

**SS Peter & Paul Church Mass Intentions
Saturday 15th July to Sunday 23rd July 2023**

ALL MASSES ARE LIVE-STREAMED on www.churchservices.tv/athlone

Saturday 15th July	9.30 am	(JD) Also Live Streamed
	6.30 pm Vigil	(MH) Also Live Streamed Anne McCormack (Months Mind) Emily Hynes (née Caulfield) (1st Anniversary)
Sunday 16th July	9.00 am	(JD) Also Live Streamed People of the Parish
	12.00 noon	(JD) Also Live Streamed Rosaleen Conway (Months Mind) Joe & Delia Curley, Della Sheridan Linda Curley; Jim Caffrey, James, Ann, Desmond, Terry, Charlotte & Margaret Whelan
Monday 17th July	9.30 am	(JD) Also Live Streamed Followed by Novena & Benediction Private Intention
Tuesday 18th July	9.30 am	(JD) Also Live Streamed Private Intention
Wednesday 19th July	9.30 am	(JD) Also Live Streamed Dennis Byrne (1st Anniversary) Una & Brendan Byrne
	6.00 pm	(MH) Blessed Sacrament Chapel
Thursday 20th July	9.30 am	(JD) Also Live Streamed The McNamara & Walsh Families
Friday 21st July	9.30 am	(MH) Also Live Streamed John, Mary & Tommy Keogh
	10.30am	Memorial Mass for Declan Earl
	7.30 pm	(JD) Also Live Streamed Private Intention
Saturday 22nd July	9.30 am	(JD) Also Live Streamed No intention Booked
	6.30 pm Vigil	(JD) Also Live Streamed Frank O'Connor (Months Mind) Linda Begley (Months Mind) Jason Warrillow (Months Mind) Kay Shannon (Months Mind) Joe Kelly (Baylough)
Sunday 23rd July	9.00 am	(MH) Also Live Streamed People of the Parish
	12.00 noon	(MH) Also Live Streamed Sean Goode, Tommy & Molly Grenham Pat & Annie Fallon, Nell & Dan Egan Raymond (Ray) O'Rourke Bridie, Jimmy & Mark West & deceased family



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

**16th July 2023
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)**



The Sower and the seed. The good soil of the receptive heart

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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

- Jesus, the Son of God, indisputably had both the personality and the gift. Yet when he sowed seed, much of it still ended up as bird food. Consider the thousands he fed with loaves and fishes, the multitude that heard his sermon on the mount, the throngs that welcomed him on Palm Sunday. Yet on the day of Pentecost, there were only 120 left in the cenacle, awaiting the Holy Spirit. Notice, though, that the fruit borne by these 120 plants eventually filled the whole world!
- To get the few that bear fruit, lots of seed must be sown by lots of people. So regardless of whether or not we think we have green thumbs, we are being commanded through this parable to get the seed out there, sowing it everywhere we go, undeterred by the birds, the weeds, and the scorching sun.
- The parable of the sower has a twofold message: **as seed, our job is to get busy growing. As farmers, our job is to get busy sowing.**

Annual Holidays

Fr. Innocent will be away until July 29th. Please direct all requests for sick calls in the town / Monksland areas to **Fr John 090-6490874** and the Drum area to **Fr. Michael 090-6437125.**

Please direct all office enquiries directly to the office on 090 64 92171 Monday - Thursday 9.30am to 12.30pm or Drum area 090 64 37125.

All Mass bookings through the sacristy, 090 64 94 150 This phone is only manned at Mass times.

Parish office will re-open on the Thursday 20th July at 9.30am

Elphin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

A sincere thank-you to parishioners in both Clonown and Athlone who supported the recent church gate collections for the assisted pilgrims fund; the total amounts contributed were €132.00 in Clonown and €573.00 in St. Peter & Paul's, Athlone. Your support is appreciated.

THE CAMINO OF ST BRIGID. Sunday July 30th

Following a 11.7 km Route from Ballybay Church to Curraghboy to St. Brigid's Well at Brideswell. We encourage people to participate for a reason personal to themselves. Registration will take place on the morning at Ballybay Parish Hall in Kiltoom from 8.30am with the walk beginning at 8.45am. Exploring local areas of special interest along the way. The route map is available to view on www.kiltoomandcam.com **All are welcome to participate.**

Diocesan Jubilee of Marriages

Couples celebrating their Silver, Ruby, Golden or Diamond wedding anniversaries are invited to attend either of these celebrations along with their families and friends. Light refreshments will be served after both Masses to all in attendance.

Sunday 1st October at 2.30pm in St Colmcille's Church, Rathcormac, Co Sligo (F91 Y068)

Sunday 15th October at 2.30pm in St Mary's Church, Ballygar, Co Galway (F42 YD83)

REGISTRATION FOR COUPLES

As each couple celebrating an Anniversary will receive a certificate, they are invited to register their details online here www.elphindiocese.ie/jubilee2023/

"Designer Minds"

have 2 upcoming Summer Camps running in Athlone. Choose a Science Design & Technology Camp OR Art Camp (or try out both and receive a discount). For all boys & girls currently in Senior Infants up to 6th Class. www.designerminds.ie or call 087 631 0411"

CANA TALKS

Friday 1st September in the TF Royal Theatre, Castlebar at 8pm. 8 energetic speakers – each has just 15 minutes to inspire you – this is the Christian version of TED Talks Visit www.canatalks.com or our Cana Talks Facebook page. Come along for an entertaining & inspirational evening for the mind, heart, & soul!

Sunday Collection for the support of the parish.

Ss. Peter & Paul's Church Weekly Offertory Collection 9th July € 1,295

We thank you for your ongoing contributions and generosity.

Drum Mass Intentions for July 15th – July 23rd

- Sat. 15th. at 8 p.m. (JD) - No Intention.
 Sun. 16th. at 10 a.m. (MH) - Mary and Tom Hynes, Johnstown. Also, deceased family members.
 Tues. 18th. at 7 p.m. - No Intention.
 Thurs. 20th. at 7 p.m. - Phyllis and Dan Dolan, Newtown.
 Sat. 22nd. at 8 p.m. (MH) - Owen McManus and his partner Leonie Kirwan.
 Sun. 23rd. at 10 a.m. (JD) - Teresa Whyte, Thomastown.

Clonown Mass Intentions for July 16th – July 23rd

- July 16th. at 11.15 a.m. (MH) - Jack, Patsy, Lizzie and Paddy Dunning. Oldtown.
 July 23rd. at 11.15 a.m. (JD) - Joe and Bridget Roche, Togher.
 Also, deceased family members.

Recently Deceased

Pray for the repose of the souls of Mary Lennon, Old Galway Road, Monksland; Fintan Colleran Sli an Coiste; of Breeda Gilchrest (née Egan formerly Clonark), Clontuskert, Ballinasloe. Sister of Kathleen Keenan, Clonark. Also, Laurence (Larry) Murphy, St. Kieran's Park, Shannonbridge. Brother of Thomas Murphy, Summerhill.

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

National Grandparents' Pilgrimage

will take place in Knock on Sunday 23 July - the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. All are welcome for this wonderful celebration of family and faith through the generations. The Principal Celebrant and Homilist will be Bishop Denis Nulty, Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin and Chair of the Bishops' Council for Marriage and the Family. Music will be by the combined choirs of Knock Shrine who will be joined by Dana. ALL ARE WELCOME! For more information see www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org

Accord

Accord are currently taking bookings 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.

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.

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 seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest