

**SS Peter & Paul Church Mass Intentions**

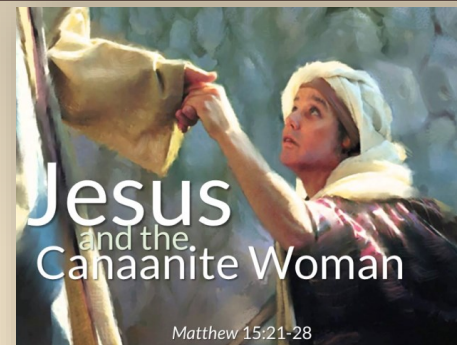
**Saturday 19th August to Sunday 27th August 2023**

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

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>(JD) Also Live Streamed</b>
<b>19th August</b>		Bridget & Patrick McKinley
	<b>6.30 pm Vigil</b>	<b>(IS) Also Live Streamed</b>
		Maureen Egan (Months Mind) Mark Cox (1st Anniversary) Martin Lennon (1st Anniversary)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	<b>(MH) Also Live Streamed</b>
<b>20th August</b>		People of the Parish
	<b>12.00 noon</b>	<b>(IS) Also Live Streamed</b>
		John Sherlock, Nora & Jimmy O'Connor & deceased family members Edmund Ennis & deceased family members
<b>Monday</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>(IS) Also Live Streamed</b>
<b>21st August</b>		<b>Followed by Novena &amp; Benediction</b>
		Terry, Seamus & Mona Bleakley
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>(IS) Also Live Streamed</b>
<b>22nd August</b>		Bridie McNeill
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>(IS) Also Live Streamed</b>
<b>23rd August</b>		
	<b>6.00 pm</b>	<b>(IS) Blessed Sacrament Chapel</b>
	<b>7.30 pm</b>	<b>(MMcM) Mass of the Angels</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>(IS) Also Live Streamed</b>
<b>24th August</b>		Pat & Kieran Fallon
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>(IS) Also Live Streamed</b>
<b>25th August</b>		Tommy & Johnny Curley Michael Greaney & deceased family members
	<b>7.30 pm</b>	<b>(JD) Also Live Streamed</b>
		Teresa & Pat Fennell, Mattie Kirwan, Tom Caulfield Owen & Tony Connaughton John, Bridget & Patrick Halligan (Clonown) Patrick & Bridie Egan (Pearse Street) Mary Gaffey & deceased family members of Ward & Gaffey Family Mark Wallis (Birthday Remembrance) Bridie Harkins & Michael Harkins, Joan Mulvey & deceased family members of the Harkins & Cunningham family
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>(IS) Also Live Streamed</b>
<b>26th August</b>		Kathleen Ward, Bernie Bannon
	<b>6.30 pm Vigil</b>	<b>(IS) Also Live Streamed</b>
		David Hassett (1st Anniversary) Michael Daniel Darby (1st Anniversary)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	<b>(JD) Also Live Streamed</b>
<b>27th August</b>		People of the Parish
	<b>12.00 noon</b>	<b>(JD) Also Live Streamed</b>
		Mick & Peggy Fenton Teresa Norton, Jackie McLoughlin



**20th August 2023**  
**20th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)**



**Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.**

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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**

**A few lines to ponder...**

**Faith and Persistence:** The Canaanite woman's unwavering faith and persistent plea for help display the importance of trust and perseverance in approaching Jesus. Despite initial challenges and seemingly discouraging responses, she remains steadfast in seeking Jesus' intervention, leading to the manifestation of her faith.

**Humility and Teachability:** The encounter between Jesus and the Canaanite woman illustrates the significance of humility and openness to learning from Him. The woman acknowledges Jesus' authority and power, and even in the face of what may seem like a rebuff, she demonstrates a teachable heart, prompting Jesus to acknowledge and praise her great faith.

**Being Inclusive:** In this passage, Jesus encounters a Canaanite woman who comes to Him seeking help for her demon-possessed daughter. Despite cultural barriers and the initial response of the disciples, Jesus demonstrates inclusivity by engaging with her and addressing her needs.

**God's Love for All People:** Jesus' interaction with the Canaanite woman highlights God's love for all people, transcending cultural and ethnic boundaries. This encounter emphasizes that God's compassion extends to everyone, regardless of their background or nationality.

**Jesus' Mission to Restore Us:** The encounter with the Canaanite woman underscores Jesus' mission to restore and heal humanity. By showing mercy and granting the woman's request, Jesus demonstrates His divine power to bring healing and deliverance to those in need.

**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.*

**Volunteer Ministries in Ss. Peter & Paul's Parish**

We are seeking volunteers for a number of ministries in the parish to enhance the work of the volunteers who currently give of their time for the life of the parish.

The Ministries include

**Altar Servers—Eucharistic Ministers — Readers — Church Collectors**

**We are also hoping to establish an Altar Society in Ss. Peter & Paul's Church.**

An altar society is a group of volunteers who take a special interest in the Sanctuary area of a church. They use their skills to ensure the sanctuary is always looking at its best by assuring the altar cloths are tidy and presentable, that fresh flowers or plants are looking well in the sanctuary and that the sacred vessels used for Mass are maintained in a way that shows due respect for the sacraments.

*We look forward to welcoming our new volunteers as we continue to grow as a family of faith, service and charity. Register your interest on [www.sspeterandpaulsparishathlone.com](http://www.sspeterandpaulsparishathlone.com)*

**Job Vacancy / Parish Secretary:**

Ss. Peter & Paul's Parish are seeking to appoint a permanent - part time parish secretary based at Forthill house, Battery Road, Athlone.

**Candidates must have**

- Excellent interpersonal skills. / Be Self motivated with good secretarial skills.
- Experience of working with accounts & Pay Roll / Experience with Microsoft Office

**The position will be for 20 hours a week (9.30am—1.30pm Mon—Fri).**

**Please send cv with references to The Rev. Parish Priest, 10 Ashford, Monksland, Athlone, Co. Roscommon by mid-day Tuesday August 22nd.**

**For full details see the parish website [www.sspeterandpaulsparishathlone.com](http://www.sspeterandpaulsparishathlone.com)**

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

**Ss. Peter & Paul's Church Weekly Offertory Collection 13th August €1790**

**It is possible to contribute using a standing order from your bank account.**

**Contact the office to get more details.**

**We thank you for your ongoing contributions and generosity.**

**Drum Mass Intentions for Aug 19 - Aug 27**

Sat. 19 <sup>th</sup> . at 7 p.m. (MH)	-	DCVG – Mass in the Cemetery. Weather permitting.
Sun. 20 <sup>th</sup> . at 10 a.m. (IS)	-	Norah Seery, Clonellan.
Tues. 22 <sup>nd</sup> . at 7 p.m.	-	No Intention.
Thurs. 24 <sup>th</sup> . at 7 p.m.	-	No Intention.
Sat. 26 <sup>th</sup> . at 8 p.m. (MH)	-	Margaret and James Lennon, Summerhill.
Sun. 27 <sup>th</sup> . at 10 a.m. (IS)	-	Joe Gilgan, formerly Thomastown.

**Clonown Mass Intentions for Aug 20 - Aug 27**

August. 20 <sup>th</sup> . at 11.15 a.m. (MH)	-	Bill and Peg Fallon, Newtown. Also, deceased family members.
August 27 <sup>th</sup> . at 11.15 a.m. (MH)	-	Margaret Dunning. Creggane, Clonown. Also, John, Michael, Sr. Philomena, Fr. Brendan and Rose Rodgers.

**Recently Deceased**

Pray for the repose of the souls of Larry Caulfield, Summerhill, Athlone, Westmeath/Roscommon. Bridget Walker, Cloghanboy, Athlone, Mother of Donal Walker, Kilmacormack.

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

**CANA TALKS – FRIDAY, 1ST SEPTEMBER, 2023, T.F. ROYAL THEATRE, CASTLEBAR, CO. MAYO / 8 PM.** 8 energetic speakers – each has just 15 minutes to inspire you – this is the Christian version of TED Talks – presenting on different topics relating to human happiness - from a faith perspective. Tickets €20 - available @ [www.ticketmaster.ie](http://www.ticketmaster.ie) or call the T.F. Box Office at (094) 902 3111. 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!

**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.

**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."**

Drum Parish Office taking Mass booking for 2024, Drum and Clonown Churches.

Contact parish office @ 0906437125 or email [drumparish1@gmail.com](mailto:drumparish1@gmail.com).