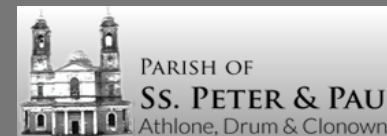


SS Peter & Paul Church Mass Intentions
Saturday 16th September to Sunday 24th September 2023
 ALL MASSES ARE LIVE-STREAMED on www.churchservices.tv/athlone

Saturday	9.30 am	(JD) Also Live Streamed
16th September		No Intention booked
	6.30 pm Vigil	(IS) Also Live Streamed
		No Intention booked
Sunday	9.00 am	(JD) Also Live Streamed
17th September		People of the Parish
	12.00 noon	(JD) Also Live Streamed
		Jack Rigney, Paddy & Lily Farrell & Paddy Farrell Jnr Carmel, Michelle & Damien Laharte, Anita Burke Annie & Johnny Murray. Mary & Dan Grenham
Monday	9.30 am	(JD) Also Live Streamed
18th September		Followed by Novena & Benediction
		For All who are Sick
Tuesday	9.30 am	(JD) Also Live Streamed
19th September		Gerry & Kathleen Glynn & sons James & Edward Glynn
Wednesday	9.30 am	(JD) Also Live Streamed
20th September		For Peace
	6.00 pm	(IS) Blessed Sacrament Chapel.
Thursday	9.30 am	(IS) Also Live Streamed
21st September		Private Intention
Friday	9.30 am	(IS) Also Live Streamed
		John Healy
22nd September		(JD) Also Live Streamed
	7.30 pm	James & Catherine Lennon. Thomas Lacey. Trevor Mc Cormack & deceased members of the Barclay & Mc Cormack Families. Charlie & Ollie Francis. Phil Daly. Chrissie & Ann Corrigan
Saturday	9.30 am	(IS) Also Live Streamed
23rd September		Josephine & Hubert Carberry
	6.30 pm Vigil	(IS) Also Live Streamed
		Gerry Lacey Months Mind. Ann Mc Cracken Months Mind. Marie Mc Ardle Months Mind. Patrick & Teresa Murray.
Sunday	9.00 am	(JD) Also Live Streamed
		People of the Parish
24th September		(JD) Also Live Streamed
	12.00 noon	Thomas & Phoebe Milton & deceased family members.

Cenacle of Prayer for Priests

The Cenacle of prayer for Priests in Ss. Peter & Paul's Church after the 9.30am Mass on Thursdays starting from September 14th. 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



17th September 2023
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)



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Parish Pastoral Council: John Daly *Chairperson* c/o Parish Office
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Sacristans' Christine Kenny & Tom O'Neill

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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

A little thought

It is inconsistent to celebrate our God as the Lord of compassion and love, unless we show mercy to those who have wronged us. Today's Gospel calls us to forgive as Christ forgives us. Some of the finer minds among the Old Testament writers already perceived this connection: "If one has no mercy toward another like himself, can he then seek pardon for his own sins?"

SEASON OF CREATION

"This Season of Creation will be an opportunity to pray, reflect and act together as the People of God for our common home. Like tributaries joining forces to become a mighty river, the ecumenical family will come together on a synodal path of care for our common home through justice and peace." - Sister Alessandra Smerilli, Secretary of the Vatican Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development

SEASON OF CREATION PRAYER SERVICE

We are delighted to host an Ecumenical Prayer Service for the Season of Creation in Ss. Peter & Paul's Church on **Wednesday September 27th at 7.30pm**. We welcome the clergy and parishioners of the Athlone Parishes, and the Church of Ireland & Methodist Communities.

ALL ARE WELCOME

Weekend of Thanksgiving

Next weekend September 23rd & 24th all our Masses will have the **theme of Thanksgiving**. This is an opportunity for all of us to stop, reflect and give thanks for the many gifts we have received in our lives.

We invite you to bring Non-Perishable foods to Church with you which in turn will be given to families in need. These can be placed in front of the altars in the churches,

"It is in giving that we receive" (Acts 20:35)

Welcome

We extend a warm welcome to our new parish secretary Martina Mc Sweeney. Martina brings a lot of experience and expertise with her to the role. We hope you will be very happy here.

The Parish office will be open Monday thru Friday 9.30am to 1.30pm.

Deadline for newsletter notices is Lunchtime on Wednesday.

HOSPICE COFFEE MORNING

Hospice are looking 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, or email info@hospice.ie and a free pack will be sent out to you. All funds raised local stay local.

Harvest Collection for the Support of the Clergy

The Harvest Collection for the support of the clergy will be taken up on the 23rd / 24th of September. Special envelopes are being distributed for the collection. If you do not receive an envelope and would like to contribute please use any envelope and write Support of the Clergy on the outside. This is one of the 4 collections that go to make up the salaries of the 3 priests in the Parish. The priests are never paid from the Sunday collection.

We thank you for your continued financial support and your prayers and encouragement.

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 10th €

We thank you for your ongoing contributions and generosity.

The Lord is kind and merciful

Drum Mass Intentions for Sept 16th - Sept 24th

Sat. 16th. at 8 p.m. (MH) - Tom Griffin, Rooskey. Also, deceased family members.
Sun. 17th. at 10 a.m. (IS) - John & Mary Naughton, Clonellan.
Also, deceased family members.
Tues. 19th. at 7 p.m. (MH) - No Intentions.
Thurs. 21st. at 7 p.m. (MH) - Dan & Lizzie Hynes, Drumlash.
Sat. 23rd. at 8 p.m. (JD) - Miko & Bridie Mc Manus, Cornafulla South.
Also, deceased family members.
Sun. 24th at 10am (MH) - Paddy Joe Ward, Mount Florence.
Also, deceased members of the Ward & Greene Families.

Clonown Mass Intentions for Sept 10th - Sept 17th

Sept. 17th. at 11.15 a.m. (MH) - Ned & Catherine Shine, Cappamore. Also, Joe Fahy.
Sept. 24th. at 11.15 a.m. (JD) - Sonny & Kathleen Cunningham, Oldtown.
Also, deceased family members

Drum Parish Office taking Mass booking for 2024, Drum and Clonown Churches.
Contact parish office @ 0906437125 or email 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
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.*

COFFEE MORNING FOR HOSPICE – In Drum Community Centre (Summerhill) on Thursday 21st. September from 9am – 1pm. Organised by Drum I.C.A. The support of our community and local schools would be very much appreciated. All funds raised will go to Mayo/Roscommon Hospice.

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."

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