

## SS Peter & Paul Church Mass Intentions

Saturday 5th March to Sunday 12th March 2023

ALL MASSES ARE LIVE-STREAMED on [www.churchservices.tv/athlone](http://www.churchservices.tv/athlone)

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
Monday 6th March	7.20 am	(IS) Early Mass for Lent (Also Live Streamed)
	9.30 am	(IS) Also Live Streamed <b>Followed by Novena &amp; Benediction</b> Jim Killian (Months Mind)
Tuesday 7th March	7.20 am	(IS) Early Mass for Lent (Also Live Streamed)
	9.30 am	(IS) Also Live Streamed Louie, Mary, John, Michael, Kathleen, Clem, Angela and Marty Kelly
Wednesday 8th March	7.20 am	(IS) Early Mass for Lent (Also Live Streamed)
	9.30 am	(IS) Also Live Streamed
Thursday 9th March	6.00 pm	(JD) Blessed Sacrament Chapel
	7.20 am	(JD) Early Mass for Lent (Also Live Streamed)
Friday 10th March	9.30 am	(JD) Also Live Streamed Private Intention Ann & John Doyle & deceased of Doyle & Cummins families
	7.30 pm	(JD) Also Live Streamed Laurence (Larry) Devlin (Months Mind) May & Larry Collins, Billy & Esther Galvin John (Seán) Nally, Martin & Margaret Doyle
Saturday 11th March	9.30 am	(JD) Also Live Streamed
	6.30 pm Vigil	(JD) Also Live Streamed Thomas O'Donoghue (Months Mind) May O'Neill and deceased family members
Sunday 12th March	9.00 am	(MH) Live Streamed People of the Parish
	12.00 noon	(MH) Also Live Streamed Mary Egan (Months Mind) Anne Geoghegan Margaret & Edward Mulligan Ned & Nell McManus & their son William Anthony



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

**5th March 2023**

**Second Sunday of Lent**



**“Get up and do not be afraid.”**

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**Sacristans'** Christine Kenny & Tom O'Neill

[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 for this week

Through eyes of faith, the passing of the years looks somewhat different. We believe our journey is going somewhere: instead of simply terminating with death (full stop, finis), we will emerge into the life of heaven (welcome, transition into God's presence.) We are pilgrims, like Abraham, moving toward the land of promise. Like St Paul, we try to deal with the problems and setbacks along the way, with the help of the Lord. And in the end, if we are faithful, we will share the total joy of joining Christ in glory, as the reward of life's pilgrimage.

*"In our first reading today, God calls on Abram to leave behind all he knows, so God can make him into something for all of humanity. The responsorial psalm encourages us to praise God, because it is through Him we get all our strengths and talents. In our second reading, Paul encourages Timothy to be brave and protective of his faith. In our Gospel from the book of Matthew, we have the Transfiguration, where Christ's eternal glory is revealed to his apostles, and in turn, us."*

**From the TY students of Colaiste Chiarain, Summerhill:**

#### 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.

#### 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 for 9th for 4 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.

#### 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)**

#### Pilgrimage to Medjugorje

**June 21<sup>st</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> Flights from Dublin to Mostar Cost €795 + €150 single supplement)**

**Contact Mary Mulligan (087 293 6933)**

#### Drum Cemetery Voluntary Group

**AGM** will be held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 8.30pm in Drum Parish Hall. New members most 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.

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

**Ss. Peter & Paul's Church Weekly Offertory Collection February 26th € 1285**

**We thank you for your contributions and generosity.**

#### Drum Mass Intentions for March 4 – March 12

Sat. 4<sup>th</sup>. at 8 p.m. - Pakie Naughton, Thomastown. First Anniversary.

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

Sun. 5<sup>th</sup>. at 10 a.m. - John McEvilly Birmingham (Strokestown). First Anniversary.

Tues. 7<sup>th</sup>. at 7 p.m. - Teresa and Frank Naughton, Doohan. Also, deceased family members.

Thurs. 9<sup>th</sup>. at 7 p.m. - James and Kathleen Greene, Doohan. Also, deceased family members.

Sat. 11<sup>th</sup>. at 8 p.m. - Mary Higgins, Ardkeen. Also, Tommy and Winnie Higgins.

Sun. 12<sup>th</sup>. at 10 a.m. - Kathleen and Dinny Owen McManus, Dugra.

#### Clonown Mass Intentions March 5 – March 12

Sun. 5<sup>th</sup>. at 11.15 a.m. - Patrick Dolly, Clonown. Month's Mind.

Sun. 12<sup>th</sup>. at 11.15 a.m. - Bridie and Martin Shine, Drumlosh.

#### Recently Deceased

Pray for the repose of the souls of Paul Hughes, Dernasee, Athlone, Isla-Mai (Ray Ray) Earley, Lisnamucklagh, Dysart, Athlone.

**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)**

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

#### St. Patrick's Breakfast Morning In Aid of Ardkeen N.S. Drum, Athlone.

On 17th March in Drum Parish Hall

10.30am to 12.30pm.

**Join us after Mass for a Full Irish Breakfast.**

Adm: Adults €10, Children €5 - - All Welcome

#### Athlone Flower & Garden Club

Will hold an Extraordinary General Meeting in the Bounty on Tuesday March 7th 2023 at 8pm. This is a very important meeting for the club, as it is necessary to elect club officers and a committee to run the club when the club is celebrating its 70th year this year. We urge all members and any person interested in flowers, flower arranging and gardening to come along and join us. Julita Conlon 087 2885562

**"This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!"**