

SS Peter & Paul Church Mass Intentions
Saturday 5th August to Sunday 13th August 2023
ALL MASSES ARE LIVE-STREAMED on www.churchservices.tv/athlone

Saturday	9.30 am	(JD) Also Live Streamed
5th August	6.30 pm Vigil	(MH) Also Live Streamed Michael Woods (Months Mind)
Sunday	9.00 am	(JD) Also Live Streamed
6th August		People of the Parish Sean Henry
	12.00 noon	(JD) Also Live Streamed Molly Fennelly Esther Egan & deceased of Egan family
Monday	9.30 am	(JD) Also Live Streamed
7th August		Followed by Novena & Benediction
Tuesday	9.30 am	(JD) Also Live Streamed
8th August		Tommy Marsh and his mother Mary Marsh
Wednesday	9.30 am	(JD) Also Live Streamed
9th August		Owen Thomas McDonald
	6.00 pm	(JD) Blessed Sacrament Chapel
Thursday	9.30 am	(IS) Also Live Streamed
10th August		Private Intention
Friday	9.30 am	(IS) Also Live Streamed
11th August		
	7.30 pm	(JD) Also Live Streamed Chris Barry & Bridig King Gerald, Fintan & Aidan Lynch Bernie Broderick
Saturday	9.30 am	(IS) Also Live Streamed
12th August		John Mollaghan Maureen & Willie Browne
	6.30 pm Vigil	(MH) Also Live Streamed Laura Gaffey (1st Anniversary) and her father Peter Gaffey
Sunday	9.00 am	(IS) Also Live Streamed
13th August		People of the Parish
	12.00 noon	(JD) Also Live Streamed Mary Lennon (Months Mind) Michael Rafferty Jimmy & Kevin Byrne Frank Harney

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.



6th August 2023
The Transfiguration of the Lord (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

A thought on the Feast of the Transfiguration

There are very few incidents in the life of Jesus that have a feast of their own. We have the feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple, the feast of his Baptism; we remember his crucifixion on Good Friday and his resurrection on Easter Sunday. The transfiguration of Jesus on the mountain in the presence of three of his disciples has its own feast too, which we celebrate today. It suggests the importance of this incident in the life of Jesus and in our own understanding of Jesus. Just before Jesus' transfiguration, he had spoken to his disciples for the first time about his forthcoming passion and death. The disciples, and Peter in particular, struggled to accept and understand what Jesus had to say.

Perhaps, through this experience of Jesus' transfiguration on the mountain, Jesus wanted to give his disciples a glimpse of what lay beyond the passion and death that awaited him in Jerusalem. In the words of the voice from heaven, Jesus was God's beloved Son. He remained God's beloved Son as he hung from the cross. The loving hands of God would reverse what human hands had done to Jesus. God would bring Jesus, his beloved Son, through the suffering and death that had been inflicted on him, into a new and glorious life, of which the disciples on the mountain were now given a glimpse. The disciples were transfixed by what they saw on that occasion; Peter, in particular, wanted to prolong this vision of the glorified Jesus, this vision of heaven. I suppose if any of us had such a vision of heaven, we wouldn't want to let it go either.

From the Parish Priest

I think it is worthy of note to acknowledge the increase in numbers attending Masses in our Parish. It gives the clergy great heart to see the larger numbers at Mass.

As a parish community I am aware of the reality that at all times families are moving in and out of our community due to work and other commitments. I want to take this opportunity to welcome those who have come to live in our parish in recent months.

In September we will be seeking volunteers for the following ministries and ask you to consider if you would like to be more active in the Parish.

We will be seeking new altar servers (4th to 6th class); Readers, Collectors, Eucharistic Ministers and I hope to establish an Altar Society for Ss. Peter & Paul's Church.

We will let you know when registration forms are ready in early September.

Thanking you all for your generosity & support

Fr. John

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 Offertory Collection 30th July €1655

We thank you for your ongoing contributions and generosity.

Drum Mass Intentions for Aug 5 - Aug 13

- 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.
Tues. 8th. at 7 p.m. - No Intention.
Thurs. 10th. at 7 p.m. - No Intention.
Sat. 12th. at 8 p.m. (JD) - Mike, Pat and John Fallon, Dugra. Also, deceased family members.
Sun. 13th. at 10 a.m. (JD) - Tony McManus, Thornhill. Also, deceased family members.

Drum Cemetery Voluntary Group (DCVG)

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

Drum Community Care Committee

Senior Citizens Mass will take place in Drum Parish Hall on Tuesday 15th. August at 3pm with Blessing of the Sick. Followed by light refreshments and Music.

Clonown Mass Intentions for Aug 6 - Aug 13

- August 6th. at 11.15 a.m. (IS) - No Intention.
August 13th. at 11. 15 a.m. (IS) - Kieran Dunning and Baby Hannah Rose Martin, Drumlosh.

Elphin Diocesan 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.

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.

Féile na Sionainne

Clonown N.S. takes part in Féile na Sionainne, in association with Music Generation Shamrock Lodge Hotel, Monclay 7th August, 7-8pm. Music, singing and dancing by pupils, past-pupils & teachers. Free admission, no booking required, all welcome.

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

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