

**SS Peter & Paul Church Mass Intentions**  
**Saturday 30th April to Sunday 7th May 2023**  
**ALL MASSES ARE LIVE-STREAMED on [www.churchservices.tv/athlone](http://www.churchservices.tv/athlone)**

<b>Saturday</b> <b>29th April</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>(IS) Also Live Streamed</b>
	<b>6.30 pm Vigil</b>	<b>(IS) Also Live Streamed</b> Seamus Fuery (Months Mind)
<b>Sunday</b> <b>30th April</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	<b>(JD) Also Live Streamed</b> People of the Parish
	<b>12.00 noon</b>	<b>(JD) Also Live Streamed</b> Tim Connolly (Kiltoom) Lorraine Degg Terry Byrne John & Mary Bridget Hurley
<b>Monday</b> <b>1st May</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>(IS) Also Live Streamed</b> <i>Followed by Novena &amp; Benediction</i>
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>2nd May</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>(IS) Also Live Streamed</b>
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>3rd May</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>(IS) Also Live Streamed</b>
	<b>6.00 pm</b>	<b>(JD) Blessed Sacrament Chapel</b>
<b>Thursday</b> <b>4th May</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>(JD) Also Live Streamed</b>
<b>Friday</b> <b>5th May</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>(JD) Also Live Streamed</b>
	<b>7.30 pm</b>	<b>(IS) Also Live Streamed</b> Gerry Lennon (1st Anniversary) Paddy & Julia Conway, son Joe & grandson Joseph Sheerin Mary Fallon & husband Peter & brother Michael Hynes Lolly & Lily Earle Annie & Noel Lackey
<b>Saturday</b> <b>6th May</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>(JD) Also Live Streamed</b>
	<b>6.30 pm Vigil</b>	<b>(MH) Also Live Streamed</b> Kieran Molloy (1st Anniversary)
<b>Sunday</b> <b>7th May</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	<b>(IS) Also Live Streamed</b> People of the Parish
	<b>12.00 noon</b>	<b>(IS) Also Live Streamed</b> Thomas & Elizabeth Studdert Larry Fagan



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

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
**(Good Shepherd Sunday)**  
**30th April 2023**



**Christ is the true Shepherd, he knows each one personally;  
 and no one can take away his sheep**

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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**

### “Good Shepherd Sunday”

is a good occasion for us to think and pray about how the catholic church will fare for priests in the future.

In Ireland right now it appears that the average age of ordained priests is about sixty five, a statistic that demands significant change in how to recruit priests for the future, and what is to be expected of them.

Padraig McCarthy made this point thus, “there is no such thing as a priestless parish. There may not be an ordained priest there, but the parish is a priestly people.

How will this priesthood of the baptised take flesh in the coming decades?

What factors which had value in the past are now hindering the mission of the church? What new model of ministerial priesthood is needed?”

Here are three questions worth pondering by us all,

1. **Who will be the true shepherds in the coming years?**
2. **How will those shepherds carry out the mission to those outside the fold?**
3. **What needs to change so that each community can celebrate the Eucharistic every Sunday?**

#### Monthly Holy Communion Calls

The Priests of the parish will visit the housebound and sick with Holy Communion during this coming week. They will make contact in advance to let you know when they will call.

#### Monksland Community Mass

The Community Mass for May will take place on Thursday May 11th at 8pm in the Community Centre on the Old Tuam Road. The theme of this months Mass will be Vocations.

**All are welcome. Tea scones and friendly chat afterwards.**

#### Coláiste Chiaráin Official Opening

This coming week will see the official opening of Coláiste Chiaráin our new Co-Ed Catholic Secondary School. We wish the staff and students success in the years ahead and congratulate all involved in both the planning, building and running of this fine College.

**We pray it may always be a place of faith, learning, openness and welcome.**

#### Sick or Housebound

- If a member of your household is sick or housebound and would like to receive Holy Communion or one of the priests to call please contact the office.
- If you have a significant anniversary or birthday and would like to celebrate it by having Mass in your home with your family and friends please contact one of the priests who will be happy organise it for you.

#### First Holy Communion 2023

Please keep the young people from the parish who will receive their First Holy Communion during the month of May in your Prayers. May they always feel close to Jesus, the Good Shepherd.

#### 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.

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

**Ss. Peter & Paul's Church Weekly Offertory Collection April 23rd €1143**

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

#### Drum Mass Intentions for April 29 - May 7

- 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.  
Tues. 2<sup>nd</sup>. at 7 p.m. - Hannah and Thomas Lennon, Clonrulla.  
Thurs. 4<sup>th</sup>. at 7 p.m. - Tommy Lennon, Ardkeenan. Also, his parents Kate and Tom.  
Sat. 6<sup>th</sup>. at 11 a.m. - First Holy Communion – Summerhill N.S.  
Sat. 6<sup>th</sup>. at 8 p.m. - Margaret McManus, Manchester.  
Sun. 7<sup>th</sup>. at 10 a.m. - Mai and Tom Henry, Drumlosh. Also, deceased family members.

#### Clonown Mass Intentions for April 30 - May 7

- April 30<sup>th</sup>. at 11.15 a.m. - Tommy and Frank Ward, Currnaboll.  
May 5<sup>th</sup>. at 8 p.m. - Margaret and Michael Fallon, Carricknaughton. Also, deceased family members.  
May 7<sup>th</sup>. at 11.15 a.m. - John, Kate and Mike Gavin, Cappamore.

#### Recently Deceased

Pray for the repose of the soul of Kathleen (Katie) Connaire, Rindoon House, Athlone.  
**May she rest in peace and condolences to the bereaved family.**

Mini Retreat: First Friday 5th May 2023

Chapel of Adoration, 8 Castle Street Athlone (09064 9227). 2.30pm - 5pm.

**Come, bring your burdens to God!**

Fr John Roche SPS will guide an afternoon of prayer and reflection in the Chapel of Adoration. The focus of the talk will be **With Mary we Welcome the gifts of the Holy Spirit.**

All welcome!

**Program: 2.30pm Talk: 3.15pm Guided Prayer: 4.00pm Mass and Anointing of the sick.**

#### Athlone Flower and Garden Club

**Flower Arranging Demonstration By Ann Murphy. Theme Spring/Summer  
Tuesday May 2nd 2023 in The Bounty Rugby Club at 8.00pm. Adm €10. new members welcome**

#### 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)

#### 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.”**

**PRAY FOR VOCATIONS**