

**SS Peter & Paul Church Mass Intentions**  
**Saturday 9th September to Sunday 18th September 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>(IS) Also Live Streamed</b>
<b>9th September</b>	<b>6.30 pm Vigil</b>	<b>(JD) Also Live Streamed</b> Larry Caulfield ( <b>Months Mind</b> )
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	<b>(MH) Also Live Streamed</b>
<b>10th September</b>	<b>12.00 noon</b>	<b>(MH) Also Live Streamed</b> People of the Parish Ita Carty ( <b>Months Mind</b> ) Danny Wall Rose & Willie Milton Pat & Eily Beirne, Fr Tom Beirne Christina Woods
<b>Monday</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>(IS) Also Live Streamed</b>
<b>11th September</b>		<b>Followed by Novena &amp; Benediction</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>(IS) Also Live Streamed</b>
<b>12th September</b>		
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>(IS) Also Live Streamed</b>
<b>13th September</b>	<b>6.00 pm</b>	<b>Blessed Sacrament Chapel</b> <i>NO Public Mass Today, Sisters are on Retreat.</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>(JD) Also Live Streamed</b>
<b>14th September</b>		Private Intention
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>(JD) Also Live Streamed</b>
<b>15th September</b>	<b>7.30 pm</b>	<b>(IS) Also Live Streamed</b> Bridget & Jimmy O'Neill James & Mary Finneran
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>(IS) Also Live Streamed</b>
<b>16th September</b>	<b>6.30 pm Vigil</b>	<b>(IS) Also Live Streamed</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	<b>(JD) Also Live Streamed</b>
<b>17th September</b>	<b>12.00 noon</b>	<b>(JD) Also Live Streamed</b> Jack Rigney, Paddy & Lily Farrell & Paddy Farrell JR Carmel, Michelle & Damien Laharte, Anita Burke Annie & Johnny Murray & Mary & Dan Grenham

**Cenacle of Prayer for Priests**

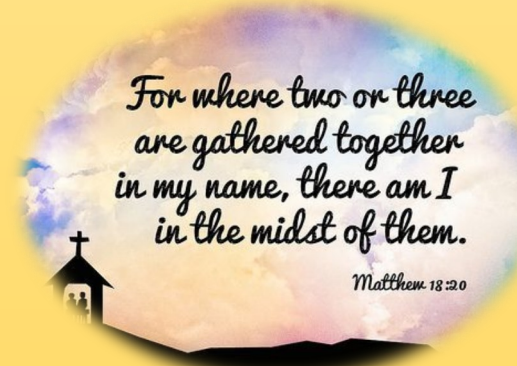
We hope to reintroduce the Cenacle of prayer for Priests in Ss. Peter & Paul's Church after the 9.30am Mass on Thursdays starting from September 14th. It consists of The Rosary, a reading and an act of consecration to Our Lady. The Cenacle of Prayer was suspended due to the Covid Pandemic and we the priests of the parish are delighted to see it return, we are also grateful to all who continue to pray for priests and for vocations.

**If you have any questions please contact Carmel on 0872562301**



PARISH OF  
**SS. PETER & PAUL**  
 Athlone, Drum & Clonown

**10th September 2023**  
**23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)**



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**[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**

### Themes for the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

The readings for the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A focus on a conversion of heart. We are encouraged to overcome sinfulness and to go beyond merely following the letter of the law and to truly love. And we are to support each other along the path to holiness and help each other overcome our sinfulness. Community Accountability: The gospel emphasizes the responsibility of the community in addressing conflicts and promoting accountability. This theme highlights the interconnectedness of believers and their role in supporting each other's spiritual journey.

- Divine Presence in Unity: Jesus' assurance of His presence when two or three gather in His name underscores the theme of divine presence within a united community. This highlights the significance of communal worship, prayer, and decision-making.
- Conversion of Heart: The passage underscores the importance of addressing conflicts and sins within the community. This theme resonates with the concept of conversion, as it invites individuals to examine their hearts, admit wrongdoing, and seek reconciliation.
- Sacrament of Reconciliation: Jesus' instructions about approaching a brother who has sinned mirror the principles of confession and reconciliation within the Church. This theme reflects the sacramental aspect of seeking forgiveness and restoring one's relationship with God and the community.
- Overcoming Hatred: The passage promotes a process that seeks to mend relationships rather than perpetuate hatred. This theme aligns with the idea of forgiving those who have wronged us, promoting forgiveness as a way to overcome animosity.
- Social Justice: The principle of addressing wrongs within the community reflects the broader concept of social justice. This theme emphasizes the importance of resolving conflicts to maintain harmony and promote justice among individuals.
- Spiritual Works of Mercy: The passage embodies several spiritual works of mercy, including "admonishing the sinner" and "instructing the ignorant." This theme highlights the practical application of spiritual works in daily life and the responsibility of guiding others toward righteousness.

### Parish Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Tuesday evening at 8pm in Forthill House. We welcome Fr. Seamus McEntee national chaplain and a team from St. Joseph's Young Priests Society to this meeting where they will tell us about the work of the society and explain ways our parish can help support them in their work.

### Monksland Community Mass

The September Community Mass will take place on Thursday evening at 8pm in Monksland Community Centre on the Old Tuam Road. In our Mass we will remember and pray for Children who are sick and their families. Tea, Scones and friendly chat afterwards. **ALL ARE WELCOME.**

### HOSPICE COFFEE MORNING

Mayo Roscommon Hospice are calling for people to host a coffee morning, evening with family, friends or work colleagues on National Coffee morning for Hospice on Thursday 21st September or on another date if suits you better. Please register [www.hospice.ie](http://www.hospice.ie), email [info@hospice.ie](mailto:info@hospice.ie) or call 094-93-88666 and a free pack will be sent out to you. All funds raised local stay local.

### 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.

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

Ss. Peter & Paul's Church Weekly Offertory Collection September 3rd €1855.

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 Sept 9th - Sept 17th

Sat. 9th . at 8 p.m. (MH) - Tony and Mary Duignan, Clonbulia. &deceased family  
Sun. 10th . at 10 a.m. (JD) - Peter and Mary Shine, Taylorstown.  
Tues. 12<sup>th</sup>. at 7 p.m. - Frances and Michael Watson, Newtown, Bealnamulla.  
Thurs. 14<sup>th</sup>. at 7 p.m. - No Intention.  
Sat. 16<sup>th</sup>. at 8 p.m. (MH) - Tom Griffin, Rooskey. Also, deceased family members.  
Sun. 17<sup>th</sup>. at 10 a.m. (IS) - John and Mary Naughton, Clonellan. Also, deceased family members.

### Clonown Mass Intentions for Sept 10th - Sept 17th

Sept 10th at 11.15 a.m. (IS) - The Dunning Family, Ballinaculla.  
Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>. at 11.15 a.m. (MH) - Ned and Catherine Shine, Cappamore. Also, Joe Fahy.

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).

### 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.

### 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

You can sign up through our website [www.sspeterandpaulsparishathlone.com](http://www.sspeterandpaulsparishathlone.com)

scan the relevant QR code on the poster in the porch of the churches

Or drop your details and the ministry you are interested in to the parish office..

We look forward to welcoming our new volunteers

as we continue to grow as a family of faith, service and charity.

### 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."

### Covid-19 update

Conscious of the recent increase in Covid-19 we remind visitors to our churches to sanitise their hands when entering and leaving the churches .

If you feel more comfortable wearing a mask in church please feel free to wear one.