

SS Peter & Paul Church Mass Intentions
Saturday 16th April to Sunday 23rd April 2023
ALL MASSES ARE LIVE-STREAMED on www.churchservices.tv/athlone

Saturday	9.30 am	(IS) Also Live Streamed
15th April		Betty Doyle (Months Mind)
	6.30 pm Vigil	(MH) Also Live Streamed
		Ned Egan (Months Mind)
		Declan Browne (Months Mind) & his wife Enda
Sunday	9.00 am	(IS) Also Live Streamed
16th April		People of the Parish
	12.00 noon	(IS) Also Live Streamed
		Tom Shaw (1st Anniversary)
		Mary Dunne (1st Anniversary)
		Kathleen Lynch, Michael & Bridie Garrick
		The Gavin Family (Dernasee)
		Angela Coyle
Monday	9.30 am	(IS) Also Live Streamed
17th April		Followed by Novena & Benediction
		Joe Noone
Tuesday	9.30 am	(IS) Also Live Streamed
18th April		
Wednesday	9.30 am	(IS) Also Live Streamed
19th April		
	6.00 pm	(JD) Blessed Sacrament Chapel
Thursday	9.30 am	(JD) Also Live Streamed
20th April		Private Intention
Friday	9.30 am	(JD) Also Live Streamed
21st April		
	7.30 pm	(ID) The Passion of Our Lord (Also Live Streamed)
Saturday	9.30 am	(JD) Also Live Streamed
22nd April		
	6.30 pm Vigil	(JD) Also Live Streamed
		Michael (Mickey Joe) Cunniffe (Months Mind)
		Bridie, Teddy & Mary Simpson
Sunday	9.00 am	(MH) Also Live Streamed
23rd April		People of the Parish
	12.00 noon	(MH) Also Live Streamed
		Marie Farrell, Pat & Babs Treacy
		Paddy, Elizabeth, Brendan & P.J. Cannon
		Bill, Agnes & Michael Stacey
		Chrissie, Jim & Tom Byrne
		Carmel Monaghan



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

16th April 2023 Divine Mercy Sunday



“The presence of the risen Jesus dispels fear and brings peace to his friends”

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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 Today

- Today we meet with the risen Christ, just as St Thomas did. Sharing in the Eucharist is our statement of loyalty, our act of personal and shared faith. In praying the Eucharist together we help each other's faith and strengthen our Christian community. It was because the members of the early Church in Jerusalem met in public for prayer and seemed such a joyful little community, that so many others came to believe and the church grew steadily in those early, Spirit-filled days.
- No-one else can do our believing for us. Eventually Thomas came to believe in the resurrection, when he saw the risen Jesus with his own eyes. The story ends with a message for all who have received the gift of faith: 'Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' Our faith is a gift from God. But it is not an inert gift that can we lock away like some precious heirloom. It is a living gift that needs nurturing, to grow and mature. Like other life-forms, faith can wither from neglect. We need to pray about it, think about it, and express it in actions arising from love. This does not mean that we will never have any doubts. But if like Thomas we continue seeking, we too will come into the presence of Jesus and say "My Lord and my God!"

Thank You

To everyone who played a part in the Easter Ceremonies. We were delighted with the attendances and with the prayerful atmosphere at the ceremonies.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:

Scripture reflection meeting will take place every Thursday, beginning Thursday 20th April until the end of May at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall, Ballybay, Kiltoom. All welcome.

Athlone Little Theatre

Athlone Little Theatre presents 'Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?' by Edward Albee, directed by Ollie Hegarty, from Thursday, April 20 to Thursday, April 27 at 7.30pm. There's a Sunday matinee only on April 23 at 3pm. To book tickets, go www.athlonelittletheatre.ie or Eventbrite.

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.
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."

Accord

Accord are currently taking booking's 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.

Sunday Collection for the support of the parish.

**Ss. Peter & Paul's Church Weekly Offertory Collection April 2nd €1715
The Priest of the parish thank you for your generosity in the Easter Collection.**

Drum Mass Intentions for April 15 – April 23

Sat. 15 th . at 8 p.m.	- Tommy Harney, Creggane.
Sun. 16 th . at 10 a.m.	- Maisie O'Reilly, Monksland.
Tues. 18 th . at 7 p.m.	- Trisha Moore, Meehambee.
Thurs. 20 th . at 7 p.m.	- James and Martin Kelly, Clonbulia. Also, his parents Ellen and John.
Sat. 22 nd . at 8 p.m.	- Michael McManus, Belrea. Also, parents Kate and Patrick.
Sun. 23 rd . at 10 a.m.	- Maura McCormack (nee Glynn) formerly Crannaghmore.

Clonown Mass Intentions April 16 – April 23

Sun. 16 th . at 11.15 a.m.	- Ann and Tom O'Brien, Oldtown. Also, deceased family members.
Sun. 23 rd . at 11.15 a.m.	- Peter, Lena and Kathleen Dunning, Newrow.

Recently Deceased

Pray for the repose of the souls of Michael Fallon, Clonown; Frances Flynn, Chapel Street & Raymond McCarrick, Clonown Road; **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.

VOLUNTEERS

needed for a 'Fáilte Isteach' startup community project in Athlone, befriending and supporting Ukrainian Refugees with basic English conversation practice. If you can spare an hour or so weekly, please email: faillteisteachathlone@gmail.com or text 0879025697

ARE YOU, OR IS SOMEONE YOU KNOW, LIVING WITH A LONG TERM HEALTH CONDITION?

If so, then you may be interested in the 'Living Well Programme'. Living Well is a Free ONLINE, 6 week group self-management programme for adults living with long term health conditions, such as asthma, COPD, diabetes, heart conditions, stroke and others to name but a few.

There are spaces available on our MAY 2023 Programmes. To book your place please contact Aine (041) 6850676 / (087) 1140371 or Joanne (041) 6860710 / (087) 4308735 or

Theology Open Day,

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. enquiries@prioryinstitute.com to find out more about our Open Day on Saturday 29 April.

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. Please contact the parish if you would like to go.

Car Parking at SS. Peter & Paul's Church

Parking in the Church grounds is reserved for those visiting the church. We ask your co-operation especially at Mass times and on days when we have Funerals or Weddings.

Thank you to those who donated the beautiful flowers for the church over the past few weeks

Christians respond to his resurrection with hope, praise and joy