

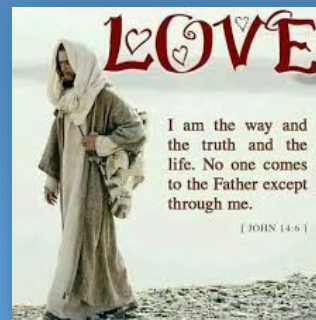
SS Peter & Paul Church Mass Intentions
Saturday 6th May to Sunday 14th May 2023
ALL MASSES ARE LIVE-STREAMED on www.churchservices.tv/athlone

Saturday 6th May	9.30 am	(JD) Also Live Streamed
	6.30 pm Vigil	(MH) Also Live Streamed Kieran Molloy (1st Anniversary)
Sunday 7th May	9.00 am	(IS) Also Live Streamed People of the Parish
	12.00 noon	(IS) Also Live Streamed Thomas & Elizabeth Studdert Larry Fagan
Monday 8th May	9.30 am	(JD) Also Live Streamed Followed by Novena & Benediction Tom & Mary Earley & deceased family members
Tuesday 9th May	9.30 am	(JD) Also Live Streamed Mary, Maisie & Pat McGuire Eileen Nolan Kate & John Fitzmaurice Helen & George McGuire
Wednesday 10th May	9.30 am	(JD) Also Live Streamed
	6.00 pm	(IS) Blessed Sacrament Chapel
Thursday 11th May	9.30 am	(IS) Also Live Streamed Private Intention
Friday 12th May	9.30 am	(IS) Also Live Streamed
	7.30 pm	(JD) Also Live Streamed Mick, Delia, Leo & Ann Mullin Patsy & Tommy Mullin Frank, Maureen & Mary Sherlock Matt & Gretta D'Arcy Paddy, Maureen & Ultan Hegarty & deceased family members
Saturday 13th May	9.30 am	(IS) Also Live Streamed
	6.30 pm Vigil	(JD) Also Live Streamed Frances Flynn (Months Mind) Ray McCarrick (Months Mind) Maura Meehan (1st Anniversary)
Sunday 14th May	9.00 am	(MH) Also Live Streamed People of the Parish
	12.00 noon	(MH) Also Live Streamed Jimmy Lennon Bridget, John & Declan Dolan



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

7th May 2023
5th Sunday of Easter



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

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**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

Acts 6 shows how differences and disputes were resolved in the church's early days. The Hellenist (converts whose language was Greek), complained that their widows were not getting a fair share of the church's social services. The apostles' solution to the problem shows how changes of practice are not only possible but necessary for the health of the church.

The solution shows two important dimensions of church life: prayer and service; and that living our Christian vocation requires a balance between the two. Each of us is personally called to prayer, to a dialogue of worship with God; and we are also called to service. No matter what we do in life, our work affects others in some way. We should be of service to our neighbours; and provided we have an attitude of respect, no task we do is a menial task. Prayer and preaching the word was of primary importance to the apostles; but service to the widows and the needy in the community was also vital, so they appointed seven trusted men to attend to it, and initiated them by an evocative ceremony.

As a result, the disciples in Jerusalem increased in numbers.. We may wonder how this kind of growth in the church could be revived in our day. Is the word of the Lord still spreading or the number of disciples increasing? In St Peter's letter, the church is imagined as a spiritual temple, with ourselves as living stones making up a living house of God. Every time we say the Lord's Prayer we say 'thy kingdom come.' This implies taking some responsibility for spreading the word and doing something to build up the church? We can work for God's kingdom by our daily conduct and attitudes.

The cornerstone of the church is Christ himself, and he offers us encouragement even today. If he is going away, it is to prepare a place for us in his Father's house, which has many rooms. So there is a place for us all in the kingdom. Each person has gifts of nature and grace, each should have a say in church life, as exemplified by the apostles in the first reading.

Many people today regard faith as irrelevant because their notion of God is faulty or distorted. For an authentic picture of what God is like, we should look to Jesus who said "I am in the Father and the Father is in me." He shows what the invisible Father is like: concerned for all, interested in all, respecting everyone, calling sinners back home. This welcoming God is the one that our church worships, and we renew our trust in Him.

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 month's Mass will be Vocations.

All are welcome. Tea scones and friendly chat afterwards.

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.

The Legion of Mary

will pray the rosary on Saturday May 13th, the 'Feast of Our Lady of Fatima' at 3pm at John Paul Park Grotto. All are welcome

Sunday Collection for the support of the parish.

Ss. Peter & Paul's Church Weekly Offertory Collection April 30th €1320
We thank you for your ongoing contributions and generosity.

Drum Mass Intentions for May 6 – May 14

Sat. 6 th . at 8 p.m.	-	Margaret McManus, Manchester.
Sun. 7 th . at 10 a.m.	-	Mai and Tom Henry, Drumlosh. Also, deceased family members.
Tues. 9 th . at 7 p.m.	-	Francis Henry, sister Mary Fenson and their parents James and Mary.
Thurs. 11 th . at 7 p.m.	-	Kieran Brien, Kilty.
Sat. 13 th . at 8 p.m.	-	Liam O'Neill, Kilty.
Sun. 14 th . at 10 a.m.	-	Lisa Dolan, Clonark. Also, Annie and Patrick Dolan.

Clonown Mass Intentions for May 7 – May 14

May 7 th . at 11.15 a.m.	-	John, Kate and Mike Gavin, Cappamore.
May 13 th . at 12 noon.	-	Michael Fallon, Newtown. Month's Mind.
May 14 th . at 11.15 a.m.	-	Willie Shine, Currnaboll.

Recently Deceased

Pray for the repose of the souls of Sandra De Rosa (née Gibson) Danesfort, Monksland, Athlone. Mary McKeon (nee Murray, formerly Clonellan), Killester, Dublin, Sister of P.J. Murray, Clonellan. Seán Fallon, Portarlinton (formerly Cornafulla South), Brother of Josephine, Tommy and Brigid Fallon, Cornafulla South.

May they rest in peace and condolences to the bereaved families.

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 will shortly go 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.

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. or contact youth@elphindiocese.ie. Please contact the parish if you would like to go.

'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

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."