

SS Peter & Paul Church Mass Intentions

Saturday 25th February 2023 to Sunday 5th March 2023

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

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| Saturday 25th Feb | 9.30 am | (JD) Also Live Streamed Michael & Bridget Galvin Mike & Winnie Farrell |
| | 6.30 pm Vigil | (IS) Also Live Streamed |
| Sunday 26th Feb | 9.00 am | (JD) Live Streamed People of the Parish |
| | 12.00 noon | (JD) Also Live Streamed Gerry McCaul (1st Anniversary) Joseph McGrath (brother of William McGrath Connaught St, Athlone) Brian & Miriam Lenehan |
| Monday 27th Feb | 7.20 am | (JD) Early Mass for Lent (Also Live Streamed) |
| | 9.30 am | (JD) Also Live Streamed <i>Followed by Novena & Benediction</i> Nan Walsh |
| Tuesday 28th Feb | 7.20 am | (JD) Early Mass for Lent (Also Live Streamed) |
| | 9.30 am | (JD) Also Live Streamed |
| Wednesday 1st March | 7.20 am | (JD) Early Mass for Lent (Also Live Streamed) |
| | 9.30 am | (JD) Also Live Streamed |
| | 6.00 pm | (IS) Blessed Sacrament Chapel |
| Thursday 2nd March | 7.20 am | (IS) Early Mass for Lent (Also Live Streamed) |
| | 9.30 am | (IS) Also Live Streamed |
| Friday 3rd March | 9.30 am | (IS) Also Live Streamed |
| | 7.30 pm | (JD) Also Live Streamed Frances Vaughan Tom & Maisie Byrne |
| Saturday 4th March | 9.30 am | (IS) Also Live Streamed Kitty McFadden & deceased of Healy & McFadden Families |
| | 6.30 pm Vigil | (MH) Also Live Streamed Kathleen Callinan (Months Mind) Douglas (Dogie) Mahon (Months Mind) |
| Sunday 5th March | 9.00 am | (IS) Live Streamed People of the Parish |
| | 12.00 noon | (IS) Also Live Streamed John Keyes, Seamus McCann, Susan Reilly Ada & Martin Brennan Jimmy & Nora O'Connor & deceased family |



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

26th February 2023



Jesus was tempted in the desert.

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned

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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



Weekly Newsletter

1st Sunday of Lent (Trócaire Lenten Campaign)

Today, the first Sunday of Lent, we remember Saint Peter and celebrate the Feast of the Chair of St. Peter and his papacy in Rome. Like us all, Peter was not without faults. He was reproached several times by Christ in the Gospels, as well as falling asleep in the garden of Gethsemane and also denying Christ three times following his arrest. After the death and resurrection of Jesus, Peter spread the message of Christ as far away as Judea and Syria, eventually settling in Rome.

As foretold by Jesus, he suffered a martyr's death on Vatican Hill, choosing to be crucified upside-down because he viewed himself as a sinner and unworthy of a similar death to Christ.

Remember: To take home your Trócaire Box and remember their work in prayers.

Early Morning Mass in Lent

Monday - 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. **Starting Thursday March 2nd for 5 weeks from 7.30pm to 9pm in Kiltoom Hall** (Beside the church). The sessions will be facilitated by Deacon Willie Gacquin and Úna Feeley. **If you are interested please contact Ashley at the office 090 64 92717.** I am sure that those who take part will find it both enjoyable and useful in understanding scripture in prayer.

Sick or Housebound

The Priests will make their Monthly Holy Communion calls this coming Thursday & Friday. 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)

Sound in Ss. Peter & Paul's Church

A big thank you to Owen & Charlie from Octatronics Ltd for their work on the sound system. This weekend will be its first big test and hopefully we have finally got it fixed.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje

June 21st - 28th Flights from Dublin to Mostar Cost €795 + €150 single supplement)

Contact Mary Mulligan (087 293 6933)

Flowers for Church Altars

If you would like to donate flowers for use on the altars in the churches within the parish. Please contact the sacristy or the office.

Thank you to those who have already donated money or flowers. Fr. John.

Sunday Collection for the support of the parish.

Ss. Peter & Paul's Church Weekly Offertory Collection February 19th €1305

We thank you for your contributions and generosity.

Drum Mass Intentions February 25th – March 5th

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.

Tues. 28th. at 7 p.m. - Kitty and Patrick Seery, Clonellan. Also, deceased members of the Seery and McManus families.

Thurs. 2nd. at 7 p.m. - Sr. Canisius Duffy and her brother John. Clonark.

Sat. 4th. at 11 a.m. - Peter Watson, Kilmacormack, Drum. Month's Mind.

Sat. 4th. at 8 p.m. - Pakie Naughton, Thomastown. First Anniversary.

Sun. 5th. at 10 a.m. - Rosaleen and Bernie Kelly, Rooskey. Also, deceased family members and Des Rea.

Sun. 5th. at 10 a.m. - John McEvelly Birmingham (Strokestown). First Anniversary.

Clonown Mass Intentions February 26th – March 5th

Feb. 26th. at 11.15 a.m. - Rose Shine, Drumlosh. First Anniversary.

Mar. 3rd. at 8 p.m. - Fr. Denis Gavin, CSSp. Kimmage and formerly Ballinaculla. Month's Mind.

Mar. 5th. at 11.15 a.m. - Patrick (Pat) Dollery, Newtown, Clonown. Month's Mind.

Recently Deceased

Pray for the repose of the souls of Baby Conor Oliver (C.J.) Conroy, Athlone, Westmeath, Mark Wallis, Monksland, Athlone, Westmeath.

May they rest in peace and condolences to the bereaved families.

Drum Cemetery Voluntary Group AGM

Will take place on Tuesday 7th March at 8.30pm in Drum Parish Hall. New members most welcome.

We would like to thank everyone for their continuous support and contributions towards the cemetery.

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

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

World Youth Day

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. For details and how to register please visit www.elphindiocese.ie/wyd2023. or contact youth@elphindiocese.ie. If you have any queries.

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.