

SS Peter & Paul Church Mass Intentions
Saturday 24th June to Sunday 2nd July 2023
ALL MASSES ARE LIVE-STREAMED on www.churchservices.tv/athlone

Saturday 24th June	9.30 am	(IS) Also Live Streamed Jimmy, Kathleen, Charlie & Sinead Gallagher
	6.30 pm Vigil	(IS) Also Live Streamed Laura O'Kelly (Months Mind)
Sunday 25th June	9.00 am	(JD) Also Live Streamed People of the Parish
	12.00 noon	(JD) Also Live Streamed 60th Anniversary of the Ordination of Bishop John Kirby Larry & Martina Hayes, Lorna Carty Christy Barry, Frank Greene Catherine Lennon-Moran
	9.30 am	(IS) Also Live Streamed Followed by Novena & Benediction Michael & Frances Broderick, daughters Nuala & Frances & deceased family
Tuesday 27th June	9.30 am	(IS) Also Live Streamed Thanksgiving Mass
Wednesday 28th June	9.30 am	(JD) Also Live Streamed Bridget Harris (Birthday Remembrance)
Thursday 29th June	6.00 pm	(IS) Blessed Sacrament Chapel
Friday 30th June	9.30 am	(MH) Also Live Streamed
	7.30 pm	(JD) Also Live Streamed Peter Finglass
Saturday 1st July	9.30 am	(JD) Also Live Streamed Birdie & Joe Glennon
	6.30 pm Vigil	(MH) Also Live Streamed Gabrielle (Gaye) Gaffey (Months Mind)
Sunday 2nd July	9.00 am	(JD) Also Live Streamed People of the Parish
	12.00 noon	(JD) Also Live Streamed Tom Egan (Monksland) (Months Mind) William, Elizabeth & Peggy Ryan & Decease of Ryan & Enright families

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.



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

25th June 2023
12th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)



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www.churchservices.tv/athlone Baptism, Confirmation & Marriage Certificates		

To Contact the Priest on Duty Call 085 870 5840

Weekly Newsletter

Wherever you go, I shall go

Wherever you go, I shall go/ Wherever you live, there shall I live/ Your people will be my people/ And your God will be my God, too. This promise of fidelity from the book of Ruth reminds us that Christ will live and go with us, wherever we live and wherever we go. But it also invites us to care for people because they are his people, too. Christ asks each disciple to be his partner in the work that God the Father sent him to do in this world. And he promises to be our partner, whatever our work, whatever kind of life we live, wherever we go. We follow him, trusting that he is with us, not just for a moment, but for the whole of our lives. Wherever we go, however we live, "the Lord is at my side." His commitment to us is lifelong despite our own inability to think of him always, or even despite our occasional thoughtless rejection of him. The mystery of God's call to us and of our response to him is that he is always there for us. "I am at your side; you are my friends," said Jesus, even to disciples who sometimes lose the way.

"Wherever you go, I shall go." If we take those words to heart we can accept the risk of going out to others in his name. In saying "yes" to our life as Christian disciples, we can, like Jeremiah, go forward in a zigzag fashion, going somewhere, but not always directly or in a predictable manner. "Do not be afraid," Christ said and still says. Christ is not for the fearless but for those who must control their fears. Neither is he for the perfect but for those who need his word of forgiveness. If this ideal of going the journey of life with Christ seems beyond our reach, remember how once said to his friends, "With men it is impossible but not with God; for all things are possible with God." I follow Christ best when I realise that the gospel ideal is beyond the reach of my own strength. It is then that I can lean on him and build on the strength of the Lord who is always at my side.

60th Anniversary of Ordination

Today June 25th Bishop John Kirby will celebrate the 12 noon Mass in Ss. Peter & Paul's Church to mark the 60th Anniversary of his priestly Ordination. We Congratulate him and pray that God continues to bless him with health and happiness in his ministry.

"Bus to Pro Life Rally in Dublin on Sat July 1st. Bus picks up from Coosan Church Car Park, Athlone, at 8:45am. Fare €20. Booking essential. Please contact Siobhan on 083 0254 809.

The Knights of Saint Columbanus

Run an evening Progressive 25's every Friday starting at 9pm in St Ciaran's House, St Marys Square. New members are welcome, just call in on Friday evening.

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.

Sunday Collection for the support of the parish.

Ss. Peter & Paul's Church Weekly Offerory Collection 18th June €1430
It is possible to contribute using a standing order from your bank account,
Contact the office to get more details.

Annual Insurance Renewal

The Renewal notifications have come in to insure the Parish Building's and public liability This year the cost for Ss. Peter & Paul's Church is €15,000.00.

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.

We thank you for your ongoing contributions and generosity.

Drum Mass Intentions for June 24 – July 2

Sat. 24 th . at 8 p.m.	-	James and Maura Henry, Mount Florence.
Sun. 25 th . at 10 a.m.	-	Martina Kildea, Bealnamulla
Tues. 27 th . at 7 p.m.	-	Jimmy Moore, Meehambee.
Thurs. 29 th . at 7 p.m.	-	Patrick and Mary Whelan. Also, Maureen and Des Foody.
Sat. 1 st at 8 p.m.	-	P.J. and Bridie Collins, Lisbrock and Rooskey. Also, parents of Kieran Collins. Norah Rafferty, Glenamaddy.
Sun. 2 nd . at 10 a.m.	-	Hubert and Mary Naughton, Doohan. Also, deceased members of the Naughton and Colleran families.

Clonown Mass Intentions for June 25 – July 2

June 25 th . at 11.15 a.m.	-	Tim, Laurence, Mary and Paddy Geoghegan, Pidgeon Field. Also, deceased family members.
July 2 nd . at 11.15 a.m.	-	Mass in the Cemetery.

Recently Deceased

Pray for the repose of the souls of Frank O'Connor, Daneshill, Monksland, Brother of Gerry O'Connor, Moynure. Sinéad Casey (née Berrigan), Athlone, Westmeath/Moate, Westmeath. Linda Begley (née Carroll), Iona Park, Athlone, Westmeath. Jason Warrillow, St Paul's Terrace, Athlone, Westmeath
May they rest in peace and condolences to the bereaved families.

Clonown Cemetery Mass

WILL TAKE PLACE ON SUNDAY 2ND JULY AT 11.15AM

Thank you to Joe Tumilty for the great work he does in keeping the Cemetery in
Such good condition looking so tidy at all times. **ALL ARE WELCOME**

Athlone Tidy Towns Annual Estate and Garden and Biodiversity competition 2023

Please note that we are now accepting applications for this year's competition which closing date is 1st July 2023. Application forms Dooleys Flower Shop, Magazine Road or via email athlonetidytowns2022@gmail.com. This competition is open to Individual Gardeners, Residents Associations, Community Groups and Youth Groups.

Accord

Accord are currently taking booking's for Pre-Marriage courses. Please contact the Sligo Accord Centre at 071-9145641 or www.accord.ie The Pre-Marriage course should be booked at least 6-8 months before the wedding.

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."

ALONE

"Would you be willing to provide companionship, make calls to Older People or help out on the NSRL once a week? ALONE are seeking volunteers in your area. Full training and support provided. If interested please sign up here: <https://alone.ie/volunteers/>