

SS Peter & Paul Church Mass Intentions

Saturday 12th March to Sunday 19th March 2023

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

Saturday	9.30 am	(JD) Also Live Streamed
11th March	6.30 pm Vigil	(JD) Also Live Streamed Thomas O'Donoghue (Months Mind) May O'Neill and deceased family members
Sunday	9.00 am	(MH) Live Streamed
12th March		People of the Parish
	12.00 noon	(MH) Also Live Streamed Mary Egan (Months Mind) Thomas Grenham, Margaret & Edward Mulligan Ned & Nell McManus & their son William Anthony Anne Geoghegan
Monday	7.20 am	(JD) Early Mass for Lent (Also Live Streamed)
13th March	9.30 am	(JD) Also Live Streamed <i>Followed by Novena & Benediction</i>
Tuesday	7.20 am	(JD) Early Mass for Lent (Also Live Streamed)
15th March	9.30 am	(JD) Also Live Streamed
Wednesday	7.20 am	(JD) Early Mass for Lent (Also Live Streamed)
15th March	9.30 am	(JD) Also Live Streamed
	6.00 pm	(IS) <i>Blessed Sacrament Chapel</i>
Thursday	7.20 am	(IS) Early Mass for Lent (Also Live Streamed)
16th March	9.30 am	(IS) Also Live Streamed Private Intention
	6.30 pm Vigil	(JD) Also Live Streamed Kathleen Dempsey
Friday	17th March	St. Patrick's Day
	9.30 am	(MH) Also Live Streamed
	12.00 noon	(MH) Also Live Streamed
Saturday	9.30 am	(IS) Also Live Streamed
18th March		Donal Summer (Months Mind) Mark Wallis (Months Mind)
	6.30 pm Vigil	(IS) Also Live Streamed
<i>We Welcome the First Holy Communion Children from Cloonakilla, St. Peter's & Dean Kelly Schools to Mass this evening.</i>		
Sunday	9.00 am	(IS) Live Streamed
19th March		People of the Parish
	12.00 noon	(JD) Also Live Streamed

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

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.



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



12th March 2023 Third Sunday of Lent



The Woman at the well



Saint Patrick

Jesus offers living water, the gift of the Holy Spirit

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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

Staking our thirst at the fountain of life

Our need to drink water regularly is obvious; without water we would quickly die. Not so easily recognized is the soul's thirst for meaning, for vision and purpose in life. We can be fully preoccupied with the surface of things, and quite neglect our spirit's obscure longing for eternal life. Like the Israelites, we worry constantly about physical needs, but are often unmindful of God who supplies them.

Today, Jesus offers us the refreshing water of eternal life, a power of faith and union-with-God which is our deepest need, and can satisfy the thirst of our soul. How the desert blossoms, when water is brought to it. (We may cite dramatic examples of successful irrigation in Israel, Egypt, California.) The same miracle of growth can take place in the parched soul, if God lets his Spirit flow over me. All the ravages of doubt, fear and sin will yield to the new life of grace.

"In our first reading, God gives water to the chosen people in the desert to satisfy their thirst; he provides for His people. The psalm reminds us to let God into our hearts and to give Him praise. The second reading tells us how God will always love us, even though we are sinners. He will always forgive us and pours Himself into our hearts. The Gospel is the story of the woman at the well. Here, we are reminded to always treat others with love and kindness."

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.

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 the 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 16th for 3 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 21st - 28th Flights from Dublin to Mostar Cost €795 + €150 single supplement)

Contact Mary Mulligan (087 293 6933)

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 5th €1290

We thank you for your contributions and generosity.

Drum Mass Intentions for March 11th – March 19th

Sat. 11th. at 8 p.m. - Mary Higgins, Ardkeenan. Also, Tommy and Winnie Higgins.

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

Tues. 14th. at 7 p.m. - Mike and Bridie Naughton, Culfatha.

Thurs. 16th. at 8 p.m. - Teresa and Paddy Greene, late of Creggan.

Fri. 17th. at 10 a.m. - P.J. Lawless, Cornafulla South.

Sat. 18th. at 8 p.m. - Martin and Mai O'Rourke, Rathpeak.

Sun. 19th. at 10 a.m. - Pakie, Teresa, Michael and Christopher Harney, Clonrulla.

We Welcome the 1st Holy Communion Children from Ardkeenan, Cornafulla & Summerhill to Mass this morning

Clonown Mass Intentions March 12th – March 19th

Mar. 12th. at 11.15 a.m. - Bridie and Martin Shine, Drumlosh.

Mar. 17th. at 11.15 a.m. - Roddy and Bridget Hardiman, Norma Shine. Also, deceased members of the Hardiman and Dunning families.

Mar. 19th. at 11.15 a.m. - John and Ellen Shine, Buggane. Also, deceased family members.

We Welcome the 1st Holy Communion Children from Clonown School to Mass this morning

Recently Deceased

Pray for the repose of the souls of Maureen Dolan, Hawthorn Close, Ballinasloe (formerly Curraghaleen). Sister of Paddy Dolan, Curraghaleen, Drum. **May she rest in peace and condolences to the bereaved family.**

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.

St. Patrick's Breakfast Morning In Aid of Ardkeenan 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

Lourdes Children's Pilgrimage.

Church gate collection of the 18th / 19th March

This year after an absence of 4 years, we are taking young people with special needs to Lourdes once again. Money raised goes directly to the cost of the young people. Carers etc all pay their own costs. Thank you for your continued support. Irish children's pilgrimage trust.