

**SS Peter & Paul Church Mass Intentions**  
**Saturday 20th May to Sunday 28th May 2023**  
**ALL MASSES ARE LIVE-STREAMED on [www.churchservices.tv/athlone](http://www.churchservices.tv/athlone)**

<b>Saturday</b> <b>20th May</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>(JD) Also Live Streamed</b> Private Intention
	<b>6.30 pm Vigil</b>	<b>(IS) Also Live Streamed</b> Mary Frawley McGuire (Months Mind) Christine Lennon
<b>Sunday</b> <b>21st May</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> Michael Hannon & daughter Mary & grandson Michael Francis Qúain Mary, Joseph & Noel O'Connor Frances & Andy McCarthy & deceased members of the Blackweir & O'Connor families
<b>Monday</b> <b>22nd May</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>(JD) Also Live Streamed</b> <b>Followed by Novena &amp; Benediction</b> Private Intention
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>23rd May</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>(JD) Also Live Streamed</b> Anna Martin
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>24th May</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>(JD) Also Live Streamed</b>
<b>Thursday</b> <b>25th May</b>	<b>6.00 pm</b>	<b>(IS) Blessed Sacrament Chapel</b>
	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>(IS) Also Live Streamed</b> Private Intention
<b>Friday</b> <b>26th May</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>(IS) Also Live Streamed</b> Sonny & Peggy Duff & deceased family members
	<b>7.30 pm</b>	<b>(JD) Also Live Streamed</b> Phyllis Ruane, Pat & Rita Hall Tommy Marsh, Nancy & John Lennon Mary Lally & Michael Grimes
<b>Saturday</b> <b>27th May</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>(IS) Also Live Streamed</b> The Cunningham Family
	<b>6.30 pm Vigil</b>	<b>(JD) Also Live Streamed</b> Sandra De Rosa (nee Gibson) (Months Mind)
<b>Sunday</b> <b>28th May</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	<b>(MH) Also Live Streamed</b> People of the Parish
	<b>12.00 noon</b>	<b>(MH) Also Live Streamed</b> Josie & Hugh O'Neill Bridget Egan



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

**21st May 2023**  
**Feast of the Ascension of the Lord**



**Congratulations to the young people from**  
**Cornafulla National School**  
**who received their First Holy Communion Yesterday**

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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**

### Last Will and Testament

In the gospel we have just heard Our Lord's final instructions, his Last Will and Testament. Just before leaving them, he reminds them of what he expects of them. Earlier he had sent them out to spread the Kingdom of God. Those who go in his name, do so with his authority. The authority goes with the mission, so to speak. In Matthew's version he now adds this great promise, "I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Mark says that the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by the signs that accompanied it". And Luke emphasises that they will be "clothed with power from on high", that is, with the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

#### Pentecost Collection for the support of the Priests in the Parish.

The Special Collection to support the priests of the parish will be taken up next weekend. Envelopes are being delivered to your homes in the coming days. These can be returned in the collection basket at Mass or dropped in to the Sacristy or Parish Office. *This collection is one of 4 take up each year to pay the wages of the three priests in the parish. The priests are never paid from the normal Sunday collection.*

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

#### FUNDRAISER FOR Ss. PETER & PAUL'S CHURCH

We are delighted to announce that The New Avengers will play a concert to support the running costs of Ss. Peter and Paul's Church, Athlone on Sunday June 4th 2023 in the Shamrock Lodge Hotel. Tickets available from Mulligans on the Roscommon Road and from the Liturgical Centre, Castle Street at €10 each. Raffle tickets are now on sale with great prizes including a "Hot Air Balloon Ride" for two adults. Thank you to the lads in The New Avengers for offering to play this concert and to Paddy and Alan for the venue.

**TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR**

Looking forward to a great night.

**Fr. John**

#### 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.

#### Upcoming dates for your diary

##### Mass of Gratitude for all who helped our community during the Covid Pandemic.

Tuesday May 30th at 7.30pm in Ss. Peter & Paul's Church

##### Mass for Exam Students

Friday June 2nd at 7.30pm in Ss. Peter & Pauls Church

##### Feast of Corpus Christi (The Body & Blood of Christ)

June 10th / 11th Processions with the Blessed Sacrament in Town, Drum & Clonown Details Later,

#### 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.

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

Ss. Peter & Paul's Church Weekly Offertory Collection 13th May €2025

**It is possible to contribute using a standing order from your bank account. Contact the office to get more details.**

#### Charitable Donation Scheme (Revenue Commissioners)

Over the period of a year if you contribute more than €250. to the parish and are a tax payer self-employed or an employee and sign a charity tax form WE can clam back an additional amount from the revenue commissioners at no further cost to you.

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#### Drum Mass Intentions for May 20 – May 28

Sat. 20<sup>th</sup>. at 8 p.m. - John Bohan, Gorrynagowna.  
Sun. 21<sup>st</sup>. at 10 a.m. - Frank and Mary McManus, Ardhanure. Also, deceased family members.  
Tues. 23<sup>rd</sup>. at 7 p.m. - Betty Cunniffe, Newtown.  
Thurs. 25<sup>th</sup>. at 7 p.m. - Dan and Mary O'Connor, Kieilty. Also, deceased family members.  
Sat. 27<sup>th</sup>. at 11 a.m. - First Holy Communion – Ardkeen N.S.  
Sat. 27<sup>th</sup>. at 8 p.m. - Charles and Annie O'Neill, Mount Florence.  
Sun. 28<sup>th</sup>. at 10 a.m. - Rose Lawless. Sonny and Bridget Lawless. Cornafulla South. Also, Pat and Ellen Shine.

#### Clonown Mass Intentions for May 21 – May 28

May 21<sup>st</sup>. at 11.15 a.m. - Joe Egan, Callowbeg.  
May 28<sup>th</sup>. at 11.15 a.m. - First Holy Communion, Clonown N.S.  
Teresa and Tom Lennon, Oldtown. Also, deceased members of the Lennon and Killian families and in-laws.

#### Drum Graveyard Mass

The Graveyard Mass will take place on Sunday June 18th at 3pm. All are welcome. Sincere thanks to the Voluntary Graveyard Committee for the great work they do in keeping the Graveyard looking so tidy at all times.

#### Bus to Knock

On 3rd June, leaving Athlone at 10am. To book, contact Caroline 0861960256 before 27th May

#### Pray for Life together

The "Pray for Life" Novena prayers plus Rosary will be recited every day from 23rd-31st May at 5:15pm in Friary Church. Prayers available on [www.prayforlife.ie](http://www.prayforlife.ie)

#### CHARITY POP UP OCCASIONAL WEAR SHOP

Battery heights complex, Athlone, Saturday 10th June, 12 to 5  
All proceeds go to Ken Smollen food appeal

#### '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."**

**The Ascension concludes Jesus' ministry on earth and prepares for the gift of the Spirit at Pentecost**