

SS Peter & Paul Church Mass Intentions

Saturday 11th February 2023 to Sunday 19th February 2023

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

Saturday	9.30 am	(JD) Also Live Streamed
11th February		Mary, John and Seán Dillon
	6.30 pm Vigil	(MH) Also Live Streamed
		Declan Curley (1st Anniversary)
Sunday	9.00 am	(IS) Live Streamed
12th February		People of the Parish
	12.00 noon	(IS) Also Live Streamed
		Bridie Connolly, Joe, Annie & Edward Connolly Kieran & Rita Gavin, Geraldine Mulvey, Laurence & Pat O'Connell & deceased of O'Connell & Mulligan Families Michael Lennon
Monday	9.30 am	(JD) Also Live Streamed
		Michael & Ellen Staunton
13th February		Followed by Novena & Benediction
Tuesday	9.30 am	(JD) Also Live Streamed
14th February		Cathal O'Kelly
Wednesday	9.30 am	(JD) Also Live Streamed
15th February		Mary Mannion
	6.00 pm	(IS) Blessed Sacrament Chapel
Thursday	9.30 am	(IS) Also Live Streamed
16th February		Private Intention
Friday	9.30 am	(IS) Also Live Streamed
17th February		The Carty Family (Baylough) Mary Murray
	7.30 pm	(JD) Also Live Streamed
		Warren Hynes Pa & Vera Nestor Thomas White, Margaret & Bernard White Brigid & Malachy White
Saturday	9.30 am	(IS) Also Live Streamed
18th February		Bernie Ward & Pat Ward
	6.30 pm Vigil	(JD) Also Live Streamed
		Maureen Cox (1st Anniversary) Christopher Walsh (1st Anniversary) Chrissie Healy (1st Anniversary)
Sunday	9.00 am	(MH) Live Streamed
19th February		People of the Parish
	12.00 noon	(MH) Also Live Streamed
		Jimmy Lynch Morgan Keena, Ann Ganly

Sunday Collection for the support of the parish.

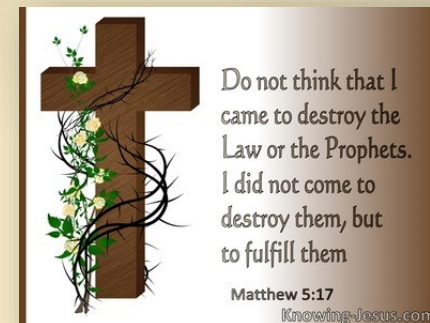
Ss. Peter & Paul's Church Weekly Offertory Collection February 5th €1265

We thank you for your contributions and generosity.



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

12th February 2023
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Sacristans' Christine Kenny & Tom O'Neill

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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

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.

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.

Thank you

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.

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.

Recently Deceased

Pray for the repose of the souls Mary Egan, Pearse Street, Athlone, Laurence (Larry) Devlin, Griffith St, late of St Joseph's Villas, Athlone and Tony Browne, Moate, brother of Magdalen Dunne, Crannaghbeg, also, Maurice Browne, Lancashire, brother of Paddy Browne, Kilmacormack, Drum. May they rest in peace and condolences to the bereaved families.

A thought on today's Scripture Readings

- Could our daily lifestyle be described as life-giving?
- Do we choose to help sustain and nurture life for ourselves and others?
- Or do we choose to diminish or ignore the good of others?
- Do we try to make our world a better place?

While Jesus sets us a very high standard, Sirach claims that we can keep the commandments if we really want to. Both readings call us to evaluate our habitual ways of choosing.

The Sermon on the Mount offers high moral ideals, not a set of firm commandments. Jesus forbids not merely murder but also lesser forms of injuring others. The importance of forgiveness is so great that it comes before strictly religious duties. He tells us "leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your neighbour." **We must respect not simply people's right to life but also their right to dignity and self-respect.**

The prohibition of oaths is not taken literally in Christian countries, where oaths are taken in a courts of law. But in a perfect society characterised by trust and truth-telling, oaths should not be needed to reinforce our words. Jesus promoted an atmosphere of openness and trust. What he offers as a supplement to the Law of Moses is a morality of values held from the heart.

Flowers for Church Altars

If you would like to donate flowers for the 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 and flowers.

Fr. John.



First Holy Communion Candidates

Next weekend we extend an invitation to all the candidates for First Holy Communion and their families to join us for Mass.

Saturday 18th at 6.30pm in ss. Peter & Paul's, Cloonakilla, Dean Kelly & St Peters School's

Sunday 19th at 10am in Drum, Summerhill, Ardkeen & Cornafulla School's

Sunday 19th at 11.15am in Clonown, Clonown National School.

Please keep these children in your prayers as they prepare for the sacraments of First Penance & First Holy Communion.

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.

Accord

Accord is currently taking booking for Pre-Marriage courses. Please contact the Sligo Accord Centre at 071-9145641 or www.accord.ie The Pre-Marriage course should be booked at least 6-8 months before the wedding. Also, Marriage counselling services are available by contacting the Accord telephone number.

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

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."

Drum Mass Intentions for February 11th – February 19th

Sat. 11 th . at 8 p.m.	- William and Margaret Macken, Creggane.
Sun. 12 th . at 10 a.m.	- Mike and Mary Kate Hynes, Drumlosh.
Tues. 14 th . at 7 p.m.	- William Carr, Wales (formerly Ardkeen) First Anniversary.
Thurs. 16 th . at 7 p.m.	- James O'Neill, Clonbulia. Also, deceased family members.
Sat. 18 th . at 8 p.m.	- Marie O'Brien, Creggane. First Anniversary.
Sun. 19 th . at 10 a.m.	- Frank Lennon, Creggane. Also, his parents Thomas and Elizabeth.

Clonown Mass Intentions for February 12th – February 19th

Feb. 12 th . at 11.15 a.m.-	Tommy, Patrick and Annie Dunning. Buggane. Also, deceased family members.
Feb. 19 th . at 11.15 a.m.-	Johnny Hynes, Curranaboll. Also, deceased family members.