

**SS Peter & Paul Church Mass Intentions**

**Saturday 30th September to Sunday 8th October 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>30th September</b>		Maureen Byrne.
	<b>6.30 pm Vigil</b>	<b>(JD) Also Live Streamed</b>
		Maureen Mc Cormack - Months Mind. Wally Stewart - Months Mind.
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	<b>(MH) Also Live Streamed</b>
<b>1st October</b>		People of the Parish.
	<b>12.00 noon</b>	<b>(MH) Also Live Streamed</b>
		Jimmy Broderick - Months Mind. Vera O'Keeffe. Peg & Harry Murray and deceased members of the Mc Manus Family. Johnny Lennon. Kutch & Paddy O'Rourke. Thomas, David & Martin Joe Egan. Fran Murphy. Frank Kelly.
<b>Monday</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>(JD) Also Live Streamed</b>
<b>2nd October</b>		Dominic Whyte & deceased family members. <b>Followed by Novena &amp; Benediction</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>(JD) Also Live Streamed</b>
<b>3rd October</b>		No Intention.
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>(JD) Also Live Streamed</b>
<b>4th October</b>		No Intention.
	<b>6.00 pm</b>	<b>(IS) Blessed Sacrament Chapel</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>(IS) Also Live Streamed</b>
<b>5th October</b>		Private Intention.
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>(IS) Also Live Streamed</b>
		No Intention
<b>6th October</b>	<b>7.30 pm</b>	<b>(JD) Also Live Streamed</b>
		Evelyn Mulvey (nee Curley). Kathleen & Sean Furey. David Cassidy. Teresa Mee & Paddy Joe Mee. Josie Murray. Angela Tymon.
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>(IS) Also Live Streamed</b>
<b>7th October</b>		John Hynes.
	<b>6.30 pm Vigil</b>	<b>(IS) Also Live Streamed</b>
		Bridie Woods - Months Mind.
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	<b>(JD) Also Live Streamed</b>
<b>8th October</b>		People of the Parish.
	<b>12.00 noon</b>	<b>(JD) Also Live Streamed</b>
		<b>Today we welcome Monasterevin Gospel Choir who will sing at Mass.</b>

"If I should fall a thousand times a day, a thousand times a day I will begin again, with new awareness of my weakness, promising God, with a peaceful heart, to amend my life. I will never think of God as if he were of our condition and grows weary of our wavering, weakness, and negligence. Rather, I will think of what is truly characteristic of him and what he prizes most highly, that is, his goodness and mercy, knowing that he is a loving Father who understands our weakness, is patient with us, and forgives us."

*Venerable Bruno Lanteri*



**1st October 2023**  
**26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)**



<b>Par-</b>	<b>ish</b>
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<b><a href="http://www.churchservices.tv/athlone">www.churchservices.tv/athlone</a></b>	
<b>Baptism, Confirmation &amp; Marriage Certificates</b>	

**To Contact the Priest on Duty Call 085 870 5840**

**Weekly Newsletter**

- **Parable of Two Sons:** The parable of the two sons highlights the theme of obedience and response to God's call. The contrast between the two sons' initial reactions illustrates the importance of genuine actions over empty promises.
- **Repentance and Actions:** The son who initially refused but later obeyed his father showcases the theme of repentance and transformation. This emphasizes the possibility of change and the significance of aligning one's actions with God's will.
- **Hypocrisy and Self-Deception:** The theme of hypocrisy and self-deception is evident as Jesus contrasts verbal agreement with actual obedience. He challenges the religious leaders' outward appearances that mask their lack of genuine response.
- **Tax Collectors and Prostitutes:** Jesus' reference to tax collectors and prostitutes entering the kingdom ahead of the religious leaders emphasizes the theme of unexpected redemption. This highlights God's willingness to forgive and transform even those society deems less worthy.
- **Belief and Transformation:** The parable's focus on the son's eventual change highlights the theme of belief leading to transformation. This emphasizes the importance of faith that results in authentic life changes.
- **Humble Acceptance of God's Will:** The son's shift from rebellion to obedience showcases the theme of humbly accepting God's will. This emphasizes the value of yielding to God's plans rather than asserting our own desires.

#### Retirement

We take this opportunity to wish Anne Fagan Principal of St. Peter's Girls National School every happiness as she retires after 41 years of service to the School. We welcome the new principal Mr. Naos Connaughton who will shortly take up his new role as principal.

#### Sacraments 2024 Sacrament of First Holy Communion

Saturday May 11th

11am Cloonakilla NS Ss. Peter & Paul's Church  
11am Cornafulla NS St. Brigid's Church, Drum



Saturday May 18th

11am Summerhill NS St. Brigid's Church, Drum

Saturday May 25th

11am Dean Kelly NS and St. Peter's NS Ss. Peter & Paul's Church  
11am Ardkeen NS St. Brigid's Church, Drum

Sunday May 26th

11.15am Clonown Our Lady of the Wayside, Clonown



#### Sacrament of Confirmation

Wednesday April 17th

11am Dean Kelly NS, St. Peter's NS & Summerhill NS Ss. Peter & Paul's Church, Athlone  
3pm Ardkeen NS & Cornafulla NS St. Brigid's Church, Drum

Thursday April 18th

11am Cloonakilla NS & Clonown NS Ss. Peter & Paul's Church, Athlone.

#### Tap machine for donations.

We will shortly be introducing a "Tap Machine" for donations to Ss. Peter & Paul's Church. In doing so it is **not** to replace the weekly collection but rather to give visitors to the church an opportunity to contribute to the upkeep of our beautiful church.

Ss. Peter & Paul's Church Weekly Offertory Collection September 24th €1,664.  
We thank you for your ongoing contributions and generosity.

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#### Drum Mass Intentions for Sept 30th - Oct 8th

Sat. 30th at 8 p.m.	(IS)	Bea and Edmund McManus, son, Martin, Ardhanure. Also, Denis McManus.
Sun. 1st at 10am	(JD)	Patrick and Margaret Curley, daughter Mary. Clonellan. Also, deceased family members.
Tues. 3rd at 7 p.m.	(MH)	No Intention.
Thurs. 5th at 7 p.m.	(MH)	Annie and Patrick Cunniffe, Thomastown
Sat. 7th at 8 p.m.	(MH)	Mary McGlone, Kilmacormack. Also, James and Mary Dooley.
Sun. 8th Oct 10am	(IS)	Mary Ann and Tommy Lennon, Meehambee

#### Clonown Mass Intentions for Sept 30th - Oct 8th

Oct 1st 11.15 a.m	(IS)	No Intention.
Oct. 6th 8 p.m.	(IS)	Séan Boyle, late of St. Coman's Park.
Oct. 8th. 11.15 a.m.	(MH)	Margaret and John Dunning, New Row. &, dec. family members.

#### Altar Servers

We are currently recruiting Altar Servers for the three Churches in the Parish. We are inviting boys and girls in 4th 5th and 6th Class to apply. Applications can be made through the volunteer section of the Parish Website.

#### Pet Blessing

Blessing of animals takes place in the grounds of St. Peter's and Paul's church on October 8th at 2pm. in aid of Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind. All welcome.

#### Athlone Flower & Garden Club

Well known Herbalist Paula Sharkey will give a talk in The Bounty Rugby Club on Tuesday 3rd October at 8pm. Admission is €10, new members welcome.

#### St Peters Active Retirement Group

meet every Wednesday 3.00-4.30pm at St Peters Parish Centre.  
**New members welcome.** Contact Mary 087 948 0441, Anne 086 200 9787

#### Vocations—come and see weekend.

An opportunity for those who would like to find out more about the real-life experience of priestly life and what seminary formation is like. This "Come and See" weekend will take place on November 19 & 20 in the Seminary in Maynooth and provide those attending an opportunity to meet seminarians and priests and hear of their personal vocation stories.  
**interested in attending? [info@vocations.ie](mailto:info@vocations.ie) or [vocations@elphindiocese.ie](mailto:vocations@elphindiocese.ie)**

#### 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
2299798	Administrator/Co-ordinator	Athlone Drug Awareness Group
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."