



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

**SS Peter & Paul Church Mass Intentions**  
**Saturday 22nd July to Sunday 30th July 2023**

**ALL MASSES ARE LIVE-STREAMED on [www.churchservices.tv/athlone](http://www.churchservices.tv/athlone)**

<b>Saturday</b> <b>22nd July</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>(JD) Also Live Streamed</b>
	<b>6.30 pm Vigil</b>	<b>(JD) Also Live Streamed</b> Frank O'Connor (Months Mind) Linda Begley (Months Mind) Jason Warrillow (Months Mind) Joe Kelly (Baylough), Joe Moore (Snr)
<b>Sunday</b> <b>23rd July</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> Sean Goode, Tommy & Molly Grenham Pat & Annie Fallon, Nell & Dan Egan Raymond (Ray) O'Rourke Bridie, Jimmy & Mark West & deceased family members
<b>Monday</b> <b>24th July</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>25th July</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>(JD) Also Live Streamed</b> Thanksgiving Mass
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>26th July</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>(MH) Also Live Streamed</b>
	<b>6.00 pm</b>	<b>(JD) Blessed Sacrament Chapel</b>
<b>Thursday</b> <b>27th July</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>(JD) Also Live Streamed</b>
<b>Friday</b> <b>28th July</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>(MH) Also Live Streamed</b> Patrick & Mary O'Brien
	<b>7.30 pm</b>	<b>(JD) Also Live Streamed</b> Kathleen & Gerry Glynn and their sons James & Edward Glynn
<b>Saturday</b> <b>29th July</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>(JD) Also Live Streamed</b>
	<b>6.30 pm Vigil</b>	<b>(IS) Also Live Streamed</b> Johnny Shine (Months Mind)
<b>Sunday</b> <b>30th July</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> Elizabeth (Bernadette) McManus (1st Anniversary) Annie & William Shine Nora Walsh

**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.

**23rd July 2023**

**16th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)**  
**World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly**



World Day  
for Grandparents  
and the Elderly  
**2023**

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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**

### Thoughts on today's readings

The readings for the 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, are focused on the Kingdom of God.

- The first reading reminds us that God desires justice and has shown us the way of kindness. The second reading tells us that the Spirit aids us in our weakness. And in the gospel Jesus gives us several parables related to the Kingdom of God, including the parable of the weeds in the wheat, the parable of the mustard seed, and the parable of the yeast.
- Coexistence of Good and Evil: In the gospel for the 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, Jesus presents the reality that in this world, both the children of the kingdom (believers) and the children of the evil one (unbelievers) will coexist until the final judgment, highlighting the presence of evil and the challenges faced by believers in a fallen world.
- Spiritual Warfare: The parable depicts the ongoing spiritual battle between good and evil, illustrating the strategies of the enemy to sow deception and hinder the growth of God's kingdom.
- Patience and Delayed Judgment: The parable emphasizes God's patience and long-suffering, as He allows both the wheat and the tares to grow together until the harvest, symbolizing the delay of final judgment and the opportunity for repentance.

### 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.)

### Annual Mass of the Angels

The annual Mass of the Angels will take place on Wednesday August 23rd at 7.30pm in Ss. Peter & Pauls Church. In this Mass we will remember and pray for all babies / children who have died at any stage of life. All are welcome.

### 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/](http://www.elphindiocese.ie/jubilee2023/)

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

**Ss. Peter & Paul's Church Weekly Offertory Collection 16th July €1490.00**

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 claim 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 July 22nd – July 30th

Sat. 22<sup>nd</sup>. at 8 p.m. (MH) Owen McManus and his partner Leonie Kirwan.  
Sun. 23<sup>rd</sup>. at 10 a.m. (JD) Teresa Whyte, Thomastown.  
Tues. 25<sup>th</sup>. at 7 p.m. - Patrick Higgins, Curryroe.  
Thurs. 27<sup>th</sup>. at 7 p.m. - John and Hannah Duignan, Ardkeenan.  
Sat. 29<sup>th</sup>. at 8 p.m. (JD) Dan, Kathleen and Peter Harney, Rooskey.  
Also, deceased family members.  
Sun. 30<sup>th</sup>. at 10 a.m. (IS) Joe and Mary Harney, Rockfield.

### Clonown Mass Intentions for July 23rd – July 30th

July 23<sup>rd</sup>. at 11.15 a.m. (JD) Joe and Bridget Roche, Togher.  
Also, deceased family members.  
July 30<sup>th</sup>. at 11.15 a.m. (JD) No Intention.

### Recently Deceased

Pray for the repose of the souls of Ita Carty, Waterville & Retreat; Athlone. Mary Caulfield (née Lennon), Summerhill. Also, Thomas (Tommy) Halligan, Golden Island. Brother of Johnny Halligan, Clonown.

*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](http://www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org)

### 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.

### 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: [www.alone.ie/volunteers](http://www.alone.ie/volunteers)

### 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."**