

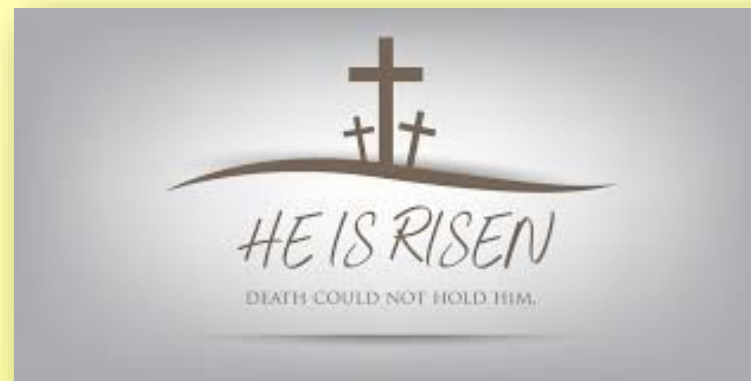
**SS Peter & Paul Church Mass Intentions**  
**Saturday 9th April to Sunday 16th April 2023**  
**ALL MASSES ARE LIVE-STREAMED on [www.churchservices.tv/athlone](http://www.churchservices.tv/athlone)**

<b>Easter Saturday</b> 8th April	9.30 am 9.00 pm Vigil	<b>Morning Prayer (Led by the PDDM Sisters)</b> <b>(JD) Also Live Streamed</b>
<b>Easter Sunday</b> 9th April	9.00 am 12.00 noon	<b>(JD) Also Live Streamed</b> People of the Parish <b>(JD) Also Live Streamed</b> Frank & Nuala Larkin Ellen Parkes Jimmy, Mary & John Sherlock
<b>Monday</b> 10th April	9.30 am	<b>(JD) Also Live Streamed</b> <b>Followed by Novena &amp; Benediction</b> P.J Kearney
<b>Tuesday</b> 11th April	9.30 am	<b>(JD) Also Live Streamed</b> Private Intention
<b>Wednesday</b> 12th April	9.30 am	<b>(JD) Also Live Streamed</b>
<b>Thursday</b> 13th April	6.00 pm 9.30 am	<b>(IS) Blessed Sacrament Chapel</b> <b>(IS) Also Live Streamed</b> Kathleen Kenny Margaret Bell
<b>Friday</b> 14th April	9.30 am 7.30 pm	<b>(IS) Also Live Streamed</b> <b>(JD) The Passion of Our Lord (Also Live Streamed)</b> Jim Crowe John & Kitty Sloyan & Great Granddaughter Nicole Collison Maura Prendergast
<b>Saturday</b> 15th April	9.30 am 6.30 pm Vigil	<b>(IS) Also Live Streamed</b> Betty Doyle (Months Mind) <b>(MH) Also Live Streamed</b> Ned Egan (Months Mind) Declan Browne (Months Mind) & his wife Enda
<b>Sunday</b> 16th April	9.00 am 12.00 noon	<b>(IS) Also Live Streamed</b> People of the Parish <b>(IS) Also Live Streamed</b> Tom Shaw (1st Anniversary) Mary Dunne (1st Anniversary) Kathleen Lynch, the Gavin Family (Dernasee) Michael & Bridie Garrick



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

**9th April 2023 Easter Sunday**



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**[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**

## Discovering Easter

- The resurrection is deeply mysterious and we can't quite experience its original impact in the hearts of his followers. This gospel, this great news, spans the centuries and is still a living force for here and now. In a sense, you and I are reflected in elements of that story, and may place ourselves within the account given by Saint John today. Am I like Magdalene, announcing the news of resurrection? Or like the apostles who respond immediately by running off to the tomb to see for themselves.
- On Easter morning, the stone was rolled back from the mouth of the tomb. Is my heart be like a tomb awaiting resurrection? Can I identify any "gravestone" that is holding me back from a fuller, freer life? It could be an addiction, a compulsion or some dark secret I have never shared with anyone. We can be sickened by our secrets. But as pope Francis said, we are meant to be "people of joyful hope, not doomsday prophets!" If we too discover the risen Jesus, we can all find hope and joy, and go out to share them with others.

## Easter Greetings

Wishing you all a very Happy Easter, May the Risen Lord, Guide, Inspire and protect you all. I take this opportunity to thank you all for your kindness, encouragement and support. **Fr. John**



## Easter Collection for the support of the Clergy

The Easter Collection for the support of the clergy will be taken up at all Masses This Weekend. *(Sincere thanks to the local area distributors for their work delivering the envelopes.)*  
*This collection goes towards the salaries of the three priests in the parish a cost which must be met by each parish. The Clergy are NEVER paid from the weekly collections which go directly to the running of the churches and the parish. I take this opportunity to thank those who contribute so generously to the support of both the Parish & the Clergy.*

## 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 2nd €1175**  
**We thank you for your contributions and generosity.**

## Drum Mass Intentions for April 8 – April 16

Sat. 8 <sup>th</sup> . at 8 p.m.	-	Holy Saturday.
Sun. 9 <sup>th</sup> . at 10 a.m.	-	Easter Sunday.
Tues. 11 <sup>th</sup> . at 7 p.m.	-	Tony Whyte Jnr. Thomastown.
Thurs. 13 <sup>th</sup> . at 7 p.m.	-	Ned, Lily and Eamon McManus, Rooskey.
Sat. 15 <sup>th</sup> . at 11 a.m.	-	Maureen Dolan, Ballinasloe/Curraghaleen. Month's Mind.
Sat. 15 <sup>th</sup> . at 8 p.m.	-	Tommy Harney, Creggane.
Sun. 16 <sup>th</sup> . at 10 a.m.	-	Maisie O'Reilly, Monksland.

## Clonown Mass Intentions April 9 – April 16

Sun. 9 <sup>th</sup> . at 11.15 a.m.	-	Easter Sunday.
Sun. 16 <sup>th</sup> . at 11.15 a.m.	-	Ann and Tom O'Brien, Oldtown. Also, deceased family members.

## 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' start-up 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: [faillteisteathlone@gmail.com](mailto:faillteisteathlone@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. email [enquiries@prioryinstitute.com](mailto:enquiries@prioryinstitute.com) to find out more about our Open Day on Saturday 29 April.

**THE SIX MARYS** play will be performed in Kiltoom Parish Hall on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> of April, at 8pm. The play follows the lives of six girls christened Mary, over six decades of their lives. Written by Jean Farrell. It is very funny, yet poignant. Booking not necessary. Admission €12 (cash or card.)

## 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.

## 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**