

SS Peter & Paul Church Mass Intentions
Saturday 29th July to Sunday 6th August 2023

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

Saturday 29th July	9.30 am	(JD) Also Live Streamed
	6.30 pm Vigil	(IS) Also Live Streamed Johnny Shine (Months Mind) Christina Sherlock (1st Anniversary)
Sunday 30th July	9.00 am	(MH) Also Live Streamed People of the Parish
	12.00 noon	(MH) Also Live Streamed Elizabeth (Bernadette) McManus (1st Anniversary) Annie & William Shine Nora Walsh
Monday 31st July	9.30 am	(IS) Also Live Streamed Followed by Novena & Benediction Paddy & Kathleen Malone & deceased family members
Tuesday 1st August	9.30 am	(IS) Also Live Streamed Anne, Eugene Snr & Jnr Leonard Frank & Nicola Shaw & Donna McGuire
Wednesday 2nd August	9.30 am	(IS) Also Live Streamed Tommy & Anne Ward Margaret Bishopp (nee Hughes)
	6.00 pm	(MH) Blessed Sacrament Chapel
Thursday 3rd August	9.30 am	(JD) Also Live Streamed Private Intention
Friday 4th August	9.30 am	(JD) Also Live Streamed
	7.30 pm	(IS) Also Live Streamed Sam Gibson, David Flynn Maurice, Peggy, Mattie, Mocky & Margaret Murphy, Jack & Peg Egan John & Mary Fitzpatrick, Vera Devlin Kathleen Roper & deceased of Egan family
Saturday 5th August	9.30 am	(JD) Also Live Streamed
	6.30 pm Vigil	(MH) Also Live Streamed Michael Woods (Months Mind)
Sunday 6th August	9.00 am	(JD) Also Live Streamed People of the Parish
	12.00 noon	(JD) Also Live Streamed Molly Fennelly Esther Egan & deceased of Egan family

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

30th July 2023
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)



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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

The Priceless Kingdom

- In the gospel today Jesus tells his disciples about the kingdom of heaven using parables. He compares the kingdom to a hidden treasure in a field. If someone finds it, they would be so happy that they would sell everything they have just to buy that field and keep the treasure. Jesus also compares the kingdom to a merchant who is searching for valuable pearls. When the merchant finds a pearl that is worth a lot, he sells everything he owns to buy it.
- These parables teach us important lessons about the kingdom of heaven. They show us that the kingdom is like a precious treasure or a valuable pearl. It is something so special and important that we should be willing to give up everything we have to be a part of it. Jesus wants us to understand that the kingdom of heaven is worth more than any material possessions we may have.
- He also tells us that those who are knowledgeable about the kingdom should be like wise leaders, who bring out both new and old teachings and share them with others. These parables remind us to value the kingdom of heaven above all else and to keep growing in our understanding of it.

Light the Fire

On August 6th Archbishop Eamon Martin Primate of All Ireland will relight the fire on the hill of Slane that was lit by St. Patrick many years ago. He will be joined by Sr. Briege Mc. Kenna, Dana and Fr. Pablo. There will be Holy Mass, rosary and a Eucharistic healing service on the day. This is a unique and monumental event. It is an opportunity for each of us to shine our light and witness to our faith in a joyful and spiritually uplifting celebration. If you would like details of a bus from your area please contact hillofslaneaugust6@gmail.com

Féile na Sionainne

Clonown N.S. takes part in Féile na Sionainne, in association with Music Generation Shamrock Lodge Hotel, Monday 7th August, 7-8pm.

Music, singing and dancing by pupils, past-pupils & teachers. Free admission, no booking required, all welcome.

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/

Sunday Collection for the support of the parish.

Ss. Peter & Paul's Church Weekly Offerory Collection 23rd July €1600

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.

We thank you for your ongoing contributions and generosity.

Drum Mass Intentions for July 29 - Aug 6

Sat. 29th. at 8 p.m. (JD) - Dan, Kathleen and Peter Harney, Rooskey.
Also, deceased family members.

Sun. 30th. at 10 a.m. (IS) - Joe and Mary Harney, Rockfield.

Tues. 1st. at 7 p.m. - No Intention.

Thurs. 3rd. at 7 p.m. - No Intention.

Sat. 5th. at 8 p.m. (IS) - Mary Grenham, Blackstown. Month's Mind.

Sun. 6th. at 10 a.m. (MH) - Tony Rock, England and formerly from Cornafulla South.
Also, deceased members of the Rock family.

Clonown Mass Intentions for July 30 – Aug 6

July 30th. at 11.15 a.m. (JD) - Special Intention.

August 4th. at 8 p.m. - Jimmy Dunning and his sister Maureen. New Row.

August 6th. at 11.15 a.m. (IS) - No Intention.

Recently Deceased

Pray for the repose of the souls of Kathleen Keighery (née Berrigan), Magazine Avenue, Athlone, Westmeath. Maureen Egan (née Tully), Kilty. Mary Dooley (née O'Dwyer), Ballisodare, Sligo and late of Athlone. Also, Delia Brady (née Quinn), Cloonascragh, Tuam. Mother of Vincent Brady, Johnstown.

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

Knock Pilgrimage

The annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine takes place on Sunday 20th August with Anointing of the Sick at 2.30pm and Mass at 3.00pm in the Basilica.

Drum Cemetery Voluntary Group (DCVG)

Mass in the cemetery on Saturday 19th August at 7pm. Weather permitting.

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: <https://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."