

**SS Peter & Paul Church Mass Intentions**  
**Saturday 22nd April to Sunday 30th April 2023**  
**ALL MASSES ARE LIVE-STREAMED on [www.churchservices.tv/athlone](http://www.churchservices.tv/athlone)**

<b>Saturday</b> 22nd April	9.30 am	<b>(JD) Also Live Streamed</b>
	6.30 pm Vigil	<b>(JD) Also Live Streamed</b> Michael (Mickey Joe) Cunniffe (Months Mind) Bridie, Teddy & Mary Simpson
<b>Sunday</b> 23rd April	9.00 am	<b>(MH) Also Live Streamed</b> People of the Parish
	12.00 noon	<b>(MH) Also Live Streamed</b> Marie Farrell, Pat & Babs Treacy Paddy, Elizabeth, Brendan & P.J. Cannon Bill, Agnes & Michael Stacey Chrissie, Jim & Tom Byrne Carmel Monaghan Pat Healy Rosie & Willie Milton
<b>Monday</b> 24th April	9.30 am	<b>(JD) Also Live Streamed</b> <i>Followed by Novena &amp; Benediction</i> John Shine
<b>Tuesday</b> 25th April	9.30 am	<b>(JD) Also Live Streamed</b> Deceased Clergy of te Parish
<b>Wednesday</b> 26th April	9.30 am	<b>(JD) Also Live Streamed</b> Mary Ann Duignan & Son Tom
	6.00 pm	<b>(IS) Blessed Sacrament Chapel</b>
<b>Thursday</b> 27th April	9.30 am	<b>(IS) Also Live Streamed</b> Thanksgiving Mass
<b>Friday</b> 28th April	9.30 am	<b>(IS) Also Live Streamed</b> For the Sick
	7.30 pm	<b>(JD) Also Live Streamed</b>
<b>Saturday</b> 29th April	9.30 am	<b>(IS) Also Live Streamed</b> For all in need of prayers
	6.30 pm Vigil	<b>(IS) Also Live Streamed</b> Seamus Fuery (Months Mind)
<b>Sunday</b> 30th April	9.00 am	<b>(JD) Also Live Streamed</b> People of the Parish
	12.00 noon	<b>(JD) Also Live Streamed</b> Tim Connolly Lorraine Degg Terry Byrne John & Mary Bridget Hurley



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

**Third Sunday of Easter**  
**23rd April 2023**



**The two disciples come to recognise our risen Lord in the breaking of the bread, as he opened the Scriptures to them**

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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**

## The Road to Faith

- After his death on the cross, Jesus followers felt all was lost. But Jesus used the Jewish scriptures to enlighten them. The prophecies declare the divine promises and reveal the saving plan of God. The Scriptures have power like an electric current, and are inspired by the Spirit of God. When he opened the meaning of God's Word to them, they began to understand his cross in a totally new light. They saw it not as a total disaster but as the start of a new age of grace.
- Once arrived in Emmaus, they recognised him also in the breaking of bread. The prayerful sharing of a meal among friends was a living symbol of friendship and trust. What was special about the way Jesus broke the bread is an intriguing question. Perhaps it was the spirit of self-giving that he invested in the act that showed them who he really was. There was a level of focus, of sharing and of sacredness unique to Jesus, something they had experienced previously, before his passion. His presence touched their deepest hungers, and the bread he broke was not just physical. It was food that they opened their hearts as well as their mouths to receive.
- The Emmaus story speaks to people of all ages. We can see ourselves in these two weary travellers on their journey, the faith and hope they have lost, the future they have hoped for fallen apart. And yet they met an unknown friend walking the road with them, who gave them a fresh insight, and connected the new world with the world they knew. And, of course, he is present in a particular way in the Eucharist, in the breaking of bread, full of the many meanings that breaking bread had for Jesus himself, during his life and after the resurrection.

### 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](http://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](http://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 16th €1350**

**The Priests of the parish also thank you for your generosity in the Easter Collection.**

**Any outstanding envelopes can be returned in the collection basket at Mass or to the office.**

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

### Drum Mass Intentions for April 22 – April 30

Sat. 22 <sup>nd</sup> . at 8 p.m.	- Michael McManus, Belrea. Also, parents Kate and Patrick.
Sun. 23 <sup>rd</sup> . at 10 a.m.	- Maura McCormack (nee Glynn) formerly Crannaghmore.
Tues. 25 <sup>th</sup> . at 7 p.m.	- John (Cal) and Mary McManus, Nure.
Thurs. 27 <sup>th</sup> . at 7 p.m.	- No Intention.
Sat. 29 <sup>th</sup> . at 8 p.m.	- John and Andy Kenny, Dugra. Also, deceased family members.
Sun. 30 <sup>th</sup> . at 10 a.m.	- Donal Shine, Drum.

### Clonown Mass Intentions for April 23 – April 30

April 23 <sup>rd</sup> . at 11.15 a.m.	- Peter, Lena and Kathleen Dunning, Newtown.
April 30 <sup>th</sup> . at 11.15 a.m.	- Tommy and Frank Ward, Curnaboll.

### Recently Deceased

Pray for the repose of the souls of Mary Frawley McGuire, Columbus Tce., Athlone, Frances Flynn, Chapel Street, Athlone and Raymond McCarrick, Clonown Road, Athlone. **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 and returned to the office with a copy of the birth cert .

### 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](mailto: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 [www.hse.ie/livingwell](http://www.hse.ie/livingwell)

### 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](mailto: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](http://www.elphindiocese.ie/wyd2023). or contact [youth@elphindiocese.ie](mailto:youth@elphindiocese.ie). Please contact the parish if you would like to go.

### Ester House Domestic Abuse Support Services

The National Go Purple Day in partnership with An Garda Síochána will take place on the 28<sup>th</sup> April, on this day we are asking our local services to wear purple, bake purple, picture purple we are hoping to raise and spread awareness around domestic abuse. Esker House 24 hr Helpline 090 64 74122

### 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.