



### Becoming like children

"Put your hand in the hand of the man from Galilee" was the refrain of a popular Gospel song some years back. Putting your hand in somebody else's is a gesture of intimacy, which is very characteristic children with their parents. To a loving father or mother a child will give its hand unquestioningly, with complete trust. Holding his or her father's hand there is nowhere the child will not venture. It is not only willing to be led, but positively wants to be brought somewhere. Somewhere in the growing up process we outgrow our dependency on our parents, and having lost the need for their guidance, even God can become remote for us. Only those who are children at heart can fully understand what Jesus tells us about God — that God reveals Himself to "mere children."

### 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 be closed from Monday 10th July  
and will re-open on the Thursday 20th July.**

**If you require a priest urgently please contact 085 870 5840**

### 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/)

### "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](http://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](http://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 2nd July €1500**

*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.**

**[www.sspeterandpaulsparishathlone.com](http://www.sspeterandpaulsparishathlone.com)**

### Drum Mass Intentions for July 8th – July 16th

Sat. 8<sup>th</sup>. at 8 p.m. (MH)

- Tom, Kathleen and John Shine, Crannaghmore.

Sun. 9<sup>th</sup>. at 10 a.m. (JD)

- Gloria Walshe, Crannaghbeg.

Tues. 11<sup>th</sup>. at 7 p.m.

- Special Intention.

Thurs. 13<sup>th</sup>. at 7 p.m.

- Martin and Mary McManus, Drumlosh.

Sat. 15<sup>th</sup>. at 8 p.m. (JD)

- No Intention.

Sun. 16<sup>th</sup>. at 10 a.m. (MH)

- Mary and Tom Hynes, Johnstown. Also, deceased family members.

### Clonown Mass Intentions for July 9th – July 16th

July 9<sup>th</sup>. at 11.15 a.m. (JD)

- Johnny and May Harney.

Also, John and Nell Salmon. Ballinaculla.

July 16<sup>th</sup>. at 11.15 a.m. (MH)

- Jack, Patsy, Lizzie and Paddy Dunning. Oldtown.

### Recently Deceased

Pray for the repose of the souls of Moira Walker (née O'Neill), Cedarwood Drive, Monksland. Michael Woods, Battery Heights. Maureen Loughnane (née Kenny) Culligh, Ballinasloe. Sister of Austin Kenny, Johnstown.

**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)

### Accord

Accord are currently taking booking's for Pre-Marriage courses. Please contact the Sligo Accord Centre at 071-9145641 or [www.accord.ie](http://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/>

### Feeling anxious, lonely or depressed?

**Its ALWAYS Good to Talk**

**Aware 1800 80 4848 / Samaritans 116 123 / Pieta House 1800 247 247**