskets through the church shortly and need volunteers who are willing to help. **You can leave your name and contact details at the sacristy or the parish office.**

Sunday Collection for the support of the parish.

Ss. Peter & Paul's Church Weekly Offertory Collection February 12th €1175

We thank you for your contributions and generosity.



**"The quality of mercy is not strained;
It droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven
Upon the place beneath. It is twice blest;
It blesseth him that gives and him that takes..."**

Drum Mass Intentions February 18th – February 26th

Sat. 18th. at 8 p.m. - Marie O'Brien, Creggane. First Anniversary.
Sun. 19th. at 10 a.m. - Frank Lennon, Creggane. Also, his parents Thomas and Elizabeth.

We welcome the First Holy Communion pupils from the Drum Schools to this mornings Mass

Tues. 21st. at 7 p.m. - John Egan, Mount Florence.
Wed. 22nd. at 7 p.m. - Ash Wednesday.
Thurs. 23rd. at 7 p.m. - Patrick and Kathleen O'Neill, Mount Hussey.
Also, deceased family members and Stella Brockman.
Sat. 25th. at 8 p.m. - Paddy and Margaret Mulvey, Johnstown. Also, Jim Hynes.
Sun. 26th. at 10 a.m. - Johnny and Kathleen Naughton, Clonellan.

Clonown Mass Intentions February 19th – February 26th

Feb. 19th. at 11.15 a.m. Johnny Hynes, Currnaboll. Also, deceased family members.

We welcome the First Holy Communion pupils from Clonown School to Mass Today

Wed. 22nd. at 8 p.m. Ash Wednesday
Mary Shine, Currnaboll. Also, deceased family members.
Feb. 26th. at 11.15 a.m. Rose Shine, Drumlosh. First Anniversary.

Recently Deceased

Pray for the repose of the souls of Laurence (Larry) Devlin, Griffith St, late of St Joseph's Villas, Athlone, Thomas O'Donoghue, Bealnamulla, Athlone, formerly Deer Park, Athlone, Donal William Sumner, The Moorings, Ballymahon Road, Athlone/Dublin and Paul Hughes, Dernasee. May they rest in peace and condolences to the bereaved families.

Trocaire Lenten Campaign

Trocaire Boxes are available at all three churches now. When full they can be returned to the sacristy or the parish offices. We thank you for your ongoing support of the overseas mission of out church. "It is in giving that we receive..."

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 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."

We naturally resent those who do us wrong. But nurtured hatred can come between us and God, who wants us to be forgiving.