

**SS Peter & Paul Church Mass Intentions**

**Saturday 19th March to Sunday 26th March 2023**

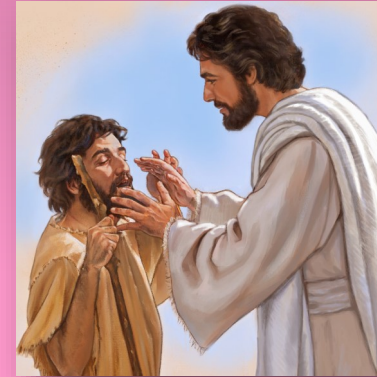
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<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>(IS) Also Live Streamed</b>
<b>18th March</b>	<b>6.30 pm Vigil</b>	<b>(IS) Also Live Streamed</b> Donal Sumner (Months Mind)
<i>We Welcome the First Holy Communion Children from Cloonakilla, St. Peter's &amp; Dean Kelly Schools to Mass this evening.</i>		
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	<b>(IS) Also Live Streamed</b>
<b>19th March</b>	<b>12.00 noon</b>	People of the Parish <b>(JD) Also Live Streamed</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>7.20 am</b>	<b>(IS) Early Mass for Lent (Also Live Streamed)</b>
<b>20th March</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>(IS) Also Live Streamed</b> <b>Followed by Novena &amp; Benediction</b> Michael & Bridie Nolan Christy & Molly Willis & deceased family and Roy Smith
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>7.20 am</b>	<b>(IS) Early Mass for Lent (Also Live Streamed)</b>
<b>21st March</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>(IS) Also Live Streamed</b> Dennis & John Kearney Maureen & Paddy Joyce Paddy, Tony & John Joyce
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>7.20 am</b>	<b>(IS) Early Mass for Lent (Also Live Streamed)</b>
<b>22nd March</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>(IS) Also Live Streamed</b> Nora, Martin, Alan & Derek Kiernan <b>(JD) Blessed Sacrament Chapel</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>7.20 am</b>	<b>(JD) Early Mass for Lent (Also Live Streamed)</b>
<b>23rd March</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>(JD) Also Live Streamed</b> Private Intention
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>(JD) Also Live Streamed</b>
<b>24th March</b>	<b>7.30 pm</b>	Tom, Molly & Dympna Maguire <b>(IS) Also Live Streamed</b> Baby Connor (CJ) Conroy (Months Mind) Thomas, Maura and Niall Fitzgerald Bridget & John Dolan, Owen Shine Jnr Declan Dolan & Baby Hope, John Lafferty John & Hetty, Sean & Mary, Paddy & Mary, Mike & Nancy Goode,
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>(JD) Also Live Streamed</b>
<b>25th March</b>	<b>6.30 pm Vigil</b>	<b>(MH) Also Live Streamed</b> PJ Gordon Mark Wallis (Months Mind) Tommy Kelly (Talbot Avenue) James, Kathleen, Marian, Jimmy & Michael Drumm
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	<b>(IS) Also Live Streamed</b>
<b>26th March</b>	<b>12.00 noon</b>	People of the Parish <b>(IS) Also Live Streamed</b>



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

**19th March 2023 Fourth Sunday of Lent**



**Open the eyes of my soul, Lord**

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**[www.churchservices.tv/athlone](http://www.churchservices.tv/athlone)**  
**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**

### A thought

A practical and simple prayer is "Lord, that I may see." It is a short prayer, but when it comes from the depths of my heart, it is a powerful prayer. Remember that other blind man named Bartimeus? He was told that Jesus was passing by, and he was determined to get his attention. Those around him tried to silence him, but he shouted all the louder. And he also was cured. To another man Jesus asked the pointed question, "Do you want to be healed?"

### Happy Mothers day

Mother's Day is all about celebrating the woman who raised you and shaped who you are as a person. From all the packed lunches with napkin notes, to the bandages and kisses after falling off your bike, to being the first one to cry at your graduation—your mum was there for it all. It's important to thank her for all the love and work she put in through the years. Remind her of your love and appreciation today and every day. We also remember in prayer & gratitude the Mothers called home to God.

#### A summary of the readings from the fourth Sunday of Lent from TY students in Colaiste Chiarain, Athlone.

- Joshua 5:9a,10-12** In our first reading, the Israelites celebrate the Passover in the Promised Land.
- Psalms 34:2-7** Our psalm is a prayer of praise to God. Whenever we turn to God, He is there for us.
- 2 Corinthians 5:17-21** Paul preaches about our reconciliation with Christ, through whom, our slate is wiped clean.
- Luke 15:1-3,11-32** In our Gospel today, we are told the parable of the prodigal son. Some times we are like the prodigal son, sometimes we are like the elder son. But we are asked to be like the Father, always ready to welcome us

### 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.

**Friday next is St. Patrick's Day, A Holy Day of Obligation Mass times are Ss. Peter & Pauls Vigil Mass 6.30pm, 9.30am & 12 noon, Drum Vigil 8pm & 10am, Clonown 11.15am**

### Sacrament of Confirmation

On March 29th & 30th many of the 6th class pupils from the parish will receive the sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop Kevin Doran & Bishop Michael Duignan. Please remember them in your prayers as they prepare to take this big step in their faith journeys.

### 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. **Continues Thursday March 23rd for 2 more weeks from 7.30pm to 9pm in Kiltoom Hall** (Beside the church).

The sessions will be facilitated by Deacon Willie Gacquin and Una 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.

### Dean Kelly N.S. Cake Sale

Will take place on Friday 24th March from 10.00 to 12.00 noon.

This is our first cake sale since 2019 and we are looking forward to welcoming everyone. Please come along and help the school raise some much needed funds. Please consider making a donation of baked goods to the school. All donations can be dropped to the school from Wednesday 22nd March onwards.

### Sunday Collection for the support of the parish.

**Ss. Peter & Paul's Church Weekly Offertory Collection March 12th €1290**  
**We thank you for your contributions and generosity.**

### Drum Mass Intentions for March 18th – March 26th

- Sat. 18<sup>th</sup>. at 8 p.m. - Martin and Mai O'Rourke, Rathpeak.
- Sun. 19<sup>th</sup>. at 10 a.m. - Pakie, Teresa, Michael and Christopher Harney, Clonrulla.
- Tues. 21<sup>st</sup>. at 7 p.m. - Thomas and Mary Ann Naughton, Doohan. Also, son Tom and grandson Fergal.
- Thurs. 23<sup>rd</sup>. at 7 p.m. - Pake Naughton, Blackstown. First Anniversary. Also, parents Mai and Willie.
- Sat. 25<sup>th</sup>. at 8 p.m. - John Joe Meares, Curryroe.
- Sun. 26<sup>th</sup>. at 10 a.m. - Patrick and Ellen Kenny, Clonbulia. Also, deceased family members.

### Clonown Mass Intentions March 19th – March 26th

- Mar. 19<sup>th</sup>. at 11.15 a.m. - John and Ellen Shine, Buggane. Also, deceased family members.
- Mar. 26<sup>th</sup>. at 11.15 a.m. - Kathleen Shine, Currnaboll.

### Recently Deceased

Pray for the repose of the souls of Betty Doyle, The Mill, Bealnamulla, Athlone, Roscommon, Seamus Fuery, 15 Ardbrae Park, Athlone, Westmeath, Sr. Teresa Cunniffe, Chapelizod, Dublin and formerly Cornafulla.

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

### 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](mailto:stpetersparishathlone@gmail.com)**

### Féile Ceoil na Scoileanna is back!

The 55th Annual Féile Ceoil na Scoileanna returns to the Dean Crowe Theatre on Monday 7.00pm, Tuesday 10am. and 7.00pm. and Wednesday 10am. the 20th, 21st and 22nd of March 2023.  
Admission: Adults €5, Children €1. All welcome.

### 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](http://www.elphindiocese.ie/wyd2023). or contact [youth@elphindiocese.ie](mailto:youth@elphindiocese.ie). If you have any queries.

### Daffodil Day Coffee Morning

**Will be hosted by Robert Troy TD and Liz Gilhooley in aid of the Irish Cancer Society**

The event will be held at Robert Troy's Constituency office on Gleeson Street Athlone (beside the Sheraton Hotel) on Friday 24th March from 10.30am. All welcome.

**The Legion of Mary will pray the rosary on Saturday March 25th, the 'Feast of the Annunciation' at 3pm at John Paul Park Grotto. All are welcome.**

**Rachel's Vineyard** - A spiritual and psychological journey of healing after abortion. Upcoming weekend retreat: March 24<sup>th</sup>- 26<sup>th</sup> at a venue in County Sligo. For further information see [www.rachelsvineyard.ie](http://www.rachelsvineyard.ie) or phone Anne in confidence at 085-7829929.

### Accord

Accord are currently taking bookings for Pre-Marriage courses. Please contact the Sligo Accord Centre at 071-9145641 or [www.accord.ie](http://www.accord.ie) The Pre-Marriage course should be booked at least 6-8 months before the wedding.