

SS Peter & Paul Church Mass Intentions

Saturday 4th February 2023 to Sunday 12th February 2023

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

Saturday 4th February	9.30 am 6.30 pm Vigil	(IS) Also Live Streamed (IS) Also Live Streamed
		Jackie Shine (Months Mind) Thomas (Tony) McHugh (1st Anniversary) P.J. (Poncho) Murray (1st Anniversary) James Redmond
Sunday 5th February	9.00 am 12.00 noon	(JD) Live Streamed (JD) Also Live Streamed
		People of the Parish John McCormack Alfie Nally Jimmy & Breda Cunningham
Monday 6th February	9.30 am	(IS) Also Live Streamed
Tuesday 7th February	9.30 am	(IS) Also Live Streamed
Wednesday 8th February	9.30 am 6.00 pm	(IS) Also Live Streamed (JD) Blessed Sacrament Chapel
Thursday 9th February	9.30 am	(JD) Also Live Streamed
Friday 10th February	9.30 am 7.30 pm	(JD) Also Live Streamed (IS) Also Live Streamed
		John, Eileen & Martin Lennon Paddy Casey, Kathleen & George Newman Michael Daly, Tommy Keogh Tommy Freeburn
Saturday 11th February	9.30 am 6.30 pm Vigil	(JD) Also Live Streamed (MH) Also Live Streamed
		Mary, John and Seán Dillon Declan Curley (1st Anniversary)
Sunday 12th February	9.00 am 12.00 noon	(IS) Live Streamed (IS) Also Live Streamed
		People of the Parish Bridie Connolly, Joe, Annie & Edward Connolly Kieran & Rita Gavin Laurence & Pat O'Connell & deceased of O'Connell & Mulligan Families Michael Lennon

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

Parish Newsletter

5th February 2023
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time



"let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."

Parish Contact Details

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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

A thought on today's Gospel

- ◆ In today's Gospel Jesus says "let your light shine before others.." But how can we reconcile "letting our light shine" with the fact that Jesus spent most of his own life quietly in Nazareth, as the son of the carpenter. What Jesus practised at Nazareth was fidelity to the ordinary, the daily routine, which requires its own kind of courage. What sets him apart was anchoring his whole life in God, to let the Father be the guiding force in his life.
- ◆ The quiet practice of virtue was the hallmark of the saints, who never published their holiness, but just tried to remain close to God, in a spirit of "loving attentive expectancy," as St John of the Cross put it.
- ◆ This spirit marked the life of saint Theresè of Lisieux, who died at the age of 24, after living as an enclosed nun from her teenage years. Some of the other nuns thought that Therese had achieved nothing at all in her short life. Yet within a generation, this young nun who had never left her convent was proclaimed Patroness of the Foreign Missions. Even from her cloister she let her light shine out. Reflecting on the three virtues that last, faith, hope and love, Therese saw prayerful love as her special mission in life. "In the heart of the Church," she said, "I shall be love." And from that loving spirit the grace of God was richly channelled out to the missionary world.

Sick or Housebound

If you or a member of your family are sick or housebound and would like one of the priests to visit or bring Holy Communion please contact the office.

Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes

Saturday February 11th is the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, Those who would like to receive the Sacrament of the Sick are invited to attend the 9.30am Mass where the Sacrament will be administered after Mass

Monksland Community Mass

The February Community Mass will be held on Thursday February 9th at 8pm in Monksland Community Centre, on the Old Tuam Road. This Month we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and offer our Mass for all who are sick.

ALL ARE WELCOME. Tea / Scones and friendly chat afterwards

Thank you

Thank you to those who have made donations towards the heating, your help is very much appreciated. The two side doors in Ss. Peter & Pauls Church will shortly be removed for complete restoration and draft proofing this essential work will remove the cold breeze in the middle of the church and bring the doors back to their original state in 1937.

This work will be funded through the generosity of a bequest from a deceased parishioner.

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

Sound System in Ss. Peter & Paul's Church

We have been making changes to the sound system in the church to reduce the interference and hissing sounds and to hopefully improve the overall sound for Mass. Bear with us as it may take a couple of weeks to get it right. Thanks to Owen from Octatronics Ltd for his work on it.

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 29th €1150.00

We thank you for your contributions and generosity.

Drum Mass Intentions February 4th – February 12th

- Sat. 4th. at 8 p.m. - Annette Durney, Cornafulla North. 1st. Anniversary.
- Sun. 5th. at 10 a.m. - Mary and Joe Duignan, Clonellan.
- Tues. 7th. at 7 p.m. - Kathleen Naughton, Thomastown.
- Thurs. 9th. at 7 p.m. - Michael Berrigan, Clonark. Also, deceased family members.
- Sat. 11th. at 8 p.m. - William and Margaret Macken, Creggane.
- Sun. 12th. at 10 a.m. - Mike and Mary Kate Hynes, Drumlosh.

Clonown Mass Intentions for February 5th – February 12th

- Feb. 5th. at 11.15 a.m. - Willie and Kathleen Ward, Curranaboll.
- Feb 12th. at 11.15 a.m. - Tommy, Patrick and Annie Dunning. Buggane. Also, deceased family members.

Recently Deceased

Pray for the repose of the souls of Douglas (Dougie) Mahon Baylough, Athlone, Peter Watson, Kilmacormack, Drum and Joseph (Joe) Glynn, Derrylahen, brother of Pat Glynn, Crannaghbeg. 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.

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.

Public Rosary

"The Legion of Mary will pray the rosary on Saturday February 11th, the 'Feast of our Lady of Lourdes' at 3pm at John Paul Park Grotto. All are welcome"

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.

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."